

General Application Form

Lamar University ID #:	Date of Birth:	Gender: Male Female
Name (Exactly as appears/will appear in your passport):	Passport Number (if you have):	Passport Nationality:
Passport Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Have it <input type="checkbox"/> Applying <input type="checkbox"/> Need to apply	Age on June 5, 2017:	
Current Street Address:	City:	State: Zip Code:
E-mail Address:	Cell Phone Number:	T-shirt Size: <input type="checkbox"/> Men's <input type="checkbox"/> Women's <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL
Complete each question by marking the correct answer:		
<p>1. Current classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Graduation Date: _____</p> <p>2. Taking this course for credit towards: <input type="checkbox"/> Biology Major <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science Major <input type="checkbox"/> Biology Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Biology Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>3. Prerequisite ('C' or better; BIOL 1406 & 1407) or equivalent: <input type="checkbox"/> Completed both courses <input type="checkbox"/> Will complete both by May 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> Will <u>not</u> be completed by May 2017</p> <p>4. List advanced Biology courses taken (by name):</p>		
<p>5. Are you planning to graduate before your study abroad program starts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>If you graduate before your study abroad program begins, your enrollment in the related course(s) will be canceled. To participate post-graduation, you must be accepted as a graduate or post-graduate student at Lamar University before the study abroad program starts.</i></p>		
<p>6. Research experience: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>7. Cumulative GPA by January 2017: _____ Credit hours by January 2017: _____</p> <p>8. Write a brief statement on what you hope to gain from the program.</p>		

9. Which general topics engage your biological curiosity? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial ecosystems	<input type="checkbox"/> Limnetic/marine ecosystems	<input type="checkbox"/> Vertebrate wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/> Invertebrate Zoology	<input type="checkbox"/> Plants/botany	<input type="checkbox"/> Microbes; disease

10. Do you require special accommodations due to disability-based reasons? Yes No
 If yes, attach a brief description of accommodations needed.

11. Swimming Ability: Non-Swimmer:

<input type="checkbox"/> Certified life guard	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong & confident	<input type="checkbox"/> Average & comfortable	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak & uneasy	<input type="checkbox"/> Will take lessons
				<input type="checkbox"/> Will not take any lessons

12. Any special dietary needs?
 Vegan or Vegetarian Allergy: _____ Other: _____

13. Outdoor Experience: <input type="checkbox"/> Tent camper <input type="checkbox"/> Cabin camper <input type="checkbox"/> Day trips <input type="checkbox"/> Stay indoors	14. Canoeing Experience <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate <input type="checkbox"/> None/little experience
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15. Statement of Financial Commitment and Schedule Agreement:

This statement is to inform you of Lamar University and Tropical Biology Program (TBP) policies regarding financial and scheduling expectations for maintaining acceptance in the TBP. All students must enroll and pay tuition and fees for both program courses (eight credit hours total) at the undergraduate or graduate level in Summer 1 2017. In addition, the travel fee of \$3,500 must be paid on scheduled installment dates. To make your deposit, you will pick up a 'Study Abroad Payment Slip' from the Office of Study Abroad in Wimberly 215. The slips can be found on the table by the door. You will use the payment information to fill it out.

<u>Deposit:</u> \$700 due on March 3, 2017	<u>Payment Information</u>
<u>2nd Payment:</u> \$1,400 due on April 3, 2017	Program: Tropical Biology in Belize
<u>3rd Payment:</u> \$1,400 due on May 3, 2017	Index: 321206
	Amount: \$700
	Due: March 3, 2017

Program travel fee payments are non-refundable upon acceptance into the program. Academic issues that will result in removal from the program without refund of program travel fee payments include: 1) Not maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the completion of the Spring 2017 semester; 2) not having completed all program pre-requisites ('C' or better in BIOL 1406 & 1407) prior to the start of the study abroad program; and 3) not attending pre-travel program meetings and pre-travel lectures in May Mini-session (see below). Dropping the courses once registered, either intentionally or due to non-payment, will remove you from the program without refund of travel fee payments. If students withdraw from the program after receiving the Study Abroad Fee Grant, those funds will be owed back to Lamar University.

During the spring semester there will be mandatory group meetings called by Dr. Hoch or the Office of Study Abroad to review travel plans, logistical issues, and pre-departure orientation to prepare students for a rewarding experience in Belize. Although you will be enrolled in the program courses for Summer Session 1, the Lamar University campus lectures will begin during the days of the May Mini-session, May 15 – 31, 2017. Classes during the May Mini-session will meet from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.. Our travel dates are set at June 5 – 19, 2017.

Sign and date below to indicate you have read, understood, and agree to the **Statement of Financial Commitment and Schedule Agreement.**

Student Signature:	Date:
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Important note about program payments for LU faculty-led programs All program payments are made to the LU Cashier's Office using a debit card, personal check, cashier's check, money order, cash, and/or wire transfer. Ask your program director about payment deadlines. All program payments are non-refundable. Payment of LU tuition and fees for the courses offered on study abroad programs is due separately from trip payments and should be made to the LU Cashier's Office at the time tuition is due for your term abroad.