



Wolves & Northwoods Carnivores January Interim Student Quotes 2017

"I am so happy that I took this course. I feel that no matter where I end up with my Outdoor Education degree, I will be able to apply what this class has taught me... I loved taking this course!" – *Black Hills State University student*

"The class has been amazing! Please continue to do the course for as long as possible. You are making a difference in student's lives in more ways than you know." – *La Grange College student*

"Expecting some of the things we were going to be doing from what a former student had said, I wanted to come in open minded. What I actually experienced has changed my life." – *Buena Vista University student*

"This class has definitely been an amazing experience...I have learned so many things that will help me in the future no matter what my career path. I am glad that I took this opportunity and plan to get others excited about nature the way Bryan and the TAs did for me!" – *Buena Vista University student*

"Taking this course really opened my mind. The high expectations I had were tripled. I say that because, I had no clue of all the things we were going to experience. A lot of the experiences that we had are things the average person would never experience in their lifetime... Taking this course really opened my mind on what I possibly want to do when I finish college. This course meant more than a lot to me... This trip is going to always be an experience of a lifetime." – *Buena Vista University student*

"All the 'firsts' we got to experience in the course was astounding." – *Black Hills State University student*

"I think more than anything this course has reinvigorated my love of the outdoors... This course has really made me determined to get back outside... I cannot express enough how much I have enjoyed my time in Minnesota." – *La Grange College student*

"The experiences I had during this course have strengthened by faith in conservation efforts and have given me a lot to think about regarding this field... This course allowed me to get out into forests with new knowledge, new skills, and a renewed sense of wonder for the world around me. This was something that I really needed to experience again." – *Calvin College student*

"This course has given me a lot to think about as a person, a scientist, and an animal lover. I now not only have the knowledge of these animals and their ecology, but also the understanding of the issues surrounding their world. I am so thankful to have gotten to meet everyone here and across Minnesota." – *University of MN student*

“I cannot thank the staff and classmates enough for the once in a lifetime experience; being from Georgia, this class is not as convenient to me as it is to some of the other students. It was everything I hoped it was and more. The photos, friendships, conversations, and experiences will stay with me for the rest of my life, and I owe it all to y’all, so thank you very much.” – *La Grange College student*

“This year’s January Term at the Audubon Center of the North Woods was an exceptional experience and learning opportunity for me; I could not have ever expected to meet and be in contact with some of the world’s leaders on predator research in North America... I cannot believe how lucky I am to have participated in this class and met so many influential people along the way... Feeling reinvigorated with hope for the future, I can now continue my schooling with a deeper purpose and dream which has been lacking all these years. I would like to thank all those involved in making this class come together and I will never forget my time here.” – *Grinnell College student*

“This class is a nonstop educational experience... Being in the field for hours each day and using hands-on techniques for track identification provided me with the knowledge and experience that no classroom lecture could ever substitute for ... this trip is one of the greatest educational decisions I have ever made and I have absolutely no regrets about coming on this trip, and given the change I would do it again without hesitation .” - *Carthage College student*

“Some of the best things I gained from this class are the connections and also the realizations I’ve made. I’ll stay connected to the fellow biologists and naturalists I met in this class, since we need to stick together in these confusing times. And I’ll use the realizations I’ve made about myself pertaining to my role as a biologist to inform the decisions I make about my future career. This time here has been invaluable to me.” – *Oberlin College student*

“I loved how many networking opportunities were offered. We not only got to connect from fellow students from various universities and colleges across the nation, but we got to explore establishments and connect with professors, researchers, and others. This course has given me the opportunity to jumpstart my career... Where else would I be able to go, and say I have had all of these wonderful experiences? I can’t think of anywhere else. I would take this course again in a heartbeat.” – *Cornell College student*

“This class will help all of us in the future because of all of the people we have been able to meet and connect with who are such experts in their fields.” -*Cornell College student*

“This course has opened my eyes to the beauty of nature and has given me an entirely new perspective on it. It has been a long time since I have been this excited to go back home and explore the outdoors in my hometown. I see the world around me in a new way, which is the most important thing I will take from this course. Simply from walking around and exploring the woods, I have become so much more connected with life and myself.” – *Buena Vista University student*

“This course has built a lot of confidence in my abilities to perform in the career world when it comes to being outdoors. The things that we have learned and the people that we have talked with have really sparked that fire in my heart. It has given me confidence in the path I have chosen for my career...The

people I have met here and the experiences I've had mean the world to me and will be cherished." – *Black Hills State University student*

"The Wolves and Northwoods Carnivores Predatory Ecology J-term course has been an amazing experience to interact with students interested in nature and the environment across the country... The idea that has been awakened within me in this course is the how a small group of individuals can make a difference in the world." – *Cornell College student*

"This course has been an incredible learning experience...Of all the things I feel I am taking away from this course the most basic one is friends and resources. I have met thirty-three wonderful people who all seem to have aspirations to affect change in the world for the good and I feel better for having been introduced to them." – *Carroll University student*

"I had a great experience at the Audubon Center of the North Woods. I would definitely recommend this experience to another student at my college if they were interested in predator ecology. I am very thankful for the experience I had, and am excited to take the lessons I learned away with me to wherever I go." – *St. Olaf College student*

"This course has taught me to never doubt, in the slightest, my strengths and potential within a field that interests me...I am so grateful to Bryan and the entire staff here at ACNW." – *Amherst College student*

"For the first time in my life, I feel like I have the power to effect change in this field... This course has meant so many things to me... Most of all, I believe it has set me on a path to something bigger than myself and reminded me what it is that I am working so hard to do... I have so much gratitude for each and every person that made this experience what it ended up being for me. My greatest hope moving forward is that my future work will repay the time, intelligence, and fervor that they invested and imparted in me. Thank you all." – *Gustavus Adolphus College student*

"This class though has helped further rekindle that fire in my heart for my love of the natural world and all of its inhabitants... What I got out of this entire class was that no matter your background, you can do anything you are passionate about... The knowledge I gained in this course will stick with me for the rest of my career, and I would highly recommend the course to anyone I meet." – *University of Dubuque student*

"This January interim course has been a tremendously unique and unforgettable experience for me... This course is an exceptional hands-on opportunity to learn about ecology from a different perspective and ecosystem that I currently live in... The course also gave me experience in fun outdoor winter activities that I can continue for the rest of my life ... From a professional stand point, this course has been an exceptional resume builder. – *Carroll University student*

"This has one of the most enjoyable experiences in college... This class has brought me back to appreciate the beauty of the world we live in and helped remind me why I am so passionate about trying to help preserve it because it is the only one we got." – *Franklin College student*

“This course has given me so many incredible opportunities and amazing experiences that I will never ever forget... The experiences I’ve had here have only increased my love for our planet and the amazing creatures that inhabit it... I have truly found my calling and I am so thankful that my experience with the Audubon Center of the North Woods has been such a positively impactful one... This course has really just been an incredible experience and I will cherish every memory... It’s truly incredible how much we’ve accomplished in such a short period of time, so thank you all for making this experience possible; I will never forget it.” – *University of MN student*

“Winter ecology is cool! Trekking through forests, on frozen lakes and in deep snow is a privilege I will not soon forget. From the largest predators to the smallest prey, reading tracks, animal signs and other context clues made me feel like a wildlife detective! It’s exhilarating to venture out into the wilderness and gradually peel away at a story about creatures and elements interacting with their environment.”
Hamline University student