

# UF in Nicaragua

WETLANDS and WILDLIFE

Summer B: June 26 - August 4, 2017 (Class Dates)

July 3 - July 19, 2017 (In-Country)

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

## PROGRAM

This program consists of two weeks of distance education classes and three weeks of international travel. You will gain knowledge in theoretical and practical applications of natural resource management, visit national parks & nature reserves exploring different design and implementation strategies, and participate in hands-on activities to investigate how science is collected, analyzed, and communicated to decision makers for management planning.

## LOCATION

The central location for the program is the Isla Juan Venado Nature Reserve in Leon, Nicaragua. The island is managed by the local government, a university, and the indigenous community with oversight by the central government. A management plan exists, but to date, there is no implementation plan. The nature reserve will be used as a living laboratory to examine biophysical, institutional, and human dimensions of tropical ecosystem management. Students will prepare proposals to advance management planning for the reserve through case study analyses and hands-on learning.

## EXCURSIONS

You will participate in field excursions to several managed areas to examine variations in design and implementation currently used in Nicaragua. The site visits are used to encourage student discussions when considering management scenarios and recommendations for the Isla Juan Venado Nature Reserve.

## HOUSING

You will sleep in hostels as you explore the Pacific coast of Nicaragua.

**DESIGN** management strategies for conservation

**DEVELOP** skills to gather stakeholder input for natural resource management and outreach

**ACQUIRE** knowledge in international conservation and management

**LEARN** new techniques to integrate, governance, biophysical and human dimensions science

**UNDERSTAND** challenges and opportunities for resource conservation



## COURSE INFORMATION

**SWS 4932/6932: Wetlands and Wildlife**  
(6 UFGPA Credits)

Course is taught by UF Faculty

Total Number of Credits Offered: 6

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

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

Please apply online at:

[abroad.ufic.ufl.edu/?go=UFinNicaragua](http://abroad.ufic.ufl.edu/?go=UFinNicaragua)

## ELIGIBILITY | REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors (natural resources background preferred)
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Students in good standing
- One-page essay
- Interview with faculty

## 2017 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: **\$3,316**

Graduate Program Fee: **\$3,812**

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 decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tuition for 6 UF GPA credits, housing, meals (breakfast, lunch, & dinner), food & bottled water, excursions, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, 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](http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/scholarships.html)

