WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Belize Study Adventure is open to all students with a minimum GPA of 2.25 (or permission of the instructor). Students receive 3 credits by registering for SOCI 395 or ANTH 395, and satisfy UWRF global perspectives (GP) and multidisciplinary (MD) requirements. Participation in the Belize Study Adventure requires openness to new experiences, challenges, and diversity. We are seeking students who have the desire to learn about Belize culture. history, wildlife, and policy issues regarding the conservation of Belize's precious natural resources. Students must be in a good state of health and fitness for activities require strenuous hiking, climbing, and swimming.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

A Pre-Application, located on the website, should be submitted to Prof. Robins to indicate interest. A completed application and all other required documents, found on the Global Connections website, along with a \$250 deposit, are due by November 19, 2013.

Call 715-425-4891

NEW FOR 2014!

We will spend several exciting days in Placencia, a lovely, coastal village on the Caribbean Sea. Our stay in Placenia is in addition to our usual activities at the jungle lodge in Cristo Rey and our beachfront hotel in San Pedro. You won't want to miss this unique chance to see three stunning Belize ecosystems all on the same trip! We will also have a one-night stay with a Belizean family this year.



LOW COST FOR 2014!

The estimated cost for 2014 is \$2,980 and includes the increased fare charged by the airlines. Transportation in Belize is also included, along with lodging, activities, guides, and most meals. Students may qualify for financial aid. Costs not included in the price of the study adventure are books, the international programs fee, insurance, passport, personal expenses, immunizations, and optional activities.



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See video from last year's program:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsM_FC Isxgs&feature=youtube

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fantastic coral formations ... huge fish, stingrays, sharks ... and you sharing the protected habitat of a national marine park ... Mayan temples thrusting out of the forest ... monkeys howling in the jungle canopy ... orchids and toucans ... the second largest cave system in the world ... a 1,000 ft. waterfall ... and cultures of the indigenous, African, and European traditions.

This is Belize!

Belize is a small Central American country nestled between Mexico, Guatemala, and the Caribbean Sea. Wildlife outnumbers people, 65% of the land is forest, and the second largest barrier reef in the world is just off shore.

THE STUDY ADVENTURE

The Belize Study Adventure is unique, for nowhere this close to home can students immerse themselves in such astonishing

biological and cultural diversity. The group will be based initially at a jungle lodge, venturing out to climb classic Mayan temples, float rivers, explore caves, hike jungle trails, and observe tropical wildlife unparalleled in the northern hemisphere. A day trip is planned to Guatemala to witness fabulous Tikal. The second half of the trip is spent on an island, and all activities are focused on the marine environment. We use only experienced guides, educators, and researchers who teach students about Belize history, geology, flora and fauna, cultural traditions, and the remarkable conservation-first posture that guides Belize's approach to sustainable development.



GOAL

The goal of the study adventure is to increase each student's appreciation of the importance of the conservation of diversity. Belize protects its lands, its

wildlife, and its marine ecosystem. Yet how can this tiny nation, the size of Massachusetts, afford to devote resources to conservation when its people also struggle to survive?

BELIZE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In Belize, conservation pays. It is by the very protection of Belize's natural treasures that the government, private sector, and public together strive to achieve a balance between the needs of people and the needs of the environment. Belize does not trade off one for the other. Each visitor to Belize is a witness to the special bond being created among all of nature's beings.

Rainforest and Reef: A Study Adventure to Belize.

Spring Break, March 8 – 22, 2014.



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The Adventure Continues!