

PRIMATE RESEARCH

THROUGH CENTRE COLLEGE



"RESEARCH IN PRIMATE BEHAVIOR" IS PART OF A NEW COLLABORATION BETWEEN CENTRE, SEWANEE, AND RHODES.

NEW COLLABORATION

The presidents of Rhodes College, Sewanee-The University of the South, and Centre College enthusiastically have initiated a new study abroad collaboration for the first time. Summer study abroad courses offered by each of these institutions are available to students from all three colleges. "Research in Primate Behavior," a summer course taught for many years by Melissa Burns-Cusato, Dowling Associate Professor of Behavioral Neuroscience at Centre, is now available to students from Rhodes and Sewanee.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Although the course is designed around primate field research, students gain valuable experience in all elements of the research process: literature review, experimental design, multiple types of research methods, statistical analyses, and the interpretation and presentation of research findings. Discussions and day trips to explore the island culture of Barbados also are included in the trip itinerary. Offered every other year since 2009, "Research in Primate Behavior" has proven to be an effective way to combine an exciting and safe study abroad experience with the opportunity to practice valuable skills needed to be competitive when pursuing graduate study in many research areas. Moreover, the behavior of the monkeys in and around the Barbados Wildlife Reserve (Centre's field site) is predictable. This allows for off-site, comfortable, safe student housing in hotel suites.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course, **Research in Primate Behavior in Barbados (BNS 450** through Centre College), offers students the opportunity to study feral green monkeys (*Chlorocebus sabaeus*) in their natural habitat. Students will gain a thorough understanding of the behavior of green monkeys and develop proficiency in the methods and data analysis techniques commonly used in field research. After familiarizing themselves with the behavior of the monkeys, students will develop a research question, collect appropriate behavioral data, conduct statistical analyses, and present their findings. Furthermore, students will gain an appreciation for the rich culture, history and ecology of Barbados, especially as they relate to green monkeys; and identify ways to improve or sustain the deteriorating natural habitat of the green monkeys. Visits with Bajan natives and government organizations will deepen students' understanding of the impact of the monkey population on the island country.

APPLICATIONS DUE: February 15, 2017

Applications for the course can be found at:

www.centre.edu/about-6/study-abroad/summer-abroad

TRAVEL DATES: June 1 - June 22, 2017

COST: \$3,600 (includes round trip airfare from Louisville, Nashville, or Memphis, lodging, meals, and admission fees)

- March 1, 2017: \$500 deposit due
- April 5, 2017: balance must be paid in full

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