

UF in Venezuela

University of Florida Study Abroad

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A launch carries a group of students to a secluded, mangrove-fringed bay in Parque Nacional Henri Pittier.



Parque Nacional Henri Pittier is near Maracay, Venezuela.

The Entomology and Nematology Department at the University of Florida offers students an opportunity to earn two lab credits studying tropical biodiversity at a national park in Venezuela — Parque Nacional Henri Pittier.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Ensure you have a valid passport months in advance. If you are not a US citizen, you may need a Venezuelan visa. Apply early.
- ✓ You will meet friendly people who cannot or will not speak English. Here is a wonderful opportunity to practice your Spanish.
- ✓ You will have no permit to bring insect specimens back from Venezuela. Take photos instead.
- ✓ You will need Venezuelan currency (Bolivares = Bs.). If you can get exchange rates better than at Miami airport, do so.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Courses taught by UF Faculty – UF GPA credit

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

- ENY 3563 (lectures) — on UF campus
- ENY 3564L (laboratory) — in Venezuela

GRADUATE LEVEL

- ENY 5566 (lectures) — on UF campus
- ENY 5564 (laboratory) — in Venezuela

Lectures are the same for graduates and undergraduates. Grades depend upon your answers in two tests: Graduates try to answer all questions; undergraduates pick a subset of questions to answer.

The laboratory (field trip) is the same for graduates and undergraduates. You will design a field project before you go to Venezuela (with advice from the instructor). You are expected to give a verbal report on your project to your classmates while you are in Venezuela and, after you return, prepare a written report with any appropriate statistical tests. Projects of undergraduate students are judged more leniently. Grades depend on your verbal and written reports on your project.

Application Deadline:
March 23, 2009





*Insect life at Parque Nacional Henri Pittier displays rich biodiversity. This beetle on a tree is *Acrocinus longimanus*.*

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This 10-day trip (including two travel days) is designed for students who have no tropical experience, to show them tropical biodiversity. Students will stay in a national park under the auspices of Venezuela's foremost university, Universidad Central de Venezuela, and will see and learn about insects in natural and agricultural ecosystems. In Venezuela, students will not only conduct individual projects in the park, but also will meet faculty members and students of Universidad Central.

Scholarships

Online applications for TERM scholarships are available at www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu.

Academic Credits

On UF Campus

ENY 3563: 3 credits
ENY 5566: 3 credits

In Venezuela

ENY 3564L: 2 credits
ENY 5564: 2 credits

Housing

You will stay in Parque Nacional Henri Pittier, Venezuela's oldest and largest national park. Accommodation there is primitive — no telephones, television, restaurant, air conditioning, convenience store or vending machines), but it is a wonderful place to observe nature and will cost you per night little more than the cost of a meal at Burger King. There may be hot-water showers and one washing machine and dryer (no guarantee).

Financial Aid

University of Florida students needing financial aid should apply through UF Student Financial Affairs (SFA). Non-UF students needing financial aid must apply to their home institutions.

Health Insurance

Major medical health insurance coverage while outside the United States is **mandatory** for all UF students. Verification of major medical health insurance coverage which meets UF standards is required.

Eligibility

A basic entomology course (introduction to entomology, or insect identification, from UF or another university) is a requirement to register for any part of this course.

Trip Cost

About \$1,100, including round-trip airfare and accommodation.

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