

ENVI5903 Sustainable Development Postgraduate Field School in Indonesia

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Approximate dates: 12-26 June 2023



What is the Sustainable Development Field School?

It is an intensive, international, field-based teaching and learning unit, where students develop an experiential understanding of the challenges of sustainable development. The Field School in 2023 will take place in Central Java, one of Indonesia's most densely populated provinces. During the Field School, students will attend lectures and participate in reading-based discussion groups that examine the theoretical framework of natural resource management and rural livelihoods; attend stakeholder meetings that address the critical challenges of sustainably managing natural resources; conduct field exercises, which includes focus group and household interviews, and engage in village homestays. In 2023, the field school will be undertaken in close collaboration with the Satya Wacana Christian University in Salatiga, Central Java.

How much does it cost?

It is estimated to cost an additional 1,200 AUD (above the University course costs), which includes all local travel, accommodation, visa, local academic assistance, and approximately 80 percent of the meal costs. Students must book their own return flights from Sydney to Semarang, the capital of Central Java province.

What degrees offer the Field School unit?

The Field School can be counted as credit towards the following postgraduate degree courses at the University of Sydney: Environmental Science, Environment Science and Law, Social Justice (Development Studies), Political Economy, and Sustainability degrees.

Pre-departure seminars

Participating students **must** attend two pre-departure seminars to be held in Sydney during April and May, 2023.

Application

There is a strict ceiling of 24 students for the Field School. Students interested in attending the Field School must [submit an application form](#) by **20 March 2023**. See below for details on the application and selection process.

ENVI 5903 Unit of Study description

This unit of study constitutes an international field-based experience held in Southeast Asia during the July semester break. It explores the contested notions of sustainable development and sustainability through exposure to real world development dilemmas in Southeast Asia. We explore fundamental issues such as urbanization, sustainable livelihood, resource scarcity and economic globalization. The unit of study involves lectures, in-situ readings and discussion groups, introduction to field methods, stakeholder meetings and experiential learning. Students interested in this unit should confirm their interest to the Unit Coordinators by the end of March of the year the field school will be held. There will be additional costs associated with this unit to cover food, accommodation, local transport and field assistance of about \$1, 200. Students will also be required to arrange their own international travel to the starting point (Semarang, Central Java).

Assessment: In-class exam, groupwork, participation, presentations

Application and selection process:

The application process for the 2023 Field School is as follows:

- 1) Fill out the [online application form](#) by **20 March 2023**.
- 2) Students will be informed if they have been accepted, or if they have been waitlisted, by **27 March 2023**.
- 3) The selection process is based on: i) academic merit; ii) how well the field school contributes to individual career aspirations; and iii) how effectively the student demonstrates their capacity to contribute to the overall field school experience.
- 4) A deposit payment of 200 AUD is required by **11 April 2023**, to confirm your participation. Failure to pay the deposit by the due date may result in your place being offered to another waitlisted student.
- 5) Students must also provide scanned copied of their passport to facilitate visa processing.

Full payment (of a further 800-1,000 AUD) is required by **8 May 2023**.

For more information, please contact the ENVI5903 unit coordinator.

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