



Visiting Student Program



Introduction

The Visiting Student Program is a program that provides students with hands-on experience in understanding various humanitarian and environmental issues. This program is designed to develop individuals who are ready to actively contribute to community development through a community-based approach

The primary mission of this program is to develop students who possess integrity, social responsibility, as well as the knowledge and skills required to make tangible contributions to society. The program also encourages the exchange of information and innovation between students and local communities to create relevant and sustainable solutions. Topics offered in the Visiting Student Program include: Aging Population, Environment, Entrepreneurship, and Waste Management.





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Specific Theme

The Visiting Student Program covers a wide range of thematic areas, including Aging Population, Environment, Entrepreneurship, and Waste Management — all of which are designed to address key issues in sustainable community development..

1. Aging Population

Community-Based Elderly Empowerment Program

This program focuses on empowering the elderly through community-based initiatives, implemented in collaboration with local social movements in rural areas. It aims to enhance the physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being of older adults by facilitating meaningful interactions between university students and the local elderly community..

Location

The program will take place in a rural area, in collaboration with a community-managed elderly care home. This community-based approach allows students to be directly involved in ongoing local initiatives, fostering meaningful collaboration and sustainable impact tailored to the community's needs.

Activity

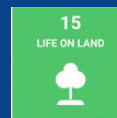
- Visits to elderly care home
- Handicraft skills training
- Household waste management workshops
- Health education for elderly (nutrition, light exercise, mental health)
- Financial literacy classes
- Life story sharing
- Painting with elderly
- Gardening together



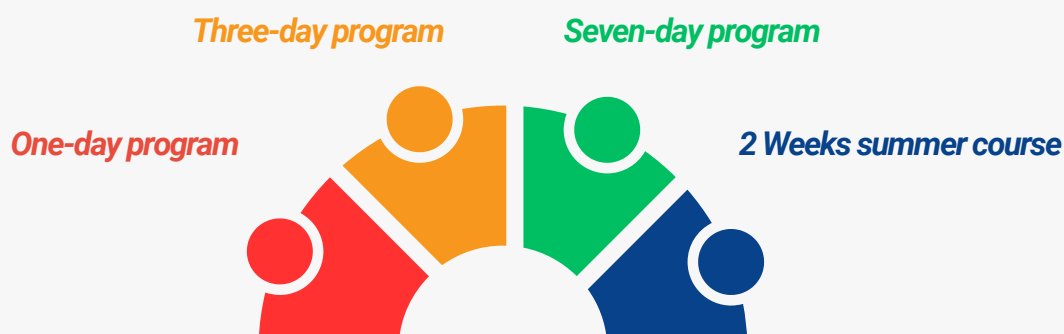
Core Values

Collaboration - Compassion
Inclusion - Empowerment

Contribution Towards SDGs



Educational programs offered



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One-Day Program	Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to the community-managed elderly care home • Collaborative Craft Workshop with the Elderly • Health Education Session (nutrition, exercise, mental health awareness) • Reflection Session & Closing Ceremony
Three-Day program	Activities Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the elderly care facility and its community-based management. • Sharing meaningful life stories and local wisdom by the elderly • Structured physical interactions to encourage bonding between the elderly and students Activities Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft and upcycling workshops (from waste materials) • Health & wellness: group exercise, blood pressure check, nutrition class. Activities Day 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting and storytelling together. • Mini-exhibition of elderly crafts and paintings. • Reflection & intergenerational discussion session.

Seven-Day Program

Day 1–2: Community Immersion

- Exploring the local social and cultural environment
- Discussions with local community leaders

Day 3–4: Empowerment Workshops

- Thematic sessions (digital skills, arts, environmental awareness).
- Co-creation of simple tools/products with elderly (e.g., craft kits, recipe book).

Day 5–6: Elderly Health Day

- Mini-health camp (basic screening, nutrition talks).
- Therapeutic activities (music, mindfulness, traditional dance).

Day 7: Generations in Harmony: Sharing and Celebration

- Students present innovative ideas/tools for easier elderly care
- Cultural night showcasing student and elderly collaboration.
- Final reflection and handover of documentation/artwork.

2 Weeks-Summer Course

Week 1: Learning & Understanding

- Lectures/workshops on global aging issues, community-based care models, and SDGs.
- Field observations and interviews with elderly residents.
- Participatory rural appraisal techniques to identify community needs.

Week 2: Co-Creation & Sustainable Impact

- Collaborative project design: students and elderly create a small-scale social initiative.
- Long-term planning workshop with community leaders.
- Project showcase: crafts, digital storytelling, short documentary, or toolkits.
- Closing Ceremony: Certification and Cultural Exchange

2. Environmental Sustainability

Community-Based Coastal Conservation Program

This program focuses on environmental sustainability through active engagement in coastal area preservation. Conducted in collaboration with local communities living near the coastline, the program aims to raise environmental awareness, promote sustainable practices, and encourage environmental stewardship through hands-on learning and collaboration.

Location

Coastal rural areas (fishing villages or coastal settlements) where community groups are actively involved in environmental initiatives

Activity

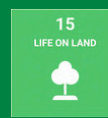
- Coastal cleanup with community
- Mangrove planting combined with engaging education on its vital ecological role
- Workshop on plastic waste upcycling (eco-bricks, crafts, etc.)
- Creating eco-tourism educational materials (maps, signage)
- Community dialogue: environmental problems & local solutions
- Composting & organic waste management in coastal areas
- Developing a mural or wall art themed around ocean protection
- Sustainable fishing practices



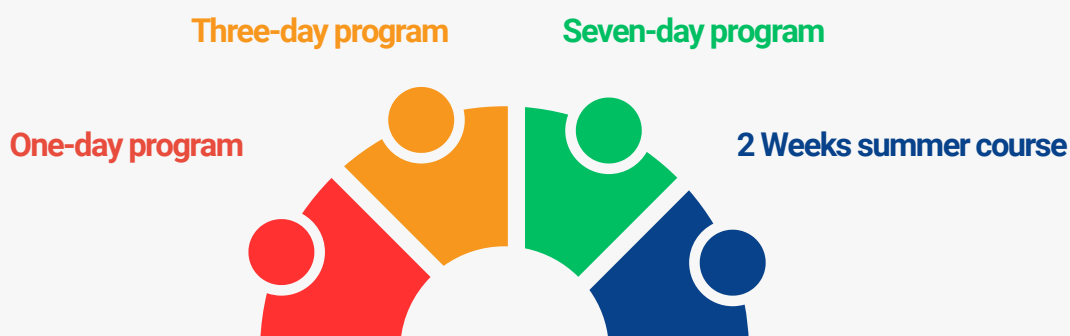
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Collaboration - Sustainability
Innovation - Education
Empowerment

Contribution Towards SDGs



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Activities

- Opening Session: Introduction to the Local Community and Environmental Context
- Coastal Cleanup with Local Residents
- Mangrove Walk & Planting Activity
- Field Activity: Mangrove Walk and Planting for Coastal Restoration

Three-Day program

Activities Day 1

- Orientation on coastal community life and environmental challenges
- Beach walk and waste mapping
- Community dialogue: environmental issues and local knowledge
- Beach Cleanup and Waste Classification

Activities Day 2

- Mangrove education session and planting activity
- Upcycling workshop (making crafts from ocean plastic)
- Composting demo from organic waste

Activities Day 3

- Mural painting on conservation awareness
- Creation of eco-signage for village or beach area
- Reflection session on with community
- Presentation of findings or ideas by student group

Seven-Day Program

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- Beach walk and waste mapping
- Community dialogue: environmental issues and local knowledge
- Beach Cleanup and Waste Classification

Day 3–4: Environmental Action & Learning

- Mangrove education session and planting activity
- Upcycling workshop (making craft from plastic waste)
- Composting demo from organic waste

Day 5–6: Eco-Education Day and Creativity

- Mural painting on conservation awareness
- Creation of eco-signage for village or beach area
- Reflection session with community
- Presentation of findings or ideas by student group

Day 7: Intergenerational Exchange & Celebration

- Mini eco-festival
- Cultural performance from community
- Joint reflection & closing ceremony

2 Weeks-Summer Course

Week 1: Learning & Understanding

- Lectures on climate change, marine ecosystems, and SDGs
- Field observation: marine pollution, mangrove loss, coastal livelihoods
- Interviews with fisher families and local leaders
- Mini-project proposal development by student teams

Week 2: Co-Creation & Sustainable Impact

- Mangrove planting, eco-craft, and composting workshops
- Public awareness campaign (flyers, social media content, murals)
- Collaborate on a small-scale sustainable solution (e.g., waste collection point, educational signage)
- Final presentation of student projects to the community and local authorities
- Cross-cultural reflection, certificate awarding, and farewell celebration

3. Entrepreneurship



Community-Based Rural Entrepreneurship Program

This program aims to promote inclusive and sustainable economic development by empowering rural communities through entrepreneurship. Students will collaborate with local micro and small businesses to strengthen skills in innovation, marketing, digital literacy, and sustainable business practices.

The program emphasizes hands-on learning, knowledge exchange, and co-creation of value-added products or services, while also respecting local culture and wisdom.

Location

Rural villages with active community enterprises (e.g., home industries)

Activity

- Business visit & mapping of local products
- Workshop: branding, storytelling, & packaging improvement
- Digital marketing training (social media, product photos, marketplace)
- Idea exchange: pitching sessions & innovation labs
- Financial literacy & simple bookkeeping
- Co-creation of promotional content (videos, posters)
- Cultural product showcase (e.g., food tasting, craft expo)
- Mentoring session with local entrepreneurs
- Youth entrepreneurship discussion forum
- Sustainability workshop: eco-product packaging, circular business model



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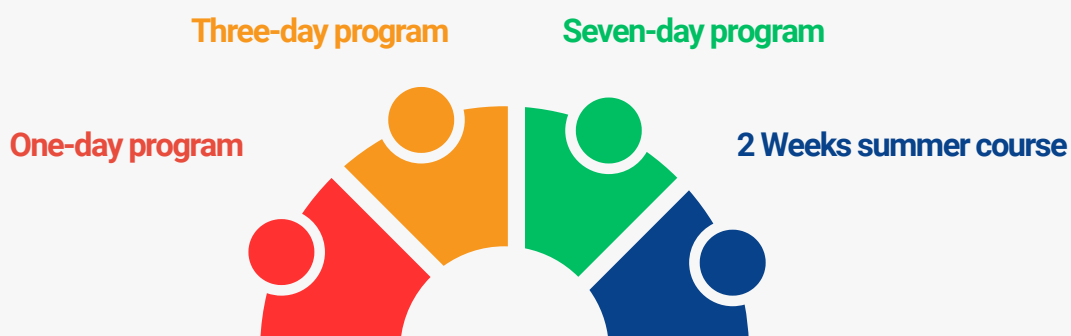
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Local wisdom - Innovation

Contribution Towards SDGs



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Three-Day program	Activities Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to rural business ecosystem • Field visit to 2–3 different types of local businesses (crafts, food, farming) • Business mapping & problem identification with community Activities Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop: branding, packaging, and storytelling • Financial literacy: simple budgeting, pricing, bookkeeping • Co-design session: improving product/service with youth & women groups Activities Day 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation & exhibition of enhanced business ideas • Reflection and closing dialogue with community leaders

Seven-Day Program

Day 1–2: Community Immersion

- Learning local socio-economic structure & business practices
- Interviews with MSMEs, cooperatives, and informal workers
- Business SWOT analysis and market observation

Day 3–4: Entrepreneurship Development

- Creative workshop: eco-product innovation, storytelling
- Collaboration with local to co-create product upgrades
- Session on sustainable business models & green entrepreneurship

Day 5–6: Pitching & Showcasing

- Social media marketing training
- Team pitching of new business ideas or upgraded products
- Feedback from community mentors or local business owners

Day 7: Celebration & Reflection

- Community exhibition day
- Reflections and program closure

2 Weeks-Summer Course

Week 1: Knowledge Building & Observation

- Lectures: rural development, social entrepreneurship, inclusive business
- Participatory rural appraisal: identifying business opportunities
- Hands-on field visits: home industries, farmer groups, youth-led enterprises
- Problem-solving workshops with community members

Week 2: Co-Design & Action Implementation

- Creative workshop: eco-product innovation, storytelling
- Collaboration with local to co-create product upgrades
- Session on sustainable business models & green entrepreneurship

4. Waste Management

Community-Based Waste Management and Circular Economy Program

This program focuses on promoting sustainable and inclusive waste management practices by engaging students directly with rural communities. It aims to raise awareness, build local capacity, and support grassroots innovation in managing household and community waste especially through reuse, recycling, and composting.

Participants will collaborate with local residents to identify challenges and co-create simple, low-cost, and culturally appropriate solutions.

Location

Rural villages with limited formal waste infrastructure but active community-led waste initiatives or traditional practices (e.g., composting, reuse,).

Activity

- Community Waste Mapping & Awareness Walk
- Household Waste Segregation & Ecobrick-Making Workshop
- Upcycling Craft Workshop (e.g., bags from plastic, décor from waste materials)
- River or Village Cleanup Campaign
- Public Education Initiatives (posters, stickers, school outreach)
- Waste Audit: Data Collection & Visualization
- Waste Bank Visit & Interactive Simulation



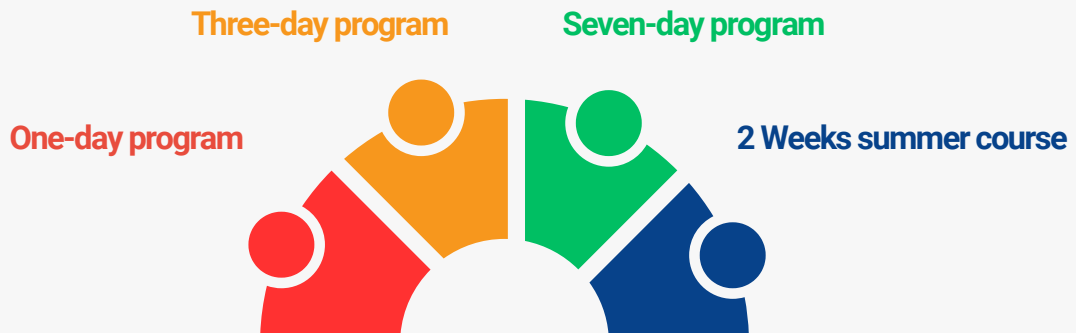
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Inclusivity - Collaboration
Sustainability - Innovation

Contribution Towards SDGs



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Activities

- Welcome & Introduction to Local Waste Challenges
- Workshop: Waste Sorting & Composting
- Ecobrick or Upcycling Craft Activity
- Reflection & collaborative activity using waste materials

Three-Day program

Activities Day 1

- Interviews with households, informal waste workers, & youth
- Group Discussion: Unsustainable Practices and Local Environmental Challenges

Activities Day 2

- Composting demo & practice
- Ecobrick making or DIY crafts from waste
- Create outreach materials: stickers, infographics, zero-waste toolkit

Activities Day 3

- Public campaign: clean-up + educational booth
- Reflection and proposal for long-term behavior change



Seven-Day Program

Day 1–2: Immersion & Mapping

- Daily waste generation mapping
- Observing informal waste management practices (burning, dumping, reuse)
- Household visits & community interviews

Day 3–4: Learning & Co-Creation

- Making a Small-scale Composting Bin
- Waste sorting simulation (color coding, labeling)
- Ecobrick and upcycled product prototyping
- Collaborative educational content creation (videos/posters)

Day 5–6: Awareness, Sustainability Dialogue

- Discussion with community leaders, local gov, youth
- Building local commitment and community action plan

Day 7: Waste Art Festival

- Waste art gallery, exhibition
- Final reflection and celebration

2 Weeks-Summer Course

Week 1: Exploration and Engagement

- Lectures on circular economy, zero waste, rural infrastructure
- Community survey and baseline study
- Learning from informal waste systems and indigenous knowledge
- Co-designing ideas with youth groups

Week 2: Innovation & Implementation

- Implement pilot: compost area, eco-bin corner, mural, or waste signage
- Social media or offline campaign
- Showcase of outcomes, final pitch, and stakeholder handover
- Closing ceremony and certificate awarding

Booklet Visiting Student Program

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