

The Belize - University of New Hampshire Teacher Program

- Earn 4 graduate credits from University of New Hampshire; Education 880.
- Meet with teachers and government educational officials in Belize
- Travel to remote Mayan village schools
- Visit schools and classrooms in a variety of settings, including Spanish and/or English speaking
- Explore ruins and reefs, cays and caves
- Experience the ethnic diversity of Belize, particularly Mayan and Garifuna
- Sample traditional native Belizean food
- Gain a deeper understanding of our Central American neighbors

"This was not only one of the best trips I've ever been on, it is easily the best course I've ever had!"
- Judy Pond, Richmond Middle School, Hanover

Dates:

Informational slide shows

- Available upon request
- See wiki for scheduled events – <http://belize-unh.wikispaces.com>

Pre-Trip Classes

- November 7, 2014, Friday 5-8 pm
- Four additional classes (to be determined later)

Travel to Belize

- February 21 – March 1, 2015

Post-Trip Classes

- Two sessions in Spring, 2015

Cost

Total cost of the program is your tuition rate and university fees **plus** a program fee. (Program fee is estimated to be \$1850 for this coming year). The total cost includes university graduate credit, all travel, food, lodging, and other group expenses. (A limited amount of vouchers, scholarships, waivers may be used towards the tuition, but may not be used towards the program fee.)

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All course leaders are experienced NH classroom teachers with first-hand knowledge of Belize and the environment in which we will be working.

Information and Applications*

Further information and applications may be obtained through course leaders directly, on our wiki (URL below) or by contacting:

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<http://www.unh.edu/education/Belize>

Wiki at <http://belize-unh.wikispaces.com>

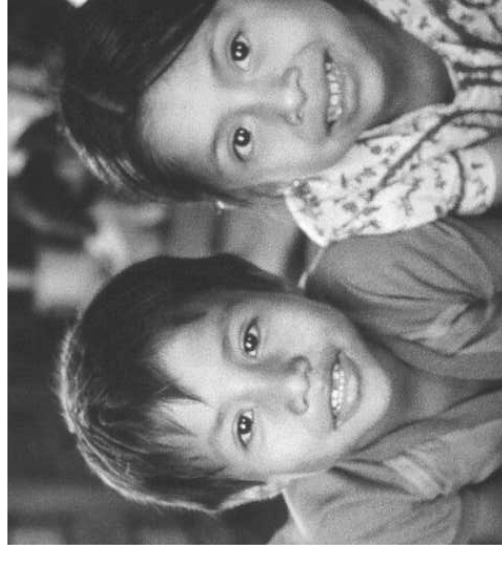
* Applications due mid-October, 2014.

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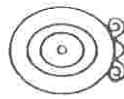
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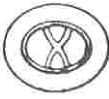
Facts About Belize



Belize is a Caribbean nation in Central America bordered by Guatemala, Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea.



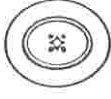
Formerly British Honduras, Belize became independent from Great Britain in 1981.



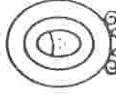
It is the size of Massachusetts with a population of 200,000 and a per capita income of US \$1284.



There are 5 main ethnic groups in Belize, each with its own language and culture.



English is the official language and the language of instruction.



45% of the people are younger than 14 years of age.



Belize is a stable republic with public elections every five years.

About the Program

The **BELIZE - University of NH** **TEACHER PROGRAM**

offers you the opportunity to:

- ▶ Visit town and village schools in the Toledo or Stann Creek Districts.
- ▶ Participate in Belizean teacher training workshops.
- ▶ Work collaboratively with Belizean teachers sharing teaching techniques and classroom methods.
- ▶ Talk with government officials and educational leaders.
- ▶ Participate in the daily life of a Belizean class.
- ▶ Establish a classroom-to-classroom relationship sharing student work.
- ▶ Experience the unique marine environment of Belize's coral reef.
- ▶ Explore the local sites of interest such as a rainforest, banana plantation, preserve or Mayan ruin.
- ▶ Learn first-hand the cultural heritage of local ethnic groups.

"This program offered all that was promised and more. It will offer positive direction and inspiration for a long time to come." – Past Participant

Pre-Trip Classes

Through active learning, large and small group work, and independent study participants will learn the educational, geographical, historical, and cultural background of Belize. Classes are designed to build a sense of community and highlight a pedagogical, cross-cultural and sustainability perspectives. Participants will design a project to integrate their personal interests and objectives with in-country activities.



"It was a fantastic opportunity to experience life in a village school in a developing country. It changed my perspective on life." - Karolina Bodner, Maplewood School, Somersworth

Post-Trip Classes

Follow-up classes will guide participants in assessing and evaluating their experience in terms of their pre-trip objectives, current position and future goals. Completion of course requirements will grant **4 graduate credits** from UNH.