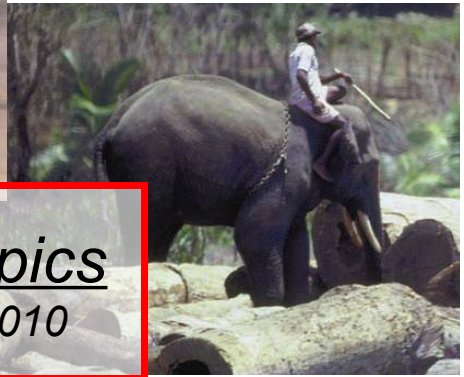




India



Ecology of the Indian Tropics December 28, 2009 – January 18, 2010

Course Description:

Biology 427 Ecology of the Indian Tropics
4 cr; 120 contact hrs.

Tropical ecology of South India is an introduction to the diverse natural communities and rich culture of South India. Distinctive natural systems featured will include coastal ecosystems, plains, and montane tropical ecosystems of the Western Ghats, one of the world's 12 hot spots of endemic species. The course will be taught on-site at a variety of ecosystem preserves and national parks and cover tropical ecosystem structure and function, adaptations of flora and fauna, biodiversity surveys, past and present human interaction with the landscape, and autecology of selected plant and animal species.

Students from our host institution, Bishop Heber College, will also be enrolled in the course, which receives cross-cultural engagement credit. The North American faculty member will be Dr. Orin G. Gelderloos, Prof. of Biology and Environmental Studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The faculty of Bishop Heber College will include Dr. A. Relton, Professor in Sociology, with guest experts in natural and cultural history also participating.

Prerequisite: upper division standing and an introductory organismal biology course or permission of the Au Sable Representative.

Application & Fees:

Students should enroll online at ausable.org. The printed online enrollment form must be signed by the Au Sable Representative and the Registrar at the student's home campus and mailed to the Institute Admissions Office with a *course enrollment fee* of US\$250. This fee will be applied to tuition at the time of admission. Tuition is US\$2300 for the course. Room and board costs are included in this fee. Modest scholarship assistance may be available to students with financial needs. Please contact Au Sable if you do not attend a college participating with the Institute for assistance with enrollment. Travel costs to India are expected to be between US\$1800 - \$2300.

Timetable:

Applications are due no later than September 30, 2009; however, earlier application is encouraged to secure the most reasonable air fares. Applications can take from 4 to 6 weeks). Au Sable will make travel arrangements and bill the student for course enrollment limited to 15 students. A valid passport, visa and medical inoculations will be required. A passport to visa should be obtained independently (this can take from 4 to 6 weeks). Au Sable will make travel arrangements and bill the student for course enrollment limited to 15 students. A valid acquired plane tickets.

About Au Sable:

Au Sable is an academic institution affiliated with over 60 colleges and universities. Its mission is to inspire, train, and send out leaders to practice environmental stewardship within a Christian perspective. A complete description of the Institute courses and programs is included in the Official Bulletin available at the address below or at www.ausable.org

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