Introduction to Collections and Research in Natural History Museums

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Course Summary
This course will provide undergraduate students with a general overview of curatorial procedures, and training within the research collections of the Florida Museum of Natural History (FLMNH). Students will be introduced to alternative career paths from pre-professional fields, through observation of and immersion into the roles of collection personnel. 2 Credit hours.

Intended participants
Undergraduate students from any natural science discipline, including (but not limited to) anthropology, biology, astronomy, botany, chemistry, entomology, geology, physics, science education, wildlife, and zoology.

First Class Meeting
Carr Hall, room 222, Thursday January 11th

Course Schedule
Thursday, Period 7 & 8 (1:55- 3:50PM)
Students will spend three class sessions touring eleven different collections. They will then spend the next seven weeks in a collection of their choice (working with collection personnel to develop and carryout a collection project). There will be two intermittent class period meetings to follow up on collections experiences. The last two classes will consist of student oral or poster presentations highlighting and sharing their experience from their collection of choice.

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