The goal of this program is to provide knowledge on how Non-Governmental Organizations (nonprofits) are managed to promote social developments and environmental conservation around the globe. This program includes travels across Belize for field visits with 10 NGOs for a deeper understanding on their operations & impacts. Program assessments include case studies, field visit logs, discussions & presentations.

Belize is a country in the Caribbean, bordered by Mexico, Guatemala, and the Caribbean Sea. It is renowned for its ancient treasures, welcoming residents, and natural beauty. This program will provide students many opportunities to observe its society, cultures, and vibrant ecosystems.

The program includes several excursions to major landmarks and cultural sites, including the Belize Barrier Reef (second largest in the world), St. Herman Blue Hole, Xunantunich Mayan Ruins, a Maya village, and more!

Students will stay in the dormitories of Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, an environmental NGO located between Belize City and Belmopan on a 1000 acre conservation land bordering the Sibun River. Each week during the program, the group will also stay two days in the dorms of Las Cuevas Research Station, Tobacco Caye, Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, and Punta Gorda for field visits to protected marine and forest areas.

All students will earn credit for the following courses:

- FYC 4427/FYC 6423: Non-Governmental Organizations (3 credits)
- FYC 4932/FYC 6932: NGOs - The Field Study (3 credits)

Total Number of Credits Offered: 6 UF GPA
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
— Open to all majors and both undergraduate and graduate students
— Must have a 2.5 GPA or higher
— Must be in good standing
— Will be required to attend an information session and an interview

PRICING
Undergraduate Program Fee: $TBD
Graduate Program Fee: $TBD
A $425 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 credits, housing, all meals, program excursions and travel, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED
Round-trip airfare, course textbook, additional personal travel and expenses.

FINANCIAL AID
Most financial aid that you would receive on campus can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by SFA.

SCHOLARSHIPS
UFIC offers many study abroad scholarships, with various eligibility criteria. The Summer 2025 scholarship deadline is TBD. Apply on our website!