



The University of Georgia

Odum School of Ecology

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Provost Pamela Whitten
Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
University of Georgia
203 Administration Building
Athens, Georgia 30602-1561

Dear Provost Whitten,

On behalf of the faculty of the Odum School of Ecology, I am pleased to forward the school's Experiential Learning Implementation Plan.

This plan was developed by our faculty undergraduate coordinator and undergraduate program administrative specialist, and revised and approved following discussion and input from the school's undergraduate program committee and broader faculty, through a series of meetings during Spring 2015.

Sincerely,

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Odum School of Ecology
Experiential Learning Implementation Plan

Certification Officer: Sonia Altizer, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Most Odum School of Ecology students will fulfill the experiential learning requirement through coursework within the major; the courses listed below contain a significant emphasis on learning real-world skills. Students who participate in ecologically focused study abroad programs with significant field experiences can seek approval. Students may also fulfill the requirement through non-credit experiences, provided they are faculty-sponsored and approved in advance by the Experiential Learning Certification Officer.

The courses that fulfill the requirement for ecology students are as follows:

ECOL 3050L Apprenticeship in Ecology

Supervised training in methodology (field, lab, or other) related to ecological topics. The course applies to students who are developing new skills in some area of ecology where initial work in that area requires training by qualified personnel.

ECOL 3100-3100L Tropical Field Ecology (offered only through study abroad in Costa Rica)

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ECOL(BIOL)(MARS) 4330-4330L Tropical Marine Invertebrates (offered only as field school in the Florida Keys)

ECOL 4570 Comparative Biodiversity and Land Conservation Policy: Costa Rica and the United States (offered only through study abroad in Costa Rica)

ECOL 4940 Internship in Ecology

ECOL 4960 or ECOL 4960H Research