PROGRAM DETAILS

COURSE TITLE
ENVS 345 / BIOL 395-E: Special Topics - Conservation of Neotropical Ecosystems (Spring 2016 Semester Course)

PROGRAM DATES
4/3/2016 - 4/13/2016 (Spring Break)

COST
$1,200

WHAT’S INCLUDED
Three meals per day • Accomodations • Ground Transportation and water taxi • Entrance fees to museums, animal sanctuaries, archeological sites, and national parks • On-site program support

APPLICATION DEADLINE
10/15/2015

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Learn about neotropical wildlife and marine life by traveling throughout Belize on this 10-day program. You will have the opportunity to hike through a community baboon sanctuary, paddle down the Sibun River, and camp in the world's largest jaguar sanctuary.

Experience Belize's natural history and dynamic ecosystem firsthand with Institute for Environmental Sustainability faculty member, Fr. Stephen Mitten. Snorkel and explore Belize’s rare reef ecosystems with local English-speaking guides.

Transform your worldview through a range of course-activities that focus on human influences, threats, conservation difficulties and management solutions with an ecological and social context.

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Belize Global Faculty-Led
March 4th - 13th, 2016

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

TUITION FEE: Part of Spring 2016 Tuition
• 3 credit hours of Loyola spring semester tuition.

PROGRAM FEE: $1,200
Includes:
• 3 meals per day
• CISI Insurance
• All accommodations
• Airport shuttle and water taxi transport
• Entrance to museums, animal sanctuaries, archeological sites, and national parks
• On-site program support

Does not include:
• Round-trip airfare (Chicago - Belize) approximately $850
• Personal spending money
• Loyola international health insurance

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
This spring course include a ten-day program during spring break immerses you in the tropical ecosystems of Belize, an English-speaking country in Central America that lies on the Caribbean Sea. Belize is known for having 85 distinct ecosystems with more that 50% of its natural areas still intact and 28% in protection; this course focuses on a variety of models of conservation and management schemes as they are applied in Belize to these various ecosystems and identifies the benefits of these protected areas. Course activities focus on human influences, threats, conservation difficulties and management solutions within an ecological and social context. The course focuses on experiential learning through exciting activities such as hiking through a community Black howler monkey sanctuary, taking a night canoe excursion into Cox Lagoon Crocodile Sanctuary, camping in the world’s largest Jaguar Preserve and snorkeling the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System. You will also visit, to name just some of the other places; the Belize Zoo, The Tropical Education Center, Man-O-War Caye Bird Sanctuary, and the Smithsonian Institute’s Western Caribbean Marine Research Station.

COURSE TITLE:
ENVS 345-E/Biol 395-E - Natural History of Belize

Prerequisites:
• Biology (with ecology emphasis): BIOL 102, 112, 265
• Environmental Science majors/minors: ENVS 237

This course fulfills the following academic requirements:
• ENVS major/minor elective
• BIOL major/minor elective for ecology emphasis
• Engaged Learning

COURSE INSTRUCTOR:
Fr. Stephen Mitten, SJ

CREDIT HOURS EARNED:
3 hours

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Thursday, October 15th, 2015

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