



INTERNATIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCE - BELIZE

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Short video sponsored by the Belizean Tourism Board
- PowerPoint Presentation with Program Highlights
- Application deadlines and proposed budget/cost of trip
- Q & A
- Watson College Promo Video
- Conclusion





FAQ's - What?

- Education 455/592 - INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FIELD EXPERIENCE (GRADES K-12)
 - Students will be required to participate in seminars during both the Fall and Spring semesters to prepare for the field experience
 - Course requirements addresses the 5+ week international field experience
 - Pre-service teachers will be placed in Belizean schools with local teachers. UNCW teacher candidates will teach and assist with daily functions including instructional methodology and practice, classroom supervision and professional development.



San Pedro Town

Typical
Belizean
Automobile





FAQ's - Where/When?

- Where?
 - San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize
 - The location is a 'cultural center' and there are many historical, language, ecological, geological, and marine (etc.) similarities with our location in Wilmington, NC
 - Belize shares direct relationships to our state's geographic location
 - We plan for students to engage in three/four required cultural excursions to several diverse Belizean sites
- When?
 - Tentatively scheduled to begin March 18th and April 26th;

Belizean Children

This our first
reading our
UNCW
published
ABC's book of
Belize (2011)!





Who?

- Application open to:
 - Both undergraduate and graduate students completing all necessary course requirements prior to internship (ensuring NC teacher certification)
 - Special education, pre-K, elementary, middle, and secondary pre-service teachers from all content areas
 - High achieving / highly motivated students willing to complete required internship requirements in only 10 weeks (as opposed to 15 weeks)
 - Applications will be posted by Friday, August 29th.

Mayan Temple Exploring

What a team
of
adventurers!





How?

- Students begin and complete their “traditional” internship in a Southeastern North Carolina classroom with a partnership (host) teacher for first 10 weeks
 - January thru Mid-March
- Student completes final five weeks of field experience in a Belizean school
 - Mid-March thru late April





San Pedro High School

Wait until
you see the
view from the
top of the
school!





Why? 21st Century Standards

- Standard III: Teachers know the content they teach
 - Teachers recognize the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines.
 - Teachers promote global awareness and its relevance to the subjects they teach.
 - <http://www.ncptsc.org/Final%20Standards%20Document.pdf>



La Isla Bonita Elementary

We are proud of
our student
projects!





Why? UNCW's Seven Strategic Goals

- Create an educational environment that prepares our students to be global citizens.
 - UNCW is working to increase significantly the number of international students enrolled and to send more of our own students abroad, making it easy, natural, and affordable for them to make those transformative journeys to other lands.
 - <http://www.uncw.edu/aboutuncw/mission.html>

Mr. Kelly in the Cantina

Anyone for Cow
Foot Soup?

Anyone?





Why? Syllabus Rationale

- This course will provide daily experiences in a selected school abroad.
- Students will keep BLOGS, create a documentary and provide selected analysis of the similarities and differences of the system studied.
- This course will focus on:
 - current issues and trends in education;
 - the development, implementation, and assessment of curricular materials;
 - the evaluation and use of methodology in the classroom as well as other effective instructional strategies to teach the content in the elementary/middle/secondary schools.



**San Pedro
High School
Science Class**

What a
discovery!





Trip Cost to Students

- **Overall Cost of trip – \$3,500 - \$4,500**
- Cost of enrollment in the class – FREE!
- Cost includes over five weeks of housing, excursions to sensitive environmental and Mayan cultural sites, and transfers around the country.
- International and Domestic Airfare– Total between \$600.00 and \$800.00.
- Food and beverage are additional costs – will try to estimate later.
- Incidentals and souvenirs – no estimate
- **The transformative experience – Priceless!**



Making Great Friends!

Learning to drum
with our friends in
Dangriga of
Garifuna origins!





Questions?

- What happens if a student isn't successful in the traditional internship?
- What happens if a student isn't "successful" with their Belizean placement?
- How will we determine student success if prior experience doesn't exist?
- Planning for what can be learned?



Promotional Video

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcofANeenRo&feature=c4-overview&list=UU4kM1cKk7xBuTxXxeFVQ1Vw>





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