

BIOLOGY 380
Field Biology
Summer I 2008

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Course Description: BIO 380 Field Biology. This course provides students with an informative, stimulating, and hands-on introduction to field biology and field research. This course introduces undergraduate students to field methods and to the ecology and natural history of a particular geographic region. This course consists of two parts: a weekly seminar during the semester that introduces and discusses the geographic region and ecological system (i.e. Belize), and an off campus field trip to that location during a semester break. Minimum grade of C in (Bio 138/118, 139/119) or (BIO 161/111, 162/112), and consent of instructor.
Spring, Summer, Credit 3.

Prerequisite: None.

Text: Field guides to the birds, mammals, and plants of Belize are recommended.

Attendance and Performance: Students are expected to attend seminar classes. Roll will be taken. Seminars on Belize will be held during the spring semester 2008. Seminars and term papers with power point presentation will be given the first week of Summer I 2008.

Academic Dishonesty: Regulations and responsibilities stated in the *Student Code* and *Faculty Handbook* will be followed in the event of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty will not be overlooked.

Americans with Disabilities Act

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. No one currently registered for the course has a disability.

STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day including travel for that purpose. No religious holidays are occurring during our two week trip to Belize.

Final Exam: A grade will be awarded based on the term paper and power point presentation.

No textbook is necessary for this course even though field guides to the birds, mammals and plants of Belize are recommended. Several seminar periods discussing the ecology, demography, culture, and natural conservation projects underway in Belize will be conducted prior to the trip, spring 2008. A diary on daily activities, natural sites, flora and fauna observed during the two week trip will be a requirement of the course. A final term paper and power point presentation will be presented to available biology faculty the first week of Summer I 2008.