

Get 12 credits & travel to Honduras

“Costa Rica has rainforests, Belize has coral reefs and Mexico has ancient ruins. So why visit Honduras? Honduras offers the best of Central America all in one country”



Winter 2016 International Education: GNED Style Science in a Global Context (GNED3010) & Global Communities and Societies (GNED3030)

The Department of General Education has created a unique international experience. It combines two 6-credit, 3rd Tier courses from two different clusters and includes on-campus academic work with practical experience in an international context. These courses are open to all MRU students and will allow students to complete 12 credits and their Tier 3 GNED requirements in one semester.

The course structure includes 4 weeks of on-campus academic work, followed by 5 weeks of international travel, 1 week off, and then a final 4 weeks of classes at MRU. This allows for academic rigour along with a hands-on international experience.

The Winter 2015 experience will combine GNED 3010 Science in a Global Context with GNED 3030 Global Communities and Societies, and will include travel to Honduras, Central America.

GNED 3010 focuses on biodiversity and environmental sustainability in Honduras. The course includes an overview of the different habitats and ecological pressures while at the same time developing a strong theoretical background to explain biodiversity. Students will investigate conservation strategies and also participate in research that contributes to the ecological understanding of Honduras.

GNED 3030 focuses on cultural groups, social problems and solutions, and global connections. Along with the academic examination of these topics, students will participate in community engagement projects that will help them understand various ways to create social change.

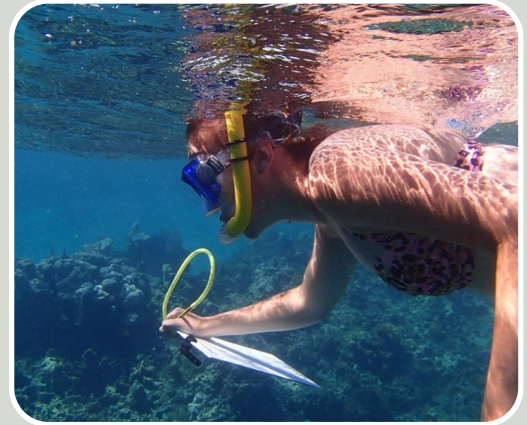
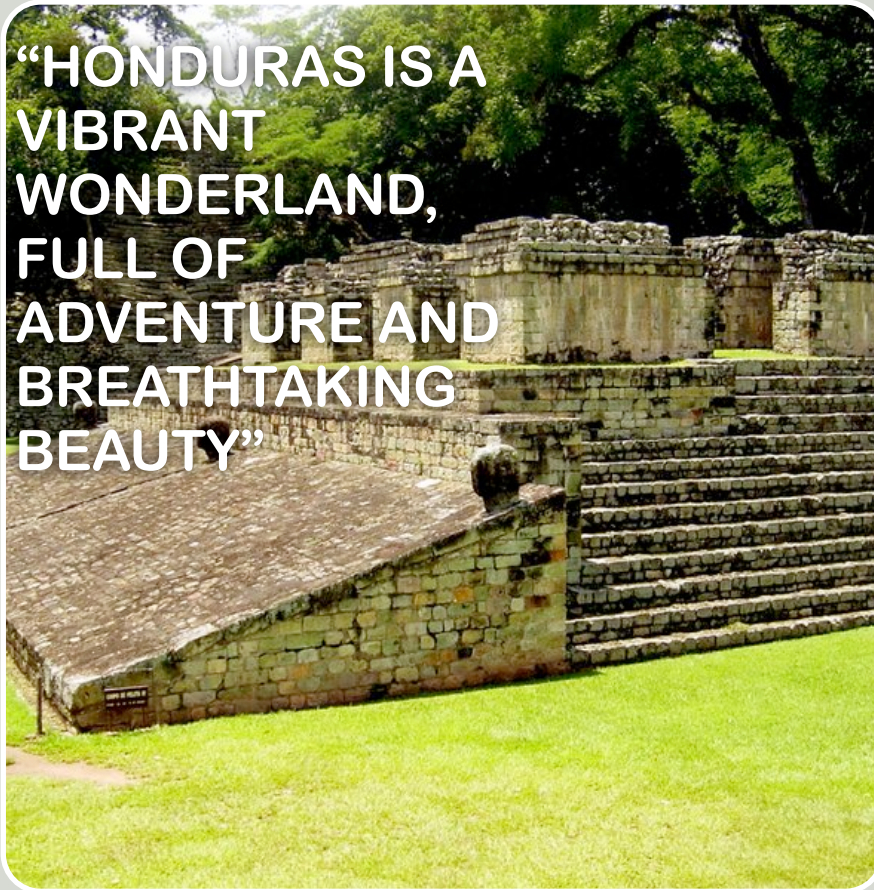
The two courses work in collaboration to examine issues such as bananas, coffee, and farming from both scientific and social perspectives.



PREREQUISITES: One foundation course in each of Cluster 1 and Cluster 3

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Estimated Program Costs:

MRU Tuition \$2,762 (Standard 12 credits)

Program Fees \$4,500

Includes: accommodations, most meals, airport transfer fees, local transportation, activity fees, administration fees, and faculty expenses

Additional Costs \$2,060

Includes: airfare, mandatory health & trip interruption & cancellation insurance, some meals, immunizations, passports, and miscellaneous expenses

Application Deadline is October 6th, 2015

Must complete an application (e-mail instructor) plus a 500-word essay explaining why you want to participate. Please submit both to T186.

Itinerary

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
ORGANIZATION FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT (OYE), BOTANICAL GARDENS, BANANA PLANTATION	COPAN RUINS, COFFEE PLANTATION, MAYAN VILLAGE	CULTURAL HIKE, FISH FARMING, MINING, CLOUD FOREST	HIKING, MEDICINAL PLANT WALK, SERVICE PROJECT	REEF ECOLOGY, CONSERVATION STUDY
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Payment Process

Program fees are payable in person at the Fees Office using the Blue Field School payment slip. The payment slip can be obtained from the Office of International Education (EB3021).

Payment Deadlines for Program Fees:

1st Payment - Oct. 19, 2015 \$500

2nd Payment - Nov. 16, 2015 \$1780

3rd Payment - Jan. 11, 2016 \$1780

Program fees do not include course tuition. Initial Program Fee deposit is non-refundable. Possibility of refund of subsequent deposits due to withdrawal from the program will be assessed and determined at time of withdrawal.

“One’s destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.”
Henry Miller