NMSU Faculty-Led International Programs (FLiP)

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10–11:30 a.m.
Room 50 Milton Hall

The Office of Study Abroad (OSA) Faculty-Led International Programs (FLiP) is excited to help NMSU faculty extend educational opportunities abroad. Developing and leading your own FLiP course is an excellent way for you and your students to study abroad without interrupting regular semester courses on campus. Virtually any course at NMSU can be facilitated in an international setting. Your course will allow students a unique opportunity to travel and study internationally, in a mobile classroom setting, at the lowest possible cost. All FLiP courses are unique to NMSU—they are generated by the professor’s interest and area of expertise, and they can be coordinated around projects of need in the host country. The most popular FLiP courses run 10 days over Spring Break or 10-20 days in Summer; May-mester and Winter-im is also available. The cost to you for leading a FLiP course can be minimal to none. (Any compensation or salary, however, would be determined within your department.) Your travel, accommodations and food can be covered through program fees.

The FLiP office has experienced staff to help you set up your own short-term, study abroad course developed and instructed by you. FLiP coordinators will guide you step-by-step through a standardized process.

Ed Boles, Ph.D., is an aquatic ecologist who has lived and worked in Belize for 24 years. He was the Gerald Thomas Chair in the NMSU Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology and a full-time faculty member of the University of Belize Natural Resource Management Program. Ed has taught field courses in watershed ecology and conservation, tropical terrestrial ecology and marine ecology for foreign university groups from the U.S., Canada and the U.K. for the past 22 years.

Kristi Drexler teaches full time for American Public University System (APUS). She is the lead instructor of human ecology and teaches introductory levels of geography, environmental science, forestry and geology. Prior to APUS, Ms. Drexler was an environmental scientist at White Sands Missile Range. Ms. Drexler directed the Belize Field School Program for NMSU for 6 years (2007–2012) coordinating courses with faculty in wildlife science, marine ecology, biology, entomology and agriculture.

FLiP is located in Garcia Annex 246C. FLiP coordinators can be contacted at 646-4528, kdrexler@nmsu.edu or edboles@nmsu.edu.

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