Highlands Field Site
AT THE HIGHLANDS BIOLOGICAL STATION
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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About the Highlands Field Site

Located in the town of Highlands, N.C. (elevation 4,118 feet), the Highlands Biological Station (HBS) is well equipped for scientific investigations and education, with modern classrooms, GIS lab, wet labs, a seminar room and library. The 23-acre campus is a short walk from downtown Highlands. Students live in a restored home on the HBS campus. The site specializes in biodiversity, watershed science and headwaters conservation using the Blue Ridge Escarpment as an outdoor lab and classroom for field study and exploration from ridgetops to rivers.

The Institute for the Environment’s field site program is coordinated through the Study Abroad Office of the College of Arts and Sciences in partnership with the Curriculum for the Environment and Ecology.

Location
Highlands Biological Station

Timing
Fall semester

Coursework
ENEC 204 Cultural + Land Use History of the Southern Appalachians
ENEC 256 Mountain Biodiversity
ENEC 264 Conservation of Biodiversity in Theory + Practice
ENEC 395 Research in Environmental Science + Studies
ENEC 479 Landscape Analysis
ENEC 698 Capstone

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