Academic Program

In partnership with Princeton University, Columbia runs a field semester program in central Kenya on Tropical Biology and Sustainability which gives students the opportunity to study ecology, evolutionary biology, conservation biology, environmental engineering, and sustainable development in the environmental hub of East Africa. Based at Princeton’s Mpala Research Centre, and with the support of the Columbia Global Centers | Africa in Nairobi, students also travel across Kenya. Past programs have included field trips to the Lewa Conservancy and Amboseli National Park, famous for being the best place in Africa to get close to free-ranging elephants.

All students enroll in four 3-week course modules taught by Princeton and Columbia faculty who work in Kenya and other parts of East Africa. Courses can be applied toward the E3B and Sustainable Development major/concentration at Columbia. The program aims to provide students experience in applied statistics, science writing, working in a group setting, and public speaking on scientific topics to diverse audiences.

For program updates, and information on deadlines, housing, finances please visit our website: www.ogp.columbia.edu.

Prerequisites:

- Must be a Columbia/Barnard junior in good academic standing.
- Must have completed Environmental Biology I-II or Science for Sustainable Development. Please contact Faculty Director Dustin Rubenstein (dr2497@columbia.edu) with any questions about the prerequisite courses.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

Planned courses for Spring 2016:

- Natural History of African Mammals (EEEB W3924), 4 points.
- Sustainable Development in Practice (EEEB W3925), 4 Points.
- Agriculture and the Environment (EEEB W3921), 4 points.
- Savanna Ecology and Conservation (EEEB W3923), 4 points.