

Application for BI 399 Summer Term, Session 4, 2008

(Due May 12th, 2008)

Background Information

BI 399 Special Topics: Field Methods in Insect Biodiversity consists of 1 week of lectures and first aid training in Corvallis, 2 weeks on location at Olympic National Park tent camping and conduction field work and the final week in Corvallis sorting the collected material and creating reports. Key points and policies are listed below:

- 1) All students must take the basic first aid class offered by Dixon Recreational center and pass a comprehensive test. This training will be conducted during the first 2 days of the course. Persons who cannot pass the test will be forced to drop the course.
- 2) Students must be able to commit to the field portion for the course which will be conducted from July 27th until Aug. 9th.
- 3) Students are required to provide or rent their own camping/hiking gear (tent, clothing, footwear, sleeping bag, etc.). A complete list of items will be furnished in late May. Transportation to and from the research area and food during the 2 week excursion will be provided by the course.
- 4) Students will carry course equipment and supplies to the field sites in addition to their personal gear.
- 5) Entry into BI 399 is by application and enrollment is limited to 14 students. Consequently, ***not all applications may be accepted.*** Several criteria will be used by the course instructors to select the participants of this course. Some of these criteria are:
 - Students with established interest/experience in entomology in the form of documented coursework, research, and/or work (paid or voluntary) will be given preference.
 - Academic accomplishment will be taken into consideration however all students are encouraged to apply.
 - Students with proven reliability and good work ethic will be strongly preferred.
- 6) An application for this course is due to the Biology Program Office (Cordley 2042) by 4 pm May 12th 2008. Applicants will be notified about the status of their application May 30th.
- 7) **FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BACK OF THIS FORM**

Name: _____ Local Phone: _____

Major: _____ Class: (Junior, Senior, other) _____

GPA: Year 1 _____ Year 2 _____ Year 3 _____ Year 4 _____ Year 5 _____

OSU ID #: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

- 1. List coursework, research, and/or work (paid or voluntary) that you have done in the area of entomology (for coursework include grade received and where the class was taken e.g. OSU or UO). Please include a short 1-2 sentence description of research & work experiences.**
- 2. Why do you want to take this course? Specifically, what do you hope to learn and how do you think you will use the information and experiences that you will learn (career, research, etc...)? (keep response to under ½ a page)**
- 3. This course requires extensive physical activity and extended periods without electricity and refrigeration do you feel confident that you would be able to hike 7 miles with 60-80 pounds of gear in 1 day? Also, please describe your experience backpacking, camping and/or conducting field work. (keep response to under ½ a page)**
- 4. Please list the names and email address of two or three people who are not a familial relation that can vouch for your motivation, work ethics and/or experience (e.g. teachers, employers, faculty advisors, etc.)**

Please keep your application to 4 pages or less.

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