In matters of environmental sustainability, conservation and use of our natural resources, what we do in our everyday lives affects the world. What people in other countries do also affects us. We are all part of a global network.

Environmental Science is a global discipline. This is why we ensure our students graduate culturally competent and ready for global citizenship. They are able to perform professionally and socially in an international and multicultural context and have cultural competencies and the ability to apply thinking that transcends national boundaries.

We do this by providing a range of overseas experiences including guest presentations from environmental managers in other countries, extended international field trips, and providing students with a chance to spend a semester at another university overseas.

Our international field trips
An integral part of CSU's Environmental Science courses are the international field trips. By participating in these international activities, students develop a global understanding and increase their skills in international environmental science and management, sustainable development and ecotourism and global conservation, learning from locals and experts alike.

At the same time they have a fantastic and enjoyable experience seeing countries from a perspective no tourist could ever experience alone.

The Cambodia Study Tour
The Cambodia Study Tour explores heritage conservation and environmental issues in Cambodia over two weeks. Students are involved in flora and fauna surveys in Cambodian World Heritage Areas. They also visit a range of heritage areas (cultural heritage sites and nature conservation areas) to discuss and learn about issues related to the protection of this significant part of the world’s heritage.

The Nepal Study Tour
The Nepal Study Tour explores Nepal's environment and culture with a primary focus on the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable resource use. Nepal is rich in both natural and cultural diversity. The great range of altitude from the lowland plains of the terai to the high peaks of the Himalaya has produced an unparalleled diversity of habitats from tropical forests in the south to alpine grasslands in the north, supporting a tremendous variety of flora and fauna.

“I love the challenges in my course. My CSU Global trip to Cambodia was brilliant. I had great interaction and assistance from all levels of CSU in supporting, assisting, and leading these field trips. It was very thought provoking and peaked my interest to find out more.”

Danielle Erbs
Bachelor of Environmental Science student

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Erin Szantyr
CSU Graduate

“With my course I went on a two-week trip through the Australian desert, spent over a month travelling through Nepal, and had an amazing three months working as an intern in the remote rainforests of Ecuador. My university degree certainly didn’t leave me sitting at a desk for four years. Where else can you do this and call it study!

“CSU provided me with a supportive, enthusiastic and connected community of academics, students and staff who have enabled me to successfully complete my degree, and provided me with opportunities to expand networks and build relationships with inspirational people. I have made lifelong friends, gained a greater appreciation for the world around me, and am inspired to travel the world.

“Someday I hope to make a difference to people all over the world who do not have the same freedoms and love of life that I have. We live on an amazing planet, but there are still so many people trapped in poverty. It is time we started changing people’s lives for the better through the protection and conservation of the environment around them.”

The East Timor Tour

The East Timor Tour field program provides students with the opportunity to experience the natural and cultural attractions of East Timor while exploring issues specifically focused on sustainability and community based models of ecotourism development. The group travels to some key tourism destinations to experience different examples of tourism development and investigate their contributions to community development (income generation, empowerment, equity as well as resource use and environmental outcomes), and their contribution to the tourist experience of East Timor.

CSU’s degrees will give you opportunities to investigate the similarities and differences of knowledge, traditions, ideas and practices - both within Australia and between Australia and other countries.

For more information, visit CSU Global:
www.csu.edu.au/csu-live/category/csuglobal

YouTube:
Search – CSU Nepal trip
Search – CSU Timor Leste field trip

CSU Global

CSU Global is CSU’s student exchange program. CSU Global has a suite of programs designed to give undergraduate students international exposure and a competitive edge in the graduate market.

You can study and gain credit at an international institution for up to two sessions. CSU Global will assist with the costs associated with going on an overseas program. Some of the international institutions CSU has a relationship with include the Lakehead University (Canada), University of Montana (USA), and Humboldt/ University (USA).

For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/csuglobal

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