



PANAMA

Conservation and Ecology of a Caribbean Island

BIO 421 (4 credits)

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This is a spring semester course that includes spending ten days of travel and field-work in Panama in late May. This course covers topics in history and geology of the Caribbean with an emphasis on the island of Boca del Toros in Panama, as well as topics such as terrestrial, island and marine biodiversity, and the ecology and evolution of populations. Discussions include the impact of an agriculturally-based economy versus a tourist economy on the environment in general and the reef in particular.

Other topics include community-based management and local wildlife policies, the history of the establishment of a rainforest as a natural preserve, ethnobotany, and the natural history of the region. Other activities in Panama include snorkeling on reefs, canopy access training, caving, a tour of the Panama Canal Zone, and lectures at the Institute for Tropical Ecology and Conservation.

Students are encouraged to apply for travel scholarships in the Global Education Office.

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