Ecology, Behavior, and Conservation of Manatees & Dolphins
A Unique Field Course in the Belize Barrier Reef Lagoon System

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Want to be a Conservation Biologist, Behavioral Ecologist or Marine Mammalogist?
Here's your chance to join our research team for two intense weeks of total immersion into the world of animal behavior, ecology & conservation, Antillean manatees, bottlenose dolphins, coral reefs, mangroves and seagrass beds in Belize!

Course Overview: This is an experiential learning field course where you will live, work, and study from a marine science field station on a pristine, private island off the coast of Belize. Additionally, you will visit one or more Community Conservation Sites in Belize. Data collected during the course will contribute to our long-term manatee/dolphin research project. You will learn through a variety of learning activities, literature review and discussion, independent research projects, and actual field research. Be prepared to rise with the sun and spend 8-10 hours outdoors, including 3-4 hours on the water each day learning about the tropical Caribbean environment as we explore a maze of mangrove islands, seagrass beds, and coral patches searching for elusive manatees and charismatic dolphins.

Location: Spanish Bay Conservation & Research Center at Hugh Parkey's Belize Adventure Lodge, http://belizeadventurelodge.com/ and Sarteneja Alliance for Conservation & Development, http://sartenejaconservation.org/. Passport required, immunizations as recommended by CDC

Your Share of the Costs: US$2995 includes housing, meals, ground & water transfer fees, research & materials fees; DOES NOT include airfare, books, tips, and credit hours.

Credit Hours: The course provides 100 experiential learning and lecture hours in the field, plus approximately 35 hours of pre-fielding research and preparation, is comparable to a 3 credit hour university course and meets the US DOE criteria in 34 CFR, §600.2. **Deadlines:** Early registration & and deposit due February 1st, 2012; regular registration & deposit due March 1st, 2012; balance due at least 60 days prior to field dates. Late payments and late registrations (if space available) incur a $100 late fee.

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