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

Day 1, Friday
March 4, 2016

Arrive Philip Goldson International Airport; transfer to Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary for settling in, orientation.
- Staff introductions, campus walking tour, orientation presentations on safety and security, cultural awareness and sensitivity, walk or drive to Sibun River for swim if time allows
- Dinner 6pm
- 7:00pm Evening Lecture: 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

Accommodations: Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 2, Sat
March 5, 2016

Community Baboon Sanctuary, Traditional Creole Lunch
- 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.).
- CBS Natural History museum tour followed by 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.
- Transfer back to Monkey Bay with biodiversity stops along the way.
- Dinner 6:00pm
- Evening Lecture- Pine savanna ecology and management with final discussion of days activities
- Journal entry of day’s activities---Overnight Accommodations: Monkey Bay
Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 3, Sunday March 6, 2016

**Belize Zoo Tour:** Canoeing Excursion to Cox Lagoon Crocodile Sanctuary

- Breakfast 7:30am
- 9:00 am Depart to the nearby Belize Zoo for guided educational tour where you will observe Belize’s unique fauna in natural surroundings. Black howler Monkey, Jaguar, Harpy eagle, Scarlet macaw, Tapir and Crocodile to name a few. Lecture on Belize Zoo Conservation Projects.
- Tropical Educational Center -- Savanna hike with infield lecture and soil testing and discussion of Mesoamerican Biological Corridor Project., Birds without Borders.
- Lunch at MBWS 12:00 pm
- 1:00 PM Lecture Fr. Mitten on Conservation Management of wetlands.
- Mid-afternoon departure to Cox Lagoon Crocodile Sanctuary for a full evening of exploring by canoe the wetland habitats of this diverse thirty thousand acres private reserve. The diverse habitat supports a natural diversity of animal and bird life with opportunities to observe Laughing falcon, Jabiru Stork, 14 species of reptiles (including an abundance of Morelett’s crocodiles), Black howler monkeys, Baird’s tapir and Jaguar. Since these creatures are best observed from canoe, students paddle from Cox Creek into the wide lagoon surrounded by swamp forest, marshland and mud flats. Picnic style dinner served at the lagoon.
- Return to Monkey Bay for Journal entry of day’s activities---Overnight Accommodations: Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 4, Monday March 7, 2016

**Monkey Bay – Full day on Sibun River.**

- Breakfast at MBWS 7:30
- 8:30am Lecture by Fr. Mitten on tropical river continuum theory and preparation for river trip.
- 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.
- Experiential learning activities include water quality sampling, aquatic invertebrate identification, riparian species diversity, and observation of land use impacts and direct effects of gravel extraction, citrus farms, etc.
- Return to Mbay for dinner 6:00 PM
- Journal entry of day’s activities---Overnight Accommodations: Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
Day 5, Tuesday March 8, 2016

Blue Hole National Park, Maya Center
Transfer to St. Herman's Blue Hole National Park (BHNP):

- 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 Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary (CBWS)
- Continue on to the CBWS station and settled into bunkhouse accommodations. Suggest reading material for CBWS discussions entitled “Jaguar” by Alan Rabinowitz
- Dinner
- Lecture on Rainforest Ecosystem w/Discussion
- Guided Night Walk (headlamps required + Journal entry of day’s activities and overnight in bunk house.

Accommodations: Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 6, Wednesday March 9, 2016

Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary (Jaguar Preserve)

- Early Morning Bird ID walk 6:00am
- Late Breakfast 8:30am
- Will ask guide to cover park history and overview or wildlife research conducted in the park.
- Lunch at noon
- Tiger Fern Trail hike to waterfall and swim. With trail side lectures.
- Dinner
- Lecture on Rainforest Ecosystem (continued)
- Guided Night Walk (headlamps required) + overnight in bunk house

Accommodations: Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 7, Thursday March 10, 2016

Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary

- Early Morning Bird excursion 6:00 am
- Late Breakfast 8:00 am
- Field Trail Hike to Plane wreck and on-site lecture tropical soils and testing.
- Lunch at noon
- 2:00pm continue on to Maya Centre Village, a buffer community to Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary (CBWS) with 3:00pm arrival. 4:00 pm tour of “Mayan Garden” with focus on eco-forestry and ethnobotany (medicinal plants)
- Dinner 6
Day 8, Friday March 11, 2016

- Evening lecture: mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass and littoral forests
- Journal entry of day’s activities — Overnight

Accommodations: Maya Center Guest House (Aurora Saqui hosting)

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South Water Caye Marine Reserve guided excursion.

- Breakfast at MCGH at 7:00am
- Depart host location 8:00am; quick stop for visit Mayan woman’s co-op, 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 classroom lecture: Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System and conservation strategies for sustainable management. Hosted by Tobacco Caye Marine Station (TCMS) Station Manager
- Night exploration of marine organism.
- Journal entry of day’s activities — Overnight.

Accommodations: Hotel, Tobacco Caye

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Day 9, Saturday March 12, 2016

Tobacco Caye, South Water Caye Marine Reserve

- Breakfast 7:15 am
- Depart 8:00am to explore 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
- 1:30 water taxi back to Dangriga Town
- Monkey Bay bus to meet group at 2pm and transfer back to MBay for last overnight. Group should get back to MB by 4:30pm.
- 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

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Day 10, Sunday March 13

Depart to Philip Goldson International Airport from Monkey Bay

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

- Program Concludes -