

DIVE IN: Life in the Field

University Credit Series



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Imagine Swimming Alongside Dolphins and Manatees

Get inspired through an innovative learning experience

Embark on the experience of a lifetime and embrace the opportunity to earn college credit from the prestigious University of Virginia. Go beyond classroom walls for enriching learning experiences while exploring the ecosystems of Florida. You and your friends will discover a diverse landscape and learn valuable ecological preservation measures, all while participating in action-packed activities.





Earn college credit from the University of Virginia

The University Credit Series offers you the unique opportunity to earn up to three college credits through the University of Virginia. Founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1819, UVA sustains the ideal of developing students who are well-prepared to help shape the future of the nation. Through our courses, you will grow as a leader and be challenged academically by college-level coursework. Our programs help distinguish you from your peers and equip you to achieve at a higher level while still in high school. Additionally, college credit granted by a highly ranked university prepares you for the future and helps you stand out on college applications and essays.



Experience the Wonder and Diversity of Florida's Landscape

Florida, one of the world's most prominent destinations for the study of science, makes awe-inspiring learning possible. Meet endangered manatees, snorkel in crystal-clear waters marked by colorful reefs, swim with dolphins, and encounter Florida's rivers, ocean waters, coral reefs, and animals. The Gulf Coast of Florida has a diverse range of ecosystems, including wetlands, estuaries, swamps, prairies, the Florida Keys, and the Everglades. Florida is also home to many of the world's endangered manatees and countless other unique creatures. You and your friends will explore this diverse landscape and make memories that will last a lifetime.





A Once-in-a-Lifetime Adventure!

From ocean profiling on a pristine beach preserve to exploring the different habitats of Florida, Dive In proves that studying science is an adventure! You'll have technology at your fingertips while conducting experiments with handheld scientific devices that enable you to collect data and monitor results while in the field.

You'll come face-to-face with dolphins and manatees, two of Florida's most interesting mammals, during incredible snorkeling trips and a dolphin swim. The adventure continues with a kayak tour through four different habitats in the Florida Keys, including mangrove tunnels and coastal areas. You will also work in teams as you take part in a seagrass restoration project and create an eco-tourism Public Service Announcement focused on an environmental issue.



Return to the Classroom a Step Ahead



Discover a passion for science and the environment

Some students are forever changed the moment they begin their travel program. For others, the defining moments are the hands-on activities and research in the field that bring classroom theory to life.

You will form new friendships, grow as an individual, and maybe even discover an unknown passion for science and the environment. With our unique, thematic approach to education, we are able to reach all types of learners. We integrate a variety of educational tools with hands-on activities making learning fun, all while earning college credit. Students can supplement their studies with a Discovery Journal designed as a companion to the curriculum of the program. For many students who have traveled with us, the experience influences their future coursework, college studies, and even careers.

New scholarships bring adventure within reach

We believe that every student should have access to the wonder of educational travel. To support this vision, \$1 million in FLAG Scholarship funding is available for families with an annual adjusted gross income (AGI) up to \$85,000. The FLAG Scholarship application process is completely confidential and simple enough to complete in minutes. Contact our Customer Service team at 1-800-468-5899 for more details or to submit an application*. Thousands of families will receive travel assistance this year, making it easy to say “yes” to the learning adventure of a lifetime!

* Application must be completed within 45 days of registering for your program.

**Visit MyTrip at www.worldstrides.org to start learning more about
Discovery for Credit!**



Earn free college credit

You can have a high level of confidence in WorldStrides because of our unique accredited status. When you register for a WorldStrides DiscoverNow! program, you enroll in a travel study school recognized by all accrediting bodies across the country. You can earn free college credit from the University of Virginia through our Discovery for Credit program and return to the classroom a step ahead. Adjunct professors from UVA and other institutions have supported us in the development, delivery, and assessment of our University Credit Series educational programs. One credit is included in your program price.

One credit included in your Dive In program*

- **PSLS 1010:** Leadership in Environmental Studies

Earn an additional two credits at an affordable rate*

Not only can students receive one free college credit for the above course, they have the option to earn two additional credits at a reduced rate.

- **Expanded PSLS 1010:** Leadership in Environmental Studies

* Credit earned upon completion of program and post-travel requirements. See enclosed insert for details.

Courses developed and delivered by university faculty

Each University Credit Series program has been developed by experts in their fields. With faculty from the University of Virginia and other top universities around the country, these exciting learning experiences are built upon a strong foundation of experience. Each course receives the support of numerous individuals, including:

- **University Faculty Instructor** — The course instructor holds a Masters degree (or greater) and is selected by the University of Virginia to lead the full course - PSLS 1010: Leadership in Environmental Studies.
- **Course Advisor** — The advisor holds a PhD in the subject area and helps develop and review the course to make sure that it meets university standards.
- **Course Leader** — The field instructor holds a Bachelors degree (or greater) and leads the Discovery Journal lessons during the travel program.
- **Program Leader** — The teacher leading the program from your community plays an active role by providing the educational resources and motivational support for students to earn UVA credit.

Experience and integrity

A school teacher founded WorldStrides nearly 45 years ago, and since then we have facilitated programs for more than four million participants. WorldStrides employs 450 travel and education professionals, including many former educators, who are experts in educational student travel.

Safe and secure

WorldStrides' unparalleled safety record is proof that the security of our travelers is our first priority. Our unique safety network and preventive measures provide peace of mind for you 24 hours a day.

- **Local presence** – Participants can reach a local WorldStrides staff member 24 hours a day while traveling by using a toll-free number. This guarantees an enjoyable and safe experience for each participant.
- **Identification and orientation** – Throughout the program, all participants carry identification badges with WorldStrides' emergency toll-free number and contact information.
- **Preparedness** – In accordance with U.S. Department of Homeland Security recommendations, WorldStrides has a detailed contingency plan, which is reviewed by local planning officials.
- **Sundown safeguard** – WorldStrides provides Night Chaperones who ensure the safety and security of all participants by monitoring hotel hallways from late evening to early morning hours.
- **Doctors on Call Program** – WorldStrides has an exclusive partnership with The George Washington University Department of Emergency Medicine. A George Washington University doctor serves on our staff as the WorldStrides Medical Director, overseeing medical response planning for the organization and providing direct case management in the event of a medical response issue anywhere in the world. Our partnership gives us access to doctors who are available 24 hours a day to provide phone consultations and treatment recommendations for traveling students, parents, and teachers.

The WorldStrides Difference



Beyond classroom walls

Swimming with marine life, exploring exotic ecosystems, and interacting with scientists in the field stimulates your natural curiosity and fosters a passion for lifelong learning that is unlike anything that can be accomplished within the confines of a school building. Students leave our programs inspired to set high goals for the future and with the tools they need to achieve them.

Passionate and professional

WorldStrides team members are committed to providing the highest level of service to ensure a fun, educational, and unforgettable travel experience. We maintain valued relationships with partner companies who share our commitment to safety and delivering quality programs.

- **Nationally recognized brands** – Quality hotels: Marriott, Hampton Inn, Hilton, Sheraton, Holiday Inn, or comparable. Regularly scheduled flights on major airlines: American Airlines, Delta, United Airlines, US Airways, Southwest Airlines, or comparable.
- **Experienced and trained on-site staff members and partners** – Course Leaders (guides) are trained to deliver educational content through workshops and training, professional development, field visits, and peer learning. Motorcoach Drivers with years of experience are familiar with the destination.
- **Constant evaluation and improvement** – WorldStrides' staff and our travelers continuously evaluate all components of our programs to maintain high quality standards.

An inclusive travel package

Your WorldStrides DiscoverNow! program price covers round-trip transportation,* hotel accommodations (quad occupancy) for all participants, a WorldStrides Course Leader, admissions, educational activities and tools, all meals (unless otherwise stated in your registration letter), evening activities, and safety and security features, including personal accident and dental insurance.

*Fees for checked luggage are the responsibility of each traveler.



Terms & Conditions

THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

Responsibility Clause: Lakeland Tours, LLC d/b/a WorldStrides, its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively, "WorldStrides") does not own, operate or control any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, entertainment or sightseeing operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, WorldStrides is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any third party.

Without limitation, WorldStrides is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay, or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of force majeure, war, civil unrest, insurrection, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, lost or stolen belongings, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely, dangers associated with animals, sanitation problems, food poisoning, epidemics or the threat thereof, lack of or quality of medical care, illness or disease, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, actual, perceived or threatened epidemics, or for any other cause beyond the direct control of WorldStrides.

Changes or substitutions in hotels, itinerary, inclusions, or airports may be made depending on your travel dates, arrival and departure times, national holidays, and events beyond WorldStrides' control at the discretion of WorldStrides as it deems necessary or desirable. On certain dates some attractions or activities may be closed. WorldStrides at its sole discretion may cancel a program due to insufficient enrollment, unforeseen operational difficulties, lack of projected availability, or any other reasons at any time. If a trip is cancelled by WorldStrides, the sole obligation of WorldStrides is to refund all funds collected from any registrant minus merchandise fees.

WorldStrides reserves the right to make audio and visual records of any of its trips and participant agrees that WorldStrides may use any such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes, as well as approves of such uses by third parties whom WorldStrides may engage without any remuneration to participant. Participant assigns to WorldStrides all rights, titles, and interest in or to any and all media related to a WorldStrides trip without any remuneration to participant, including photographs provided directly to WorldStrides or through websites in which his or her name or likeness may or may not appear.

WorldStrides reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any trip. In the event a member is expelled from a trip, no refund of any kind will be made. These terms and conditions can be changed only by a writing signed by an officer of WorldStrides.

Participants understand that they are solely responsible for their pre-program, program, and post-program medical care in all respects, including, but not limited to, obtaining and taking necessary medication(s), vaccinations and any other medical care and treatment.

Schools, colleges, and universities hold varying policies regarding a student's eligibility to earn or redeem course credit from other accredited institutions. Students should consult their school guidance counselors and/or school policy handbooks to determine their eligibility.

Arbitration: Any dispute concerning this contract, the Terms & Conditions and/or rules and regulations concerning the trip, the literature concerning the trip and/or the trip itself, shall be resolved solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Charlottesville, Virginia pursuant to the then existent commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the substantive (but not procedural) law of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall apply. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator may, but is not required, to award attorney's fees to the prevailing party.

PRICE AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Price Adjustments: The price quoted is based upon a minimum number of travelers, the content of the program as outlined in your registration letter and the date of your registration. A registrant may receive a special price by registering by the registration deadline in the registration letter. WorldStrides can only maintain the special price offered until the registration deadline, after which time price increases applicable to the upcoming season will apply. **In either case, the price is also subject to adjustment if the minimum enrollment is not met, if the program content changes, or in the event of circumstances beyond WorldStrides' direct control. These include, but are not limited to, increases in travel security charges, government imposed fees and taxes, fuel and energy costs and charges, and airline, vendor, or group imposed schedule changes or delays.** If your price is guaranteed for a minimum number of participants of 34 or less, your group may be combined with other group(s) on the program. The combinations may not be of the same age level or have the same itinerary. If the Program Leader chooses not to be combined and travels with less than the minimum number of participants, an additional cost will be charged to your account.

Program Fees Not Included: WorldStrides' program prices do not include optional additional college credit fees (beyond those shown in your registration letter as included).

Additional Charges for Adults: Adults are automatically registered two to a room and WorldStrides charges an additional 15% of base trip price. If WorldStrides is unable to accommodate adults in a double room because of group configuration and/or hotel availability, adults are then required to pay a 30% single-room supplement of base trip price. Upon all parties' approval and subject to availability, adults may share a triple room for an additional charge of 10% of base trip price. There is no surcharge (0%) for quad occupancy of a room by adults (for Florida science programs only, a 5% charge applies for adults sharing a quad room).

Payment Plan: If you register directly with WorldStrides, you will have three payment options: (1) pay in full (2) make regularly scheduled installment payments under an installment plan established by WorldStrides or (3) establish automatic payments to be charged to your checking account at a US banking institution via WorldStrides EZPay program. If you choose to follow the installment payment plan, WorldStrides charges a \$6 non-refundable handling fee on each installment payment following your registration, except the initial deposit and the final payment. There are NO HANDLING FEES associated with payments made through the EZPay program.

Reservations are not transferable at any time. Frequent flyer miles are not available to participants. All programs must be paid in full by the final payment deadline as stated on your registration letter. Your program space is not guaranteed if you do not adhere to the terms of the required payment plan(s).

Late Registration, Late Payment, and Fees: WorldStrides charges a late registration charge, equal to the greater of 10% of the base tour price or \$30, for registrations received after the final payment deadline. If you register prior to the final payment deadline as stated on your registration letter but your account is not paid in full by that date, WorldStrides charges a \$60 late payment fee. The fee for any late payments made after any scheduled installment date is \$15. No personal checks or business checks will be accepted after the final payment deadline. There is a \$35 service charge on returned checks, declined credit cards or declined e-check. A \$100 fee may apply for any correction made to your name within 75 days of the departure date.

Program Information Letter: Approximately two to three weeks prior to departure, you will be sent details regarding flight and hotel information, departure and return times, packing tips, drop-off/pick-up locations, etc.

Medical Insurance: All participants are provided accident, illness, and accident-related dental insurance coverage (underwritten by American Income Life) up to \$7,500 for accident, \$1,500 for illness, and \$750 for accident-related dental. Pre-existing conditions are not covered (full details are available by calling 1-800-849-4820). Any charges not covered are the responsibility of the participant. (For Costa Rica program participants only: Medical and accident insurance coverage will be provided through BerkelyCare. This insurance is underwritten by Virginia Surety, Inc. Please contact BerkelyCare at 1-800-453-4063 for additional information.)

Supervision/Behavior: WorldStrides, the Program Leader, and chaperones establish behavior rules and directions for all student participants. Failure to abide by the rules or directions may result in the student being sent home at the parents' expense without any right to a refund. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs of any kind, as well as violation of certain other rules, constitute grounds for immediate expulsion. All program participants will be responsible for their own actions at all times and Program Leaders and chaperones are responsible for the actions of all participants in their group. On occasion, program participants may be allowed by the Program Leader and with the consent of WorldStrides to leave the group and to explore on their own. WorldStrides has no responsibility for those participants when they are on their own and it is the sole responsibility of those participants to take whatever actions are necessary to rejoin the group, if that is their intent, at their own cost.

Participants understand that Program Leaders and chaperones receive support for their work through discounted travel with their group, opportunities for additional educational and professional development, the ability to provide scholarships for needy and deserving students, and/or through salary or stipends. Annual price increases may be limited by multiple-year commitments.

Young Travelers (for science programs only): Registration for children under the age of 12 is subject to individual review by WorldStrides. The decision to allow participation in a trip is at the sole discretion of WorldStrides.

Travel Documentation: Every participant must have the required documentation necessary to participate in the trip prior to the date of departure, including date of birth and necessary identification that fully matches the name provided to WorldStrides for inclusion on travel documentation and airline tickets, and must meet any other applicable compliance requirements issued by the Transportation Security Administration or related agencies. WorldStrides provides online and customer service means for keeping the program participant's information current and it is the participant's sole responsibility to assure that this information is fully up to date no later than 60 days prior to the group's departure date. If changes occur after that date, the participant must contact customer service and additional change fees might apply. Visit the Transportation Security Administration website at www.tsa.gov for more information.

In the case of international travel, including Costa Rica and programs originating in Mexico, the participant is additionally and solely responsible for obtaining a passport or visa in order to travel. Passports must be valid for at least six months after your return date. It is the responsibility of the participant to check and fully comply with the requirements for travel between the United States and the countries that you will be traveling to or through. Visit the Department of State at www.travel.state.gov for more information.

If a participant is unable to travel due to the lack of a proper identification, passport or visa, or necessary inoculations, the standard cancellation policy will apply.

Privacy: Because the nature of our business requires coordination with various providers who deliver the travel services you request, it is necessary to share some personal information that you have provided.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations: All cancellations must be made in writing by or on behalf of the person listed on the registration form to WorldStrides, P.O. Box 9033, Charlottesville, VA 22906-9033, must be postmarked prior to the group's departure, and must include account number, registrant's name, and complete address. Refunds are only issued to the person listed on the account. All refunds are issued in the original payment form that was made to the account and take approximately four to six weeks to process. There will be no refunds for unused services or program features.

Full Refund Program (FRP) Benefits: For your convenience, you will be automatically enrolled in the Full Refund Program with your registration. The additional fee for the program will be added to the trip price on your first invoice. Participation in this program is optional. The program protects your payments and provides a refund* minus the FRP fee if you, the Program Leader, school, or school's administration need to cancel at any time prior to departure for any reason. The program also protects against loss of employment by providing a refund*, including the FRP fee, for participants who must cancel and who provide required supporting documentation at least 75 days before departure date. You may elect not to be enrolled in this program by checking the designated box on the back of your registration form, or checking the decline box with your online registration, or by writing "declined" on your first invoice/statement. The FRP fee is based on the trip price stated in your registration letter.

Trip price is \$149 or less	FRP fee is \$19
Trip price is \$150 to \$299	FRP fee is \$29
Trip price is \$300 to \$499	FRP fee is \$69
Trip price is \$500 to \$599	FRP fee is \$89
Trip price is \$600 to \$799	FRP fee is \$99
Trip price is \$800 to \$999	FRP fee is \$109

Trip price is \$1,000 to \$1,199	FRP fee is \$129
Trip price is \$1,200 to \$1,399	FRP fee is \$139
Trip price is \$1,400 to \$1,599	FRP fee is \$159
Trip price is \$1,600 to \$1,799	FRP fee is \$179
Trip price is \$1,800 to \$1,999	FRP fee is \$199
Trip price is \$2,000 or above	FRP fee is \$219

All payments, inclusive of the FRP program fee, if elected, are due as of the final payment due date for your program. If, as of that date, the additional amount for the FRP program has not been received in full, your FRP election will be cancelled. In the event that the trip is canceled as a result of or following an act of God, war (whether declared or not), terrorism, civil unrest, or in the event of WorldStrides' bankruptcy, insolvency, or cessation of business the Full Refund Program will not make refunds and the below stated Standard Cancellation Policy will apply.

Standard Cancellation Policy: This policy applies to participants who choose not to be enrolled in the Full Refund Program. If you, the Program Leader, school, or school administration cancel, WorldStrides will retain 25% of the base trip price* (minimum charge of \$120 if base trip price is \$400 or more) if your cancellation letter is postmarked more than 75 days prior to the group's departure, 50% of the base trip price* if your cancellation letter is postmarked 45 to 74 days prior to group's departure, or 100% of the base trip price* if your cancellation letter is postmarked 44 days or less prior to group's departure.

For Costa Rica program participants and travelers from Mexico, the following schedule applies: WorldStrides retains 25% of the base trip price* (minimum charge of \$120 if the base trip price is \$400 or more) for cancellation letters postmarked more than 110 days to departure, 50% of the base trip price* for cancellation letters postmarked 45-109 days prior to departure, or 100% of base trip price* for cancellation letters postmarked 44 days or less to departure. In the event that your group size falls below 10 participants and you cancel or are cancelled, your entire airfare amount may become non-refundable.

Should you be eligible and elect to earn college credits beyond those included in the base price of your program, if any, the fees follow separate cancellation terms and may become immediately non-refundable.

The standard cancellation policy is based on the originally scheduled trip dates. This policy does not apply in the event of WorldStrides' bankruptcy, insolvency, or cessation of business.

* Please Note: The non-refundable deposit, handling charges, merchandise fees, fees for returned checks, fees for declined credit cards or electronic drafts, or late payments and registration fees are not refundable.

Changes in Travel Dates: WorldStrides strives to keep your original travel dates. However, Worldstrides reserves the right to change the date of departure due to heavy demand on certain peak travel dates by no more than one or two days from the original departure date. Customer acknowledges that these changes are not grounds for cancellation without penalty or for refunds after the tour. On occasion, WorldStrides must change dates of a scheduled program by 3 days or more, if you find it necessary to cancel because your program dates are changed by WorldStrides, you will be refunded all monies minus fees for returned checks and merchandise fees if your letter of cancellation is postmarked no more than 14 days after the date change is announced to the Program Leader. Your letter must state that the date change is your reason for canceling.

Cancellation by a Supplier: (For California residents only) Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions, if any, of the contract for transportation or travel services, all sums paid to WorldStrides for services not received by you will be promptly refunded by WorldStrides to you unless you otherwise advise WorldStrides in writing. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the state of California. WorldStrides' principal office is located in Charlottesville, VA. This transaction is not covered by the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. You are not eligible to file a claim against that Fund in the event of WorldStrides' default. (For Washington State residents only) If transportation or other services are canceled by WorldStrides, all sums paid to WorldStrides for services not performed in accordance with the contract between WorldStrides and the consumer will be refunded within 30 days of receiving funds from the supplier with whom the services were arranged, or if the funds were not sent to the supplier, the funds shall be returned within 14 days after cancellation by WorldStrides to the consumer unless the consumer requests WorldStrides apply the money to another travel product and/or date.

USTOA Membership Means You're Protected: WorldStrides, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post \$1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of WorldStrides' customers in the unlikely event of WorldStrides' bankruptcy, insolvency, or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 million posted by WorldStrides may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by WorldStrides. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2014, New York, New York 10016, or by e-mail to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their website at www.ustoa.com.

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