Belize J-Term Global Faculty-Led Program

PROGRAM DETAILS

COURSE TITLE
ENVS 340-E / BIOL 395-E: Natural History of Belize: Tropical Ecosystems & Conservation

PROGRAM DATES
1/4/2016 - 1/13/2016 (January Term)

COST
$3,366

WHAT’S INCLUDED
Accommodations • 3 meals per day • Airport shuttle and water taxi transport • All program academic excursions and activities • Entrance to museums, animal sanctuaries, etc. • Tuition • On-site program support

APPLICATION DEADLINE
10/15/2015

Apply online by visiting LUC.edu/studyabroadapp

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Learn about Belize’s culture, wildlife and marine life by hiking through a Community Baboon Sanctuary, paddling down the Sibun River, and camping in the largest jaguar sanctuary in the world.

Experience a 10-day J-Term program led by a Loyola faculty member Fr. Stephen Mitten, S.J., Ecology Faculty and Spiritual Director in the Institute of Environmental Sustainability. Snorkel and explore Belize’s rare reef ecosystems with local English-speaking guides.

Transform your worldview by visiting Belize’s natural history and dynamic ecosystems firsthand. Course activities focus on human influences, threats, conservation difficulties and management solutions with an ecological and social context.

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**January 4th-13th, 2016**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**
This ten day program immerses you in the tropical ecosystems of Belize, an English speaking country in Central America that lies on the Caribbean Sea. Throughout this traveling course, students will study rainforest and coral reef ecology, the natural history of Belize, and Belizean culture and development. Academic excursions into Belizean ecosystems will be coupled with field labs, discussions, and lectures from local experts. The course focuses on experiential learning through exciting activities.

**COURSE TITLE:**
ENVS 340-E*/BIOL 395- Natural History of Belize: Tropical Ecosystems and Conservation

This course fulfills the following academic requirements:
- ENVS Major/Minor Elective
- Background course for Environmental Action & Leadership Minor
- BIOL Major/Minor Elective for ecology emphasis
- INTS Major/Minor Credit
- Science course elective for Anthropology students
- Satisfies the University Engaged Learning requirement in the Service-Learning category

*Course pre-requisites for BIOL 395 credit (see web site)

**COURSE INSTRUCTOR:**
Fr. Stephen Mitten, SJ

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**
This is a unique Study Abroad immersion field course designed to build on the foundations learned in Ecology, Environmental Science/Studies, and Anthropology classes by examining first hand and in more depth the biodiversity and tropical ecosystems of Belize, by exploring the country's rich cultural traditions of some of its peoples, particularly the Mayans; and learning how local communities are involved in protecting and sustaining ecological and natural sites through community based conservation and sustainability practices.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
Thursday, October 15, 2015

Visit LUC.edu/studyabroadapp to complete the quick and easy online application!

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**TENTATIVE CALENDAR:**
- 10/15 Application Deadline
- TBD Mandatory Pre-departure Orientation
- 1/4 Depart U.S. for Belize
- 1/13 Return to the US

**Total cost (Tuition and Program Fee):** $3,366

**TUITION FEE:** $2,166
- 3 credit hours of Loyola J-Term session tuition.
  *Graduate students will pay graduate tuition rate.

**PROGRAM FEE:** $1,200
- Three meals per day
- CISI health insurance
- All accommodations
- Airport shuttle and water taxi transport
- On-site program support from local staff and Loyola faculty
- All program academic excursions and activities
- Entrance to museums, animal sanctuaries, archeological sites, and national parks

Does not include:
- Round-trip airfare from Chicago to Belize (approx. $850)
- Personal spending money & other incidental expenses
- Belize airport departure tax (approx. $40)

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