

Study Abroad in Ecovillages

Study sustainable international development and be part of the solution in Senegal's "green revolution." Engage with local development professionals, Senegalese student partners and rural villagers belonging to the Senegal Ecovillage Network. Learn about current challenges and help with much-needed projects with experts from the Ministry of Tourism, the National Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development, UNESCO, USAID, and World Vision. With village participation, design and carry out field projects in sustainable development to reclaim exhausted lands, plant trees and mangroves, introduce solar energy, protect endangered species, strengthen rural education, manage micro-credit financed initiatives or expand health services. Develop proficiency in professional French used in international and community development, and in introductory Wolof, the local national language. Students can choose classes taught in *French or English*.



EcoYoff is located on the tropical Atlantic coast of Senegal.

Program Highlights

- ☼ Learn Appreciative Inquiry methods and put them to use in empowering ecovillage associations and interest groups to carry out appropriate local development planning
- ☼ Live with welcoming Senegalese families
- ☼ Help create organic permaculture gardens
- ☼ Work side-by-side with Senegalese university students on projects to improve village quality of life
- ☼ Discover traditional healing practices
- ☼ Visit Gorée Island, the last stop for the slave trade on the voyage to the Americas



Students experience daily life by living with families.

Academic Credit and 2010 Program Dates

Earn 16 transferable credits through the University of Massachusetts Amherst



Spring 2010 1/28 - 5/8 (subject to change: see website)

Fall 2010 9/2 - 12/11 (subject to change: see website)

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