This 3 CREDIT COURSE provides an introduction to the ecology and biodiversity of the Neotropics. Following a short on-campus introduction, the entire course is held on-site in the Brazilian Amazon. The course is primarily conducted on board an Amazon river boat, with canoe excursions into várzea and igapó forests (flooded forests) as well as travel by foot into terra firme (highland forest). Several of these excursions involve nighttime trips, and some include overnight stays in the forest. Small, isolated, caboclo (river-side) communities are also visited.

SUNY Ulster biologist Dr. David Lemmon is the instructor and is accompanied in Brazil by bilingual field guides. In addition, joining the trip again this summer will be the internationally recognized primatologist and explorer Dr. Marc van Roosmalen. Dr. van Roosmalen is the discoverer of several new species of monkey in the Amazon rainforest including the second smallest monkey in the world, the black-crowned dwarf marmoset (Callibella humilis), representing a new genus of monkey. Visit Dr. van Roosmalen’s website, http://www.marcvanroosmalen.org/, to learn more about his work and other new animal and plant species that he has discovered in the Amazon. This summer’s trip will be the 13th offering of the course.

Cost: about $2,900
There is a staggered payment plan
The trip cost covers almost everything: all transport, lodging, food, and tuition. (Passport, visa, vaccinations are extra)

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