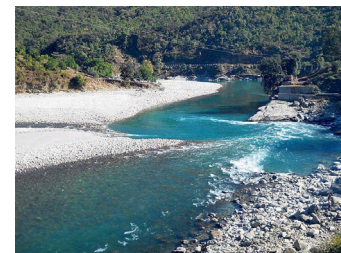




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INTERACTION | NEPAL

RIVER COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE | SPRING | 2026

INTERACTION | NEPAL IS AN IMMERSIVE, INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM OFFERED DURING THE SPRING QUARTER WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE UW DEPT. OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, UW DEPT. OF GLOBAL HEALTH AND UW NEPAL STUDIES INITIATIVE. IT IS OPEN TO BOTH GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS FROM ANY DISCIPLINE.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM WILL FOCUS ON TWO RIVERS - THE BAGMATI, AN URBAN RIVER IN THE KATHMANDU VALLEY, AND THE WEST SETI, A PRISTINE, FREE FLOWING RIVER IN FAR WESTERN NEPAL.

WE WILL EXPLORE THE IMPACTS OF CONTEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT ON RIVER ECOLOGIES AND COMMUNITIES, SUPPORT RIVER CONSERVATION EFFORTS, AND WORK TO IMPROVE HUMAN HEALTH / WELL-BEING AT A LOCAL SCALE THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY DESIGN AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. THE NEPAL RIVER CONSERVATION TRUST AND STUDENTS/FACULTY FROM KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY WILL SERVE AS KEY COLLABORATORS.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS, ORGANIZATIONAL SITE VISITS, INDEPENDENT STUDY, LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION, COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS, HANDS-ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND EXTENDED TREKKING AND RAFTING EXCURSIONS.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH @ 7PM PDT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH @ 7PM PST

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