Study Abroad - Belize - Architectural Technology Students Design and Build

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During the winter session, the Architectural Technology students had the opportunity to travel to Belize. This was the first time that the Architectural Technology department was offering a study abroad program for credit.

We collaborated with the Belize Foundation for research and Environmental Education (BFREE) and put together a wonderful program that was beneficial to our students.

Course work was fully integrated with travel. Students spend the winter semester immersed in the culture and architectural history of Belize. The structure of the class was based on-site lectures, field trips, and a travel log. Active participation, individual research and personal reflection were required for this course.

During each week there were pin-ups and group discussions. At the end of the program the students turned in a sketchbook containing their research and personal reflection were required for this course.

The students also designed and built a cool spot. Construction of the cool spot was completed March 2014 by the stuff of BFREE.

One way to learn is to travel abroad and escape the traditional classroom. This is a great opportunity for our students to use the world as their laboratory and get a hand on experience.