

NRES 406/606: Natural Resources, Culture & Archaeology of the Mayan World

Places of Interest:

- **Belize Zoo**
- **IxChel Center**
- **The World's Second Largest Barrier Reef**
- **Tikal National Park and other Mayan sites**
- **Local traditional healers**
- **South Water Caye (Island)**

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Belize & Guatemala

Travel to Central America and experience unique cultures, lush forests and amazing wildlife, waterfalls and snorkeling in the beauty of the world's second largest barrier reef.

Learn about a different world by exploring some of the most famous and most remote extraordinary Mayan archaeological sites and gain insight into how they used their natural resource base to survive. Visit a traditional fishing village and Mennonite community. Hike through and compare forest types within a small geographical area including the tropical dry forest, rainforest, and tropical pine forest. Awake to howler monkeys, then bird watch and view spectacular native flora and fauna. Walk, swim, snorkel, fish, canoe and enjoy the wonderfully distinct worlds of Belize and Guatemala.



Left: Swimming at Big Rock Falls at Mt. Pine Ridge
Below: A curious Tapir and interacting with wildlife at the Belize Zoo



Credits and Application Deadline

Application: Deadline is **May 15**. Please complete and return application to International Programs along with a \$250 deposit (non-refundable).

Credits: Participants enroll for three credits of *Natural Resources 406/606: Natural Resources, Culture and Archaeology of the Mayan World*. **No prerequisites and Environmental Literacy and Non-Western designation applies.** The credit or audit option are available at same cost. Graduate credits can be arranged at an additional cost.

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Cost: \$4,100-\$4,600

(Estimate for up to 25 students.) The program costs include airfare (Chicago-Belize City-Chicago), lectures, accommodations, most meals, in country transportation, UW-system health/travel insurance, and 3 credits tuition for a WI resident (approx. \$70 surcharge Minnesota residents with approved reciprocity or \$250 surcharge for non-residents).

Deposit: Return completed application to CCC 108 with a \$250 (non-refundable, but transferable) deposit.

Withdrawal: Up to ten weeks before departure all fees except the initial deposit will be refunded. After that cancellation charges are assessed. If program is canceled by IP, all charges will be refunded.

Fishing for barracuda on South Water Caye (Island)



Above: Mayan ruins at Lamanai, Belize
Below: Traveling to see a herbal healer



Financial Aid Available!

Lodging and Travel:

Most overnight's are in hotels, lodges and medium end eco-resorts. Expect to participate and interact with up to 25 other students, adjust to a busy pace, be flexible, and take in all the wonderful sights, sounds, and smells.

Travel will be by bus and boat. Most parks and reserves are best seen by foot on hiking trails up to 12 kilometers in length and of various terrain (hilly, muddy, rocky). Wading to boats may be necessary.

Good physical condition is highly recommended.

Stay tuned for more information! Schedule is being finalized and airline tickets will be reserved in March!

Important Note: International Programs reserves the right to cancel, surcharge, or to alter the program due to the exchange rate and airline price fluctuation.



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