

THE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- Subject** Natural Resources in Belize
- Dates** May 24 – June 8 (approximate)
- Credits** 3 credits
- Housing** Various lodging within Belize, including research stations and private lodges
- Costs** Program fee: \$2800
Tuition and fees **not included**
Lodging, airfare from Roanoke & most meals provided
Scholarships available



Note: Virginia Tech reserves the right to make cancellations, date and cost adjustments, and other necessary changes to the program.

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Rainforest to Reef, Resource Management in Belize: Forest Products, Invasive Species, Wildlife and Culture



VT students studying in Belize

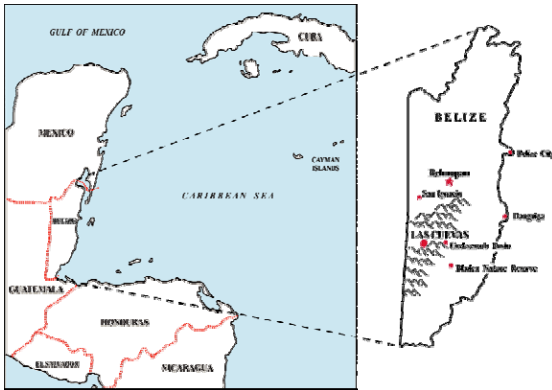
**A study abroad course in Belize
offered by the
College of Natural Resources and
College of Agriculture and Life
Sciences**

May 24 – June 8, 2010

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The program will bring faculty, Virginia Cooperative Extension agents, and students together to learn about the range of natural resource issues in Belize. Issues in Belize such as producer cooperatives, ecotourism, forest products conservation and certification, and invasive species management are all very relevant to Virginia. We will focus on learning issues and skills that will transfer back to the United States.

LOCATION



Belize is a stable, English-speaking democracy that is only a 3-hour flight from Charlotte, NC. It has extensive areas of tropical forest, amazing wildlife, and many significant Mayan sites. It is also a country dealing with critical questions regarding the future of development, natural resource utilization, habitat preservation and ecotourism.

DATES OF PROGRAM

May 26 – June 8, 2009

COST

The course cost is \$2800. This will include housing, transportation costs, lodging, admission to various sites, and most meals. Scholarships are available.

Cost does not include tuition or the cost of some meals.

ITINERARY (subject to change)

DAY 1 – Fly into Belize City and go to the Tropical Education Center

DAY 2 – Visit the Community Baboon Center, travel to Mountain Pine Ridge, Forest Reserve

DAY 3 – Mtn Pine Ridge area, visit, reduced-impact logging operation;

DAY 4 – Travel to Las Cuevas Research Station, Lectures and field tours 360° view above the canopy, Blacklighting

DAY 5 – LCERS – small mammal trapping, river hike

DAY 6 – Visit Caracol (Mayan site), Travel to San Ignacio

DAY 7 – San Ignacio area – Visit Central Farm, Ag Extension, local honey producer Africanize bees



Photo shows Las Cuevas Research Station, located in Chiquibul Forest Reserve and National Park.

DAY 8 – San Ignacio – visit furniture operation, Head to Orange Walk District, visit lumber mill

DAY 9 – Hill Bank tropical forest, reduced impact logging and FSC certification, night drive, crocodile viewing

DAY 10 – Program for Belize, Ecotourism and Mayan culture

DAY 11 – Head to the Cayes – Caye Caulker – Reef ecology (kayak/snorkel)

DAY 12 – Lobster producer cooperatives in Caye Caulker region

DAY 13 – Finalize travel journals, local service-learning project

DAY 14 – Head back to the USA