ISLE
Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education Program

Pictured: Spring ’15 students enjoy the view during an Environmental Studies class hike in the Knuckles Mountains Range
The ISLE Program is based in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Students travel to all parts of the island for field trips and lectures.
FAST FACTS

• **Program Dates:**
  – Fall Semester: Late August-Mid December
  – Spring Semester: Mid January-Mid May

• **Location:** Kandy, Sri Lanka

• **Accommodations:** Host Family

• **Program Style:** Academic & Cultural Immersion

• **Application Deadlines:**
  – Fall Semester: December 1-March 1
  – Spring Semester: December 1-October 7 (following year)

• **Affiliate University:** University of Peradeniya
Course Credits

Sinhala Language I = 4 semester hour credits
Independent Study = 4 semester hour credits
Elective Course = 4 semester-hour credits
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Total = 16 semester-hour credits (or 4 course credits)
Academic Themes

- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Women Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Traditional Medicine & Public Health
- Buddhism and Other Religions of Sri Lanka
Semester Plan

Session I (4 weeks)
- Sinhala Language Course
- Sri Lanka Studies Seminar

Session II (8 weeks)
- Elective Courses (taught at University of Peradeniya)

Session III (4 weeks)
- Independent Study Project (topic of choice; in relevant location on island)
Examples of Past IS Projects

"A Take on Sri Lankan Women's Empowerment through the Lens of Reproductive Health and Family Planning"

"Researching the Mind and the Matter: Experiencing and Exploring: Meditation in Sri Lanka"

"Socio-spatial Negotiations of Communal Spaces between Kattankudy and Araiympathy"
Web Resources

• ISLE Website: http://www.bowdoin.edu/isle/

• ISLE Student Blog: http://isleprogram.tumblr.com/

• ISLE Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ISLEprogram/

• University of Peradeniya: http://www.pdn.ac.lk/