

Biology 361 - Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles

<http://www.uncg.edu/~absomers/361index.html>

Application for Spring 2009
Due no later than November 14, 2008.

Submit your application in person to Ann Somers in 310 Sullivan Science Building, UNCG Campus. Notification regarding admission will be by email, no later than December 5, 2008.

Include a photograph of yourself (because I teach hundreds of students each semester) and attach 2 letters of recommendation in signed and sealed envelopes. One must be a faculty member at UNCG. If you are a biology major, you should have a reference from a faculty member of the Biology Department. The other one can be another faculty member or a work reference. Ask your references to comment on your ability to interact with a team. Note: The cost of the course is not known at this time (see course web page). Include a check for \$200 made out to UNCG Biology. Your check will be returned if you are not accepted. If you are accepted, the check will be applied toward the cost of the course.

PRINT LEGIBLY!

Name: _____ Date: _____

UNCG ID Number (last 4): _____ Email Address: _____

Grade level: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Home Phone (parents or spouse) w/area code: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

Home Address (if different): _____

Do you speak any Spanish (Spanish is not a requirement)? y___ n___

If yes, describe your level of fluency in Spanish: _____

Major: _____ **Overall GPA:** _____ **GPA in Major:** _____

(Include a print off of the first page of your unofficial transcript from UNCGenie -the page that has your GPA)

Fitness: Visit the student health center and time yourself on the treadmill for a distance of 4 miles.

Exception: Record the date here _____; distance (should be 4 miles) _____;

and your time _____. If you are currently on a sports team, you are exempt. Record the

type of team here: _____

Biology Courses Completed. Include name, number, and letter grade for each, where taken if you are a transfer student. These may overlap with those listed in next section - if so, don't include twice. If you have only had one college biology course, then list high school courses in biology.

Conservation, Ecology, or Conservation Related Courses (include name, number, and grade for each):

On a separate sheet of paper answer each of the following (typed). Include name and date at the top of the page:

1. Describe your medical history.
2. Describe any medical problems that you are aware of that might need attention while in Costa Rica.
3. Mention all allergies and any health problem that could be an issue while traveling in a foreign country.
4. Do you take medication? What type and what is it for? Will you bring medication with you on the field trips?
6. Do you already have medical insurance that covers travel out of the country or will you purchase this separately? (either option is o.k.)
7. What type of outdoor or field experience do you have (if any)?
8. What types of conservation work have you done (if any)?
9. How did you find out about this course?
10. What are your career goals?
11. In a short essay describe why you want to take this course and what you think you will do with the knowledge gained from this experience. Include information about any previous work in education or conservation or future plans along those lines. How will you take what you learn in this course and make a difference in the world?

NOTE: The UNCGenie will have the course listed as having 0 enrollment throughout the enrollment period. All students accepted into the course will be signed in by Ann Somers.

The cost of the course is not known at this time. A travel agent will be handling the money for the Costa Rican portion of the course and a deposit will be due early in the spring semester. Final payment will be due sometime in March. Students may get together and travel in Costa Rica or elsewhere after the course work has been completed.