

UF in Swaziland

WILDLIFE ECOLOGY

Summer A: May 23 - June 13, 2017

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Department of Wildlife, Conservation, and Ecology

PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide students with an opportunity for hands-on learning in one of the most diverse and complex ecosystems on the planet. You will learn field skills, wildlife and plant identification, wildlife research techniques, and African wildlife ecology. Upon completion of the course, you will:

- 1) Be able to identify common plants, mammals, birds, and herpetofuana in lowland savannah ecosystems;
- 2) Understand the basics of research study design and be familiar with survey and research methodologies;
- 3) Understand the life history of vertebrates in the savannah community and have a firm knowledge of the interaction between the environment, vegetation and animals in the lowland savannah ecosystem.

Students will visit protected areas and experience African wildlife. They will conduct research, engage in Swazi culture and live in the African bush.

LOCATION

Swaziland is one of the smallest countries in Africa. This course will be centered at nature reserves in Swaziland and Kruger National Park, South Africa.

HOUSING

Participants will stay at three separate localities during the trip: a backpacker's lodge with residence hall-style rooms in the center of Swaziland, the campground at the Mlawula Nature Reserve, and the Crocodile Bridge Camp at Kruger National Park in South Africa. Camping equipment will be provided where needed.

LEARN basic field survival skills, wildlife and plant identification, wildlife research techniques, research design, and conservation

EXPLORE protected areas throughout Swaziland

RESEARCH elephant impact in Kruger National Park and Swaziland

ENGAGE in Swazi culture and live in the African bush



COURSE INFORMATION

WIS 4934: African Culture, Conservation and Management

(3 UF GPA credits each)

WIS 4934: African Wildlife Ecology

(3 UF GPA credits each)

Courses are taught by UF professor Dr. Robert McCleery and guest lecturers, Dr. Ara Monadjem (University of Swaziland), Richard Boycott, and Kim Rouques.

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

This program may reach its capacity before the deadline.
Please apply early to ensure that your application is considered.

ELIGIBILITY | REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors, 3.0 GPA or higher
- Interview with Program Director
- Prerequisite Coursework (3-credit ecology)

2017 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: **\$3,600**

Graduate Program Fee: **\$4,096**

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, accommodation, meals, transportation, park fees, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, 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.

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