

UF IN ESWATINI & SOUTH AFRICA

WILDLIFE ECOLOGY | SUMMER A 2022

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College of Agricultural & Life Sciences

Department of Wildlife, Conservation, & Ecology

Courses are taught by UF faculty

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UFIC Website

internationalcenter.ufl.edu

Application Deadline

March 1, 2022



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 African culture, and live in the African bush.

LOCATION

Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland, is one of the smallest countries in Africa. This program will be centered at nature reserves in Eswatini as well as South Africa, including Kruger National Park.

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.



COURSE INFORMATION

WIS 4934: African Savannah Wildlife Ecology (3 credits)
Weeks 1-2, Taught by Dr. Robert McCleery

WIS 4934: Molecular Ecology in Application (3 credits)
Weeks 3-4, Taught by Dr. James Austin

Total Number of Credits Offered: 6 UF GPA

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Must be in good standing
- Must interview with program director
- Prerequisite coursework: 3-credit Ecology course

2022 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: TBA

Graduate Program Fee: TBA

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, 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 can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Affairs.

SCHOLARSHIPS


UFIC offers many study abroad scholarships, with various eligibility criteria. The Summer 2022 scholarship deadline is February 10, 2022. Apply on our website!



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