

WFSC/ENTO 451: Caribbean Research Seminar (1 credit) Summer, 2013

Location: Archbold Tropical Research and Education Center

Meeting Times: May 18 – June 09, 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM

SYLLABUS

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Prerequisites: Minimum GPA of 2.25, background in natural or social sciences disciplines; preferred background, ecology, systematics, behavior or natural resources coursework.

Objectives and Learning Outcomes: The primary objective of this portion of the course is to learn how to document research activities and observations on Dominican society, culture, and daily life in a journal format. We assess the ability of student to carefully document daily experiences from an organized, scientific perspective. We also encourage creativity in describing the broader cultural experience.

Textbook or Resource Material: Materials are contingent upon the research interests of the individual students. Relevant reserve readings will be made available during the class. We will have a small library and digital files of all relevant reading materials on Dominica.

Grading: The entire grade will be based on the quality and consistency of daily journal entries. The journal will be submitted during the return trip to College Station from Dominica. Project reports are due as a completed journal by June 09.

Detailed instructions will be handed out during the orientation seminar on the preparation of the journal, including acceptable formats and how these journals are graded. The instructors will also provide relevant literature.

Journal entries will begin on the day of departure from College Station for Dominica. A detailed journal entry is expected for each day of the 3 week Study Abroad program. Journal entries include activities associated with the other two courses since the three courses are taught as a unit.

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