Program Details

The twin-island Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis has faced a serious environmental problem for over 300 years - the presence of a highly adaptable and crop-hungry invasive non-human primate: the African green vervet monkey (Chlorocebus aethiops sabaeus). This program exposes students to three interrelated disciplines relevant to assessing and understanding this real-world conservation issue: non-human primate behavior, geographic information systems, and human-primate conflict. In St. Kitts, students will have the opportunity to study free ranging and captive primates, utilize GPS and GIS techniques in the field and in the laboratory, and learn about vervet monkeys' agricultural impact in St. Kitts and Nevis through first-hand observations and conversations with Kittitian and Nevisian farmers.

Course Offerings

Students will enroll in one of the following 3-credit courses for the program:

- BIOL/ENSC 101-150 Environmental Issues in St. Kitts

Note: Short-term courses may fulfill elective credit for the Global Studies minor or serve as a Foreign Culture credit or for the Cultural Diversity requirement, as well as core/major/minor requirements. Speak with your Academic Advisor for more information.

Program Director

Prof. Kerry Dore has extensive experience working with primates and has been conducting research in St. Kitts and Nevis for four years. A second instructor/chaperone will also accompany the group to assist with logistics and safety.

Students interested in the program must meet with the program director to discuss program details and to receive permission to enroll in the program. NOTE: MIP will register students for the course/program.

Academics

Lectures and discussions will be held at Marist College during the spring semester and will allow students to become familiar with the issues facing St. Kitts and Nevis. Course meeting dates will be announced.

The goal of this program is to give students hands-on experience investigating a real-world conservation issue in St. Kitts and Nevis - agricultural crop predation by the African green vervet monkey. This program is composed of two courses (dual-listed in environmental science and biology).

Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled orientation/class sessions.

Program Highlights

- Program travels to St. Kitts and Nevis.
- Site visits to select cultural and historical places of interest.

Program Fee

Program fee: $3,900

Program Inclusions

- Roundtrip Air
- On-site Airport Transfer
- On-site Program Transportation
- Accommodation (double/triple occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (breakfast)
- Welcome and Farewell Dinner
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance
- Travel Insurance (limitations apply)
- Farewell Dinner

Financials

The program fee will be included in the Spring Semester invoice and payment is due by early January. If the course is added during the spring add/drop period the course/program fees must be paid in full at time of enrollment.

A Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your spring semester course load (12-16 credits). Additional charges apply over 16 credits.

TuitionPay offers a spring-only monthly payment plan option. Payments may be spread over four (4) months, and can be set up in November with the first payment due in December. Call 1.800.635.0120 or visit www.tuitionpay.com for information.

Alternative loans information: www.marist.edu/financialaid.

For Additional Information

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