The following itinerary may be changed and other activities and site visitation substituted depending on local environmental conditions.

Day 1, Monday
January 4, 2016

Arrive Philip Goldson International Airport; transfer to Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary for settling in, orientation and night tour Belize Zoo.
  • Staff introductions, campus walking tour, walk or drive to Sibun River for swim if time allows
  • Dinner 6pm and begin orientation presentations on safety and security, cultural awareness and sensitivity
  • Night Tour, Belize Zoo (7-9:30 PM) with Conservation lecture
  • Return to Monkey Bay for overnight rest in student dorms, private rooms for leaders
  • Journal entry of day’s activities

Accommodations: Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 2, Tuesday
January 5, 2016

All day field and lab hosted by Father Mitten.
  • Breakfast at Monkey Bay 7:30 am
  • Depart Mbay after breakfast. 9am
  • Mangroves of St John’s College, Belize City (Fr. Mitten) specimen collection
  • Pack lunch
  • Visitation of Belize National Museum, Belize City
  • Visitation of Altun Ha, and guided tour of ancient Mayan Ruin with onsite lecture
  • Return to Monkey Bay for dinner and overnight
  • A lecture from Dr. Colin Young on Protected Areas and Community Conservation. Dr. Colin Young, Faculty Associate with the Institute for Sustainable International Studies, ISIS Belize, is the CEO of the Government of Belize Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology, and Public Utilities. Dr. Young is an ethnobotanist and environmental scientist whose father was one of the founders of the CBS.
  • Journal entry of day’s activities—Overnight

Accommodations: Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 3, Wednesday
January 6, 2016

Community Baboon Sanctuary, Traditional Creole Lunch
  • Early morning bird savanna hike 6:15am
  • Breakfast at Monkey Bay 7:30 am
  • Transfer to Community Baboon Sanctuary (CBS) Bermudian Landing Village for day tour. Suggested reading material in preparation for CBS entitled, “A
Belizean Rainforest” by Dr. Rob Horwich and Jon Lyon (Gays Mill, WI.).

- Guided tour of sanctuary forest edges(Gallery Forest) to view Black howler monkeys in the wild with onsite lectures and guided hike through sanctuary for medicinal plants ID (Creole ethnobotany) and wildlife viewing.
- Mid-day meal with Ms. Edna Baptist, Creole style prepared over the fire hearth and served at her backyard café.
- CBS Natural History museum tour.
- Return to Monkey Bay
- Dinner 6:00pm
- Evening Lecture Pine savannahs and discussion of days activities
- Journal entry of day’s activities—Overnight

Accommodations: Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 4, Thursday January 7, 2016

**Monkey Bay – Full day on Sibun River with Fr. Mitten**

- Breakfast at MBWS 7:30am
- Lecture by Fr. Mitten on watersheds and river continuum theory.. Suggested reading material in preparation for watershed entitled, “Sibun Watershed Atlas, by Dr. Ed Boles. 8:15 am-9:30am
- Pack picnic lunch to carry and serve on river canoe paddle
- Transfer to launch point for Sibun River trip
- 10am Begin Sibun River Trip; accompanying streamside lecturer, Fr. Mitten with assistant guide Melito Bustamante (Mayan guide for the day)
- Water testing and macro invertebrates sampling incorporated into the river trip
- Afternoon debriefs and biological inventory of organisms seen and collected on river float.
- Return to Mbay for dinner 6:00 PM
- Evening Lecture Karst formations
- Journal entry of day’s activities—Overnight

Accommodations: Monkey Bay

Day 5, Friday January 8, 2016

**St. Herman’s Cave/Blue Hole National Park, Maya Center**

- Breakfast at MBWS 7:30
- Depart 9am for mid-morning arrival to BHNP
- Welcome by Park Director and overview of the protected area by park manager on duty. 10am
- Guided forest tour and cave tour (standard visit- will need headlights for all participants)
- Pack Lunch at Blue Hole NP
- Depart St. Herman’s Blue Hole National Park for transfer to Maya Center (Entrance into) Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary (CBWS)
- Later afternoon arrival to Maya Centre Village, a buffer community to Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary (CBWS). Time for visiting women’s co-op and/or Mayan Museum and tour of “Mayan Garden” with focus on eco-forestry and ethnobotany (medicinal plants)
- Dinner
- Discussion, Journal entry of day’s activities and overnight
Accommodations: Maya Center Guest House

Day 6,  
Saturday  
January 9,  
2016  
Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary (Jaguar Preserve)  
- Breakfast 8:00am  
- Continue on to the CBWS station and settled into bunk accommodations.  
  Suggest reading material for CBWS discussions entitled “Jaguar” by Alan Rabinowitz  
- Will ask guide to cover park history and overview or wildlife research conducted in the park.  
- Lunch: visitors center at noon  
- Tiger Fern Trail hike to waterfall and swim, with trail side lectures.  
- Dinner  
- Lecture on Tropical Rainforest Ecosystem with discussion.  
- Night walk, journal entry of day’s activities----Overnight  
Accommodations: Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 7,  
Sunday  
January 10,  
2016  
Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary  
- Early Morning Bird excursion 6:00 am  
- Late Breakfast 8:30am  
- Field Trail Hike to Plane wreck and on-site lecture  
- Lunch at noon  
- Field Lecture on tropical soils with soil testing.  
- Possible River Tubing  
- Dinner  
- Evening lectures; coral reefs, seagrass and littoral forests  
- Journal entry of day’s activities ---Overnight  
Accommodations: Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 8,  
Monday  
January 11,  
2016  
South Water Caye Marine Reserve guided excursion.  
- Birding completion 6:00 am  
- Breakfast at CBWS 7:30am  
- Depart host location 8:30am; transfer 1 hour to Dangriga Town for ½ hour water taxi (10:30am) ride to Tobacco Caye.  
- Arrival orientation and settling in accommodation.  
- Lunch at noon  
- Afternoon snorkeling workshop to become comfortable with snorkeling gear and familiar with reef etiquette  
- Explore reef ecosystems with guide  
- Dinner at Hotel, Tobacco Caye  
- Evening presentation on Reef System Environmental Impacts and conservation or other suitable topic at Tobacco Caye Marine Station (TCMS) by Station Manager.
• Night exploration of marine organism.
• Journal entry of day’s activities --- Overnight.

Accommodations: Hotel, Tobacco Caye

**Tobacco Caye, South Water Caye Marine Reserve**

Day 9, Tuesday January 12, 2016

- Breakfast 7:00 am
- Depart 8:00 am for exploring reef ecosystems, sea grass beds, mangrove lagoons; guided multiple snorkeling drops at select sites
- Man-O-War Caye protected nesting site for Magnificent frigate and Brown-footed booby birds
- Visit to Smithsonian Institute’s Western Caribbean Marine Research Station
- Lunch 12:15
- 1:00 pm water taxi back to Dangriga Town
- Monkey Bay bus to meet group at 2 pm and transfer back to MBay for last overnight. Group should get back to MB by 4:30 pm.
- 6 pm Dinner at Monkey Bay
- Final program wrap up classroom lecture, reflections, program evaluation, travel organization for departure flight. Journal entry of day’s activities

Accommodations: Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 10, Wednesday January 13, 2016

- Depart to Philip Goldson International Airport from Monkey Bay
- Breakfast at Monkey Bay 7:30
- Morning time to pack, Journal entry of entire course, group photo
- 9:30 am Transfer to Belize Intl Airport for departure to home destination.

- Program Concludes –