



## **KYRGYZSTAN 2026**

# **Your journey to the heart of Central Asia**

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permafrost-affected soils

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For students of Landscape sciences, Agronomy, Forestry

# Course Overview and Pedagogical Approach

The Patch-Corridor-Matrix model serves as the conceptual framework for describing landscape elements. Training sessions are conducted as field seminars at 17 pre-selected key sites, far from stuffy classrooms.

At each location, we discuss:  
regional climate and relief,  
soil-forming geological substrates,  
morphological characteristics of soil profiles and soil processes,  
vegetation, including common and specific flora,  
anthropogenic land use characteristics.



The summer school is led by three experts in geomorphology, mineralogy, geobotany, soil science, and agriculture, who guide students throughout the entire program. Local specialists are also invited to discuss specific topics and issues.

**Target Audience:** HSWT students from  
Fakultät Landschaftsarchitektur,  
Fakultät Landschaftsbau und Management,  
Fakultät Wald und Forstwirtschaft,  
Fakultät Landwirtschaft.

**Requirements:** experience with outdoor travel is highly desirable.



Start date: Early August (2nd to 4th) 2026

Total duration: 23 days

**Itinerary:** The first three days and the final day will take place in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, and **19 days on a field trip travelling over 1,700 km around Kyrgyzstan**. In Bishkek we will visit the longest-running field experiment on fertilization and irrigation in Central Asia, a local vegetable farm, DAAD, and NABU.

**Accommodation:** Primarily tent-based camping in scenic riverside or lakeside locations.

**Catering/meals:** 3 high-quality meals per day. Our professional Uzbek and Kyrgyz chefs prepare traditional dishes using fresh local ingredients.



### **Academic Workload and Evaluation**

**Direct Instruction:** 85 hours of lecturers and field seminars over 3 weeks.

**Independent Work:** presentation before the course and a report afterward (75 hours).

**Assessment:** a multiple-choice test consisting of 48 questions.

**Credits: 6 ECTS**

Participants receive an official "Certificate of Participation" from KNAU authorities.



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**Estimated Costs:** approx. 1,400–1,500 EUR (includes all regional transportation, meals, accommodation, tuition, and selected entrance fees).

**Airfare:** Round trip to Bishkek via Istanbul and back: ca. 700 EUR.

**Visa/Registration:** German citizens do not need a visa or registration if their stay does not exceed 30 days.

