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CHEROKEE STUDY ABROAD

Summer 2012



Kituhwa Mound, Mother Town of the Cherokees, near present-day Bryson City.
<http://savekituwah.org>.

Despite more than five centuries of colonialism, indigenous communities in what is now the United States have retained their sovereignty. But what does it mean to live in a nation within a nation?

This unique study abroad experience explores the historical and contemporary dimensions of this question in the context of the Cherokee people.

Over the course of five weeks, participants will study Cherokee history, language, and culture in the ancestral homelands of Western North Carolina, along the Trail of Tears, and in the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma.

Overview

Earn six hours of academic credit learning about Cherokee history, language, and culture in an innovative place-based context.



2 weeks
Eastern Band of
Cherokee Indian
Reservation
Cherokee, NC



1 week
retracing the Trail
of Tears



2 weeks
Cherokee Nation
Tahlequah,
Oklahoma

"We are a revitalized tribe . . . Individually and collectively, Cherokee people possess an extraordinary ability to face down adversity and continue moving forward."

Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller (1945-2010)

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