Work collaboratively to...

design a project on a variety of taxa

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Tropical Field Biology and Conservation

Summer Field Course
for US and Gabon undergraduate students
July 14 – August 4, 2014

Organized by
University of New Orleans (UNO), Université des Sciences et Techniques de Masuku (USTM), and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)

For application instructions, please visit:
http://inst.uno.edu/Gabon
Application Deadline: December 6, 2013

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All travel, room and board will be provided free of charge.
Course outline:

- Ten week online seminar (Spring 2014)
  Topics include:
  - Principles of ecology and evolution
  - Natural history of study organisms
  - Field safety
  - Health and vaccination requirements
  - French language skills

- Three week field course in Gabon (July 14 – August 4)
  Pre-field training at USTM (July 14 – 18)
    Topics include:
    - Sampling design and methods
    - Data collection and management
    - Statistical analysis
    - Preparation for the field
    - First exam

  Ten day field trip to Lopé National Park, central Gabon (July 19 – 29)
    - Selection of study sites
    - Collection of field data
    - Organization of field journals
    - Preliminary analysis

  Post-field session at USTM (July 30 – August 4)
    - Analysis of field data
    - Preparation of research reports
    - Oral presentation of research
    - Second exam
    - Exit interviews

Requirements:

- Currently registered as an undergraduate at a U.S. institution
- Minimum GPA of 2.7
- One semester of sophomore level ecology or evolutionary biology
- One semester of college level French (can be taken in Spring 2014)
- Hold a valid passport and Gabon visa
- Obtain all necessary vaccinations
- Enjoy working in multi-cultural setting
- Able to work under physically strenuous conditions

Important Information:

Accessibility
The University of New Orleans is committed to providing an environment where all students have the opportunity to equally participate in the academic experience, including students with disabilities. Students with disabilities have rights as determined by federal and state laws which require institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for the student’s disability in order to afford an equal opportunity to participate in UNO’s programs, courses, and activities. Persons requiring disability-related accommodations should notify the program coordinator at the earliest possible date so that their needs may be properly assessed and accommodated.

Credits
This course and seminar is optionally available for a total of four credits at the 4000 level through UNO. UNO registration and applicable fees are necessary to receive these credits. A nominal participation fee of all successful applicants will be required.

Insurance
All students will be covered by a comprehensive study abroad medical insurance plan, provided by the program. This policy provides for medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation, repatriation of remains, and family assistance coverage. Extended coverage is available at an additional cost. The policy does not cover trip cancellation or baggage loss. More information on the insurance plan is available online at http://inst.uno.edu/insurance.cfm

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