Undergraduate Courses Offered

Participants will register for a total of 4 credits. All students following the Stony Brook Curriculum (SBC) will fulfill GLO, and EXP+.

All participants will register for the following course:

- **BIO 380** Entomology - 4 credits
  Prerequisite courses are not required. Permission of the Director is required.

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January 2 - 22

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Program Description

The course is designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the systematics, ecology, behavior, physiology, and evolution of one of the most important, and certainly the most diverse group of organisms on Earth, the insects. The insects represent over half of the planet’s biological diversity. The course will focus on why insects are so astonishingly diverse. Lectures will be devoted largely to general aspects of insect biology, including morphology, physiology, behavior, ecology, phylogenetics, and evolution. It is impossible to appreciate much of these major topics in biology without a firm grasp of the diversity of insects, which is, in itself, one of the major reasons for studying entomology. Labs will focus on insect specimen preparation, morphology, and identification.

Tropical Entomology

The course will be offered at the world renowned La Selva and Palo Verde Biological Stations in Costa Rica. La Selva affords an ideal, incredibly beautiful location for the course. The station is sited at the base of a volcano, whose slopes provide a unique elevation biodiversity/micro-climate transect. It offers housing, meals, laboratory space, and microscopes. There is a well-marked trail system for students to carry out their collecting and field projects. Moreover, the station is home to a vibrant research community with which students can freely interact if they wish. There is a long and illustrious tradition of entomological research at La Selva. The course will also visit the Palo Verde Station, which represents one of the largest remnants of tropical dry forest.

Apply Online

www.stonybrook.edu/studyabroad/process.html

- By October 1, 2016
- Late applications considered at the Study Abroad advisor’s discretion

Eligibility

- Language proficiency is NOT required
- Undergraduate students in good academic standing (2.0 GPA or higher)

Living Arrangements

- Residence-hall style accommodation

Program and Tuition Fees

- Application Fee................................................. $60
- Administrative Fee........................................... $200
- Undergraduate Tuition (subject to change)
  - NY residents per credit................................. $270
  - Non-residents per credit............................... $988
- Program Fee .................................................. $3,200 (Includes housing, three meals per day, group excursions, and international health insurance)
- Additional costs: Airfare and personal expenses are not included in the Program Fee. Flight information will be released to accepted applicants.

Costs are subject to change at any point.