Pantanal is a huge, seasonally-flooded wetland in the middle of South America with some of the most spectacular concentrations of wildlife on Earth. Some rare and endangered species almost impossible to see elsewhere make their home at the Pantanal. Caimans, giant otters, tapirs, giant anteaters, capybaras, hyacinth macaws and jabiruses are some of the many fascinating birds and animal species seen on the Pantanal. Students will stay at the Pantanal Research Field station overlooking the Miranda river and will work with a diversity of amphibians and reptiles in the South Pantanal. Students will be involved in capture and biometry of amphibians and reptiles, setting traps to intercept them and pitfall data evaluation. In addition to the biological explorations, students will have the opportunity to compare ecological differences of two different biomas, cerrado and Pantanal. There will be a day trip to Corumba on the Brazilian border with Bolivia to see the biggest and smallest water plants on Earth, as well as a visit to a center for treating wildlife and the zoology collections from Federal University of Mato Grasso do Sul.

Tentative Itinerary

Saturday, June 14: Depart for Campo Grande, Brazil. Take a taxi from the airport to a hotel at Campo Grande. Check in at the hotel. Meet Brazilian Herpetologist from Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul, Dr. Vanda Ferreira.


Monday, June 16: Orientation lecture. Training for field activities.

Tuesday, June 17: Field Activities, evening discussion

Wednesday, June 18: Field Activities, evening discussion.

Thursday, June 19: Field Activities, evening discussion.

Friday, June 20: Field Activities, evening discussion focused on data analysis.

Saturday, June 21: Field Activities, evening presentations.

Sunday, June 22: Day trip to Corumba

Monday, June 23: River tour - Mirand river. Afternoon taxi van transfer to Campo Grande. Departure to the airport for returning to USA.
Housing and Meals
Students will stay at the Pantanal Research Station overlooking Miranda River. Meals will be provided at the Field Station.

Program Costs
The cost information below lists all costs included in the program fee, and estimates for additional expenses. There is no additional tuition charge for this program for SUNY Oswego students.

Program Fee: $2195.00

The program fee includes the following:
• International flight;
• Most meals;
• River Tours;
• Day trip to Corumba (border with Bolivia)
• Site visits in Campo Grande and Corumba
• Repatriation insurance coverage;
• Accommodations; and
• Student visa

The program fee does not include:
• Passport cost- $100.00;
• Spending Money- $100.00;
• Additional Meals- $100.00;
• Pre-departure inoculations; and
• Connecting Flight - (cost varies).

The above are estimates and vary per individual spending habits.

Course Enrollment & Requirements
The study visit is a required component of the 3 credit “BIO 393: Int’l Environmental Studies” course. The course meets weekly during Q4, and a course syllabus with course requirements is available on our website.

Qualifications
Interested students will be registered for Q4 course “BIO 393:International Environmental Studies” during course registration by the Office of International Education and Programs.

Payment Dates
December 1, 2007 $250 deposit due
January 15, 2008 Program Balance due

Applications
Submit completed application with $250 deposit by December 1st to the Office of International Education and Programs. Earlier applications strongly encouraged. Refer to http://www.oswego.edu/intled for application and registration instructions.

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