

# Armenian-Austrian SUMMER SCHOOL

23.04.2025 -02.05.2025 (10 days)

*The program fee encompasses the following: (500euro)*

- Transfer to and from the airport.
- Shared bedroom accommodation.
- Meals
- Any transportation specified in the program
- Social activities
- Onsite emergency support
- Certificate of attendance

*The program fee does not cover the following:*

- International flight costs to and from Zvartnots airport (Yerevan) of Armenia
- Medical or travel insurance
- Groceries
- Personal spending money

*Payment is not required in advance. Payment must be made on the spot!*



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## Preliminary program



### Day 1:

- *Arrival: Meet the participants at the airport in Yerevan.*
- *Accommodation: Check into a hostel in Yerevan.*
- *Leisure Time: Enjoy free time in Yerevan.*
- *Evening: Gather for dinner. Instructions on travel to field, safety rules in the field.*

### Day 2:

- *Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast*
- *Travel: Depart for Artavan village*
- *Lunch: Enjoy lunch in Noravank gorge*
- *Accommodation: Check into a guesthouse or tents at the campsite in Artavan*
- *Lecture*
- *Fieldwork: Receive instructions on working with GPS and installing camera traps. Engage in hands-on fieldwork to set up camera traps*
- *Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time.*



### Day 3:

- *Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.*
- *Fieldwork: Spend the full day in the field small groups, accompanied by an instructor. Focus on finding camera traps in the field and replacing them new locations according to the scheme.*
- *Evening: Gather for dinner.*
- *Lecture.*



### Day 4:

- *Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.*
- *Travel: Depart for Hors village.*
- *Accommodation: Check into a guesthouse or tents at the campsite in Hors.*
- *Lecture.*
- *Fieldwork: Receive instruction on working with binnacles and double observation methods for counting the bezoar goats. Engage in hands-on fieldwork to surveys animals.*
- *Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time.*

### Day 5:

- *Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.*
- *Lecture and field trip to nearby lake and finding the tracks of animals and recognise the plants.*
- *Dinner.*
- *Travel back to Yerevan and check into a hostel in Yerevan.*



## Day 6:

- *Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.*
- *Visit the Scientific Centre of Zoology and Hydroecology.*
- *Lecture on parasites of jackals in Armenia under the APPEAR project with Austria.*
- *Lunch.*
- *Participation in parasitological dissection of jackals.*
- *Short field trip to Garni temple*
- *Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time.*



## Day 7:

- *Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.*
- *Traveling to Institute of Botany after A.L. Takhtajyan.*
- *Lecture on invasive plants and change of ecosystems.*
- *Lunch.*
- *Field trip to Bijni village surrounding for jackals survey.*
- *Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time.*

## Day 8:

- *Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.*
- *Traveling to Sevan Lake. Survey freshwater ecosystem issues and conservation problems*
- *Travel to Hankavan/ Diljan. Short field trip to forest ecosystem*
- *Lecture and instructions on group projects on monitoring field. Receive comprehensive instructions and guidance on group projects focused on field monitoring techniques.*



## Day 9:

- *Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.*
- *Self-guided: Engage in self-directed on individual or small group projects. Apply the skills and knowledge acquired during the program to investigate specific aspects of the local environment.*
- *Continued: Continue with self-guided to further explore and document your chosen projects.*
- *Fieldwork Discussion: Participate in a group discussion to share and analyse the results of your fieldwork. Exchange insights, observations, and ideas with your peers.*
- *Evening: Gather for dinner. Enjoy free time*



## Day 10:

- *Breakfast: Start the day with breakfast.*
- *Return to Yerevan: Conclude your field expedition and return to Yerevan, reflecting on the experiences and discoveries of the past days.*
- *Results & Summary: Share highlights and key findings from your fieldwork, fostering camaraderie and intellectual exchange. Exam*
- *Farewell Party.*

## Day 11:

- *Enjoy free time.*
- Departure: Gather for departure arrangements and departure to the airport in Yerevan.*