J-Term 2022 Course:
Zoo Biology
ENSP/BIO 128 – 3 Credits
Dr. Michael J. Renner
Blank Park Zoo Jan 3-14 &
Disney’s Animal Kingdom (Florida)
January 18-21, 2022

An overview of the field of zoo biology, with emphases on the role of zoos in conservation, species survival plans, captive management of small populations of exotic animals (especially including endangered species), and the use of behavioral research and environmental enrichment methods in captive animal welfare. The course will have a significant component of experiential learning.

The last week of the course will be conducted at Disney’s Animal Kingdom in Orlando Florida (a state-of-the-art, fully AZA-accredited, zoo), including some “backstage” activities in the nonpublic areas of the park, interacting with the professional staff.

Cost (est): TBA
Airfare on your own
(Bargain airfares are usually available this time of year.)

Cost will include most meals, housing, activities, park admission, and ground transportation.
Additional Information

• A $500 deposit will be required by May 15th to hold your spot (J-Term program rules).

• Priority will be given to students in the Zoo & Conservation Science program. Animal Behavior (BIO 25/Psy 24) is a pre-requisite for this course; additional relevant coursework is helpful. Any student who will have completed Animal Behavior by December, 2021 is welcome.

• Estimated cost ranges are based on most recent information available. Final prices will be determined based on the number of students traveling, the final cost of activities, programs, transportation and accommodation. Students are responsible for costs associated with meals not included in the itinerary (i.e., travel days), personal items, and any discretionary expenses (e.g., mouse ears).