

UF in Australia

CONSERVATION & BIODIVERSITY

Summer A: May 17 - June 8, 2017

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College of Agricultural & Life Sciences

Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

PROGRAM

This program will focus on the identification, conservation, and natural history of Australian birds, mammals, amphibians & reptiles. We will meet the first week of Summer A on campus, then travel to Queensland, Australia where we will spend 22 full days in-country. While in Australia you will participate in a diversity of activities to facilitate observation of and learning about Australian wildlife. These include interpretive hikes with the instructor and Australian naturalists in national parks, reserves & other natural areas; use of various methods for wildlife capture (pitfall traps, cage traps, camera traps); and visits to zoos, aquariums & nature centers. During our time in Australia we will travel well over 2,000 km through much of northern Queensland. You must be willing to "rough it" at times since you will often be sleeping in dorms and preparing your own meals.

LOCATION

You will travel extensively in northern Queensland and spend time in the following towns/shires: Townsville, Cooktown, Charters Towers, Yungaburra, Cape Tribulation, and Cairns.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions will include: snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef, behind the scenes tours at several zoological parks, a river cruise to observe wild crocs, guided tours with Australian naturalists, and a night tour to Barkers Cave at Undara NP to observe bats depart for the night.

HOUSING

You will stay in caravan parks, hotels, national parks, hostels, and on a working cattle ranch.

DEVELOP an appreciation and understanding of Australian culture & social norms, and of the conservation issues affecting the country's unique wildlife

LEARN how to identify many species of Australian animals and about their natural history

EXPLORE a great diversity of terrestrial and marine habitats—from the Outback to the Great Barrier Reef



COURSE INFORMATION

WIS 4905: Conservation of Australian Wildlife

WIS 4905: Australian Vertebrate Biodiversity

Courses are taught by UF Faculty for 3 credits each

Total Number of Credits Offered: 6

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

2017 Application Deadline: **March 15, 2017**

Please apply online at: www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas

ELIGIBILITY | REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Essay
- Interview with Faculty Program Director

2017 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: **\$5,264**

A \$350 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferment decision will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tuition for 6 credits, in-country transportation, most meals, all lodging, numerous excursions, guest speakers, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, a few meals, additional personal travel, and personal expenses.



FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus during the summer can be applied toward the cost of this study abroad program; however, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Affairs. You must speak with your financial aid advisor to determine what aid can be applied to the cost of this program, including scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UFIC offers summer scholarships for qualified students. This year's summer scholarship deadline is **February 10, 2017**.

Apply online at: www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/scholarships/html