The UF in Belize program offers students an opportunity to earn 3 credits while studying throughout Belize. Students will spend 9 days learning with local faculty and students as well as other local professionals. The majority of each day will be spent in the field examining wildlife and conservation issues in a diversity of landscapes and ecosystems.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Wildlife husbandry, research, conservation, & education
- Wildlife ecology, habitats (including rainforests, marine reserves, and reefs), conservation, & protected areas management
- Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary: the world’s first jaguar conservation area
- Maya culture & ruins
- Community-based conservation programs
- Understanding wildlife & agriculture through a visit with the Mennonites
- Visiting the Program for Belize and Ministry of Natural Resources to understand wildlife conservation the Belizean way.

**COURSE OFFERINGS**
Courses taught by UF Faculty for 3 UF GPA credits

**WIS 4905 or WIS 6905:**
Ecology & Conservation of Wildlife in the Tropics (Belize)

All students must attend and participate in all pre and post-travel classes spring 2011 (via distance education is possible).

**Eligibility:** Course is open to all majors, including undergraduate or graduate students in good standing who have successfully completed a course in Wildlife Science or permission of the Instructor. Students must have completed the first semester of their freshman year and have a 2.50 GPA on 4.0 scale.

**Fee includes:** Tuition for 3 credit course, 8 nights’ accommodation with double occupancy, all meals, in-country transportation, all prescribed excursions and entrance fees, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance.

*Round-trip airfare is not included.*

**Application Deadline:** December 15, 2010

2011 Program fee:
- $2,003 - undergraduates
- $2,765 - graduates

**Contact Information:**
**UFIC Study Abroad Advisor:** Rocky Rockwell - drockwell@ufic.ufl.edu - 352-273-1508
**Program Director:** Bill Giuliani – docg@ufl.edu
**Student Financial Aid Advisor:** See your assigned financial aid advisor.
UF in Belize

In this course, students will actively experience wildlife, habitats, peoples, and conservation issues, solutions, practices, and practitioners in the tropics, with Belize as a case study. Belize has a wide variety of unique wildlife (from mantas and whale sharks to monkeys, tapirs, jaguars, and macaws) found in diverse habitats, including montane and lowland pine and broad-leaved forests (including “rainforest”), savannah, shrubland, fresh and saltwater wetlands, and coastal, marine (including reefs), lacustrine, riverine, and subterranean systems. Wildlife and habitats in these areas compete with many land-uses such as ecotourism, production of forest crops, agriculture, and others that have the potential to both positively and negatively affect them. Many of these areas fall under some form of protection, with Belize having a greater proportion of its area under some form of protection and conservation management than any other country, and employing a variety of unique conservation strategies. Belize also has a diverse assemblage of peoples whose history and culture often influence wildlife, habitats, and conservation. These include Maya, Garifuna, Creole, Mennonites, and others. By experiencing these areas and peoples, students will receive a focused understanding of wildlife ecology and conservation in the tropics, and have the opportunity to contribute to the conservation of a key reserve in Belize.

Application deadline is December 15, 2010.

Applications considered on space-available basis, so please apply early.

Please apply online at: www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu

Financial Aid

University of Florida students needing financial aid should apply through UF Student Financial Affairs (SFA). Non-UF students needing financial aid must apply to their home institutions.

Housing

Students will stay in a variety of accommodations from dormitories to remote cabins. Rooms are typically double-occupancy. Linens are provided in some but not all places. All meals will be provided through a variety of venues.

Academic Credits

With prior approval, credits taken can satisfy major, minor, and university requirements. The course is for UF GPA credit.

FEES DUE UPON APPLICATION:

A $250 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is required at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 30 days prior to departure.

Effective Spring 2011 for 2010-11: Students will be charged local fees for UFGPA credit of $16.22 per undergraduate credit or $32.05 per graduate credit. These fees will be assessed and paid to UFS in addition to the program fee paid to the International Center.

Students receiving financial aid may defer payment until their financial aid disperses.

Not Included in the program fees:
UF local fees, round-trip airfare, additional personal travel and personal expenses.

To request special assistance or accommodations, please contact 352-273-1539, or contact the Florida Relay System at 1-800-955-8771.
Requests should be made up to 72 hours in advance.

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