

Belize: Global Health and Service Learning

Extending the WKU mission by promote wellness of body, mind, and environment both locally sand globally.

COURSES

DH 360
NURS 317
SWRK 495
SWRK 695
CD 589
PH 456

ACCOMMODATIONS

Belize City, Gales Point, Lamanai
Hotels

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is a curriculum-based service learning project. A joint effort among multiple faculty and department in Health and Human Services, this program allows students to earn credit while doing good works.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To provide service learning experiences to students in the College of Health and Human Services
2. To provide a community-based participatory research environment
3. To collaborate with the Belizean healthcare system at a national, regional, and local level to improve the long-term health and human services of Belize.

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: Belize City, Gales Point, Lamanai, Belize

ACADEMIC TERM: Winter 2014: January 6 - January 14, 2014

ITINERARY *(subject to change)*

Jan 3 Orientation/Packing	Jan 10 Clinic/School
Jan 4 Group Packing - WKU	Jan 11 Gales Point Optional Excursion
Jan 5 Group Packing - WKU	Jan 12 Travel to Lamanai
Jan 6 Depart for Belize	Jan 13 Lamanai – Myan Ruins
Jan 7 Travel to Gales Point	Jan 14 Travel to Nashville
Jan 8 Gales Point Clinic	Jan 16 Debriefing at WKU
Jan 9 Clinic/School	

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

Program Leaders

Jan Sandidge - Program Leader
Rebecca Schwartz – Assistant Leader
Joseph Evans (DH)
Patricia Desrosiers (SWRK)
Jeanette Gullett (Nursing)
Kimberly Green (CD)
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ELIGIBILITY

- Graduate student in good standing (Graduate Catalog p.30).
- Undergraduate students with 3.2 cumulative GPA or good standing in the Honors College.
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

BASE PACKAGE

Cost: \$2999

Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours (\$1,090 value)
- One-night accommodations in Belize City
- Five-night accommodations in Gales Point
- Two-night accommodations in Belize City
- Daily breakfast and some lunches and some dinners in Cuba
- Airport transfers in Belize
- Course-related ground transportation in Belize
- Round-trip flight between Nashville and Belize City
- International medical insurance

Excluded from Base Package

- Items not explicated list in package.
- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Meals, services, and beverages not included on-board or during course-related field programs.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight changes.
- Visa/immigration fees.
- Airport taxes (payable only in cash locally).

- Meals & Services and beverages not mentioned in the program
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight not associated with program changes

Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts. Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.

Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p>Payment Schedule: October 1 - Priority deadline for application with non-refundable \$250 deposit * January 6, 2014 - First installment: \$1,000 March 6, 2014 - Second installment: \$1,500 May 6, 2013 - Balance due.</p> <p>* Applications accepted on a first-come, first-served, rolling basis until October 1, 2013.</p>	<p>Refund due to Withdrawal or Non-payment: After October 1, 2013 and before November 1, 2013: \$1500. After November 1, 2013 and before December 1, 2013: \$1000. After December 1, 2014: No refund.</p> <p>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</p>
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LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ENTER AS NEEDED
- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the voyage. The expiration must be beyond July 20, 2014.

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