

Summer 2012

Open to non-students and for audit

Tropical Field Ecology

PANAMA

BIO 126



This 3 CREDIT COURSE provides an introduction to the ecology and biodiversity of the Neotropics. Following a short on-campus introduction, the entire course is held on-site in Panama. We will visit a wide array of habitat types from highland cloud forest (some reached by horseback), to lowland rainforest and coastal systems, which will include snorkeling in coral reefs on an island off the Pacific coast. In taking the course you would be directly contributing to conservation efforts in Panama by supporting our enlightened tour agency that plows a proportion of profits back into cloud forest conservation. One of the cloud forest sites that we will visit is remote, and on private land, and has been found to harbor new species of frogs, orchids and beetles.

SUNY Ulster biologist Dr. David Lemmon is the instructor and is accompanied in Panama by bilingual naturalist guides. In addition, a Panamanian herpetologist has been invited to be an additional instructor on the course and there may be guest lectures by scientists from area field research stations. This summer's trip will be the 12th offering of the course

May 21—June 2, 2012

Cost: about \$2,490

There is a staggered payment plan

The trip cost covers almost everything: all transport, lodging, food, and tuition. (Passport and vaccinations are extra)

For more information

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