

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Does this course count for the experiential component for ENVR?

Yes, this course would count for the "experiential component" of the major (e.g., study abroad, internship or research project).

2. What are the exact dates of the trip?

The course dates are still tentative, but we will anticipate being in Trinidad for 18 days, having 2 travel days (there & return) and then spending 4 days on-campus back at SU. We likely will be in Trinidad from July 9 – July 27 (see the syllabus on the website for a tentative itinerary), then have the SU portion from July 31-August 3. Note, however, that these dates are still tentative.

3. What is the overall cost, including tuition?

There is no tuition associated with the study abroad course. The cost will be between \$3500 and \$3600 dollars, depending on the number of students.

4. What does the cost include?

That includes airfare, housing in Trinidad, meals (good food!) in Trinidad, and excursions. The out-of-pocket costs: passport, course packet, binoculars, bird book, headlamp, laundry in country (a few dollars/load), and food/housing costs when we return to SU (if you don't have summer housing this is available for additional an additional cost of ~\$30/day).

5. Where will students be staying in Trinidad?

We have 3 spots where we will stay in Trinidad: ASA Wright Nature Centre (2-4 students per room, private baths), Suzan's Guest House in Matura (2-3 students per room, shared bathroom accommodations) and Grande Riviere right on the beach at Mt Plaisir (2-6 students per room, private baths). All are nice.

Here is a map showing the locations of where we will be travelling as well as staying:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=z92VerWpMa7Q.knvM4aOJTUNg>

6. How many credits is this course/trip?

The course is 4 credits

7. What is the application process and/or how and when do you register?

We are accepting applications now. Check out the website for specifics, but basically you fill out an online application including an essay and attaching unofficial transcripts. We will accept students on a rolling basis until the course is filled (20 students max). After acceptance there will be more online paperwork and a deposit due at a future date.

8. How many spots are available?

20 spots are available. There are 2 faculty members going. Dr. Ransom is an Assistant Professor with the Environmental Studies Department. Dr. Persad-Clem formally taught in SU's Biology Department and is originally from Trinidad.

9. I see that it is open to all majors; however if this counts toward an ENVR major, will preference be given to ENVR majors if the program becomes impacted?

We have talked about setting aside a set number of spots for ENVR students. However, we are playing that by ear depending on the volume and majors of students that express interest early on. During our last trip we had students from several different majors.

10. Are there any prerequisites required for this course/trip?

The only pre-requisite is Sophomore standing.