Program

This summer study program in Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor, Maine, focuses on health care policy (doctors, disease, hospitals, health insurance, pharmaceuticals, etc.) and environmental public health. As the first class explains, over the past 150 years, major breakthroughs in public health and medicine have enabled humans to live longer, healthier and more productive lives. Clean drinking water, modern sanitation and good nutrition—along with the development of highly effective vaccines and antibiotics—have increased average western life expectancy by an unprecedented 35 years. Yet our nation’s health care system is the costliest in the world and in serious need of reform. The program also explores the integral relationship between human well-being and our physical and social environment. We will explore a number of major environmental issues and policies that affect public health, such as air quality/pollution, water quality/pollution, agricultural practices and more. The class will also teach students how to enjoy a healthy outdoors lifestyle in one of the country’s most beautiful national parks.
Details:

This program runs 4 weeks from June 18 to July 15, 2012. It includes 1.5 units of UR academic credit with PLSC 365 “U.S. Health Care Policy” (1 unit) and PLSC 390 “Environmental Global Health” (0.5 units). Both courses count for elective Political Science and Medical Humanities/Health Care & Society credit. Approximate cost: $3,150. Each student MUST bring or rent a bike. Have any questions or want additional information? Please email Prof. Mayes at bmayes@richmond.edu

Courses (2)
PLSC 365 “U.S. Health Care Policy” (1 unit)
PLSC 390 “Environmental Global Health” (0.5 units)

Activities Included:
- hiking, Ranger tours of Acadia National Park
- biking, sea kayaking and trips to local islands
- visit The Jackson Lab
  (a leading Genetics Research Firm)
- housing, daily buffet breakfast
- lobster picnic and lobster fishing boat tour

All dates and costs are approximate and subject to change as are program details. The University of Richmond reserves the right to alter the program costs as a result of fluctuations of international currency.