Tropical Ecology and Sustainability Studies on Montserrat

PROGRAM INFORMATION
December 27, 2015 - January 20, 2016

Curriculum
A four-credit course in sustainability and tropical ecology is embedded in this study abroad opportunity. The course consists of various modules in tropical ecology (e.g., botany, fisheries, biogeography, ornithology) and community service projects.

Simon’s Rock students are required to take the Study Away Preparation course (LR 202m) during the Fall semester before the program and the Study Away Reflection course (LR 203m) during the Spring semester following the program.

Applying
Students who attend Simon’s Rock, Bard College, or Marist College and who are at least a sophomore and in good academic and social standing are eligible to apply and to attend. To apply:

By September 25, submit:
- Deposit ($500)
- Statement of Interest Form 2016
- Trip Contract 2016
- Acknowledgement & Release Form

All participating students will receive credit through Simon’s Rock and students from Bard College or Marist College will need to transfer the credits to their own institution (for more details, see Visiting Students below).

Visiting Students
Students who participate from Bard College or Marist College must complete the Simon’s Rock Visiting Student form in order to enroll in the program and receive credit. There are no additional costs for the academic credits beyond the program cost of $4000.

To then transfer the credits to your own college, you will need to complete the Simon’s Rock Transcript Request Form. When the course is complete, the Registrar’s Office will send an official transcript to your college so that the credits are transferred to your academic record.

Program Costs:
The trip cost is $4,000* per student, which includes four academic credits (issued by Simon’s Rock), room and board in Montserrat, round-trip transportation from a NYC airport to Montserrat, and all required activities.

Students and their families are responsible for the following costs that are outside the above:

- Transportation costs to/from the airport in New York City (specific airport TBA)
- Acquiring a current passport and any related fees
- Spending money while in Montserrat ($100 has been sufficient in the past)
- Vaccinations

* Program cost is contingent on full enrollment (15 students)
Fee Schedule:
• September 25: A nonrefundable deposit of $500 is due
• October 30: A payment of $2000 is due
• November 30: Final payment of $1500 is due

Make checks payable to Bard College at Simon’s Rock, write “Montserrat” on memo line.

Refund Schedule:
• Withdrawal prior to October 31 = 100% refund of program cost paid to date less the nonrefundable deposit of $500
• Withdrawal on or after November 1 = no refund

Vaccines & Medical Information
Once you are confirmed to participate in the program, you will be asked to disclose any medical conditions that are relevant for the program leaders to ensure yours and the group’s safety while abroad.

Vaccines
The Center for Disease Control currently recommend travelers have the Hepatitis A and Typhoid vaccines so we are requiring these shots for this program. Send proof of these vaccines to Bard College at Simon’s Rock Health Services, ATTN: Jodi Tuller, Director of Health Services (fax: 413-528-7358).