Suggested Packing List for
Bahamian Conservation Biology Study Abroad Summer 2025

IDENTIFICATION
- ❑ Passport

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS
- ❑ Notebook, pencils, pens
- ❑ Mask, snorkel, fins, and mesh bag*
- ❑ Plastic drinking container / water bottle
- ❑ Sunglasses
- ❑ Toothbrush, soap, shampoo
- ❑ 2 towels (bedding provided)
- ❑ Waterproof sunscreen
- ❑ Insect Repellent
- ❑ Laptop**
- ❑ Flashlight
- ❑ Cash in small denominations
- ❑ Underwater camera (optional)
- ❑ Motion sickness medication (optional)

CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS
- ❑ Lightweight, long-sleeved shirt(s)
- ❑ Lightweight shorts
- ❑ 1 pair lightweight pants
- ❑ Lightweight shirts
- ❑ Lightweight windbreaker / jacket / poncho
- ❑ Swimsuits
- ❑ Tennis shoes, flip-flops or sandals
- ❑ Water shoes (1 pair of sturdy shoes for walking in wet, rocky/muddy, uneven terrain)
- ❑ Hat or visor

Luggage: We recommend packing toiletries, swimsuit, and change of clothes in a carry-on bag i f possible, as this can prove very useful if your checked bag arrives a day or so late. Check with your respective airlines regarding their specific luggage allowance policies.

Clothing: Anticipate having no opportunity to do laundry during the trip; at most you may have 1 opportunity.

Spending Money: Do not expect to be able to use credit/debit cards for purchases, or to access ATM machines, on the island. These capabilities are still pretty rare and variable. American currency is accepted in the Bahamas—bring the cash you think you will need. Typical expenses i nclude personal items (drinks, snacks) and souvenirs—all meals, lodging, and transportation i ncluded in program fee.

Internet: The hotel has wifi, but you must minimize this internet use as the hotel has very limited bandwidth.

*This is important—we strongly recommend personal snorkeling gear. We cannot guarantee access to borrow or rent snorkeling gear.

**Note that we recommend you bring a laptop if possible. This is because of the nature of the group projects involved in this course—each team will need to record/access data, analyze data, write methods, revise proposal, present oral presentation, etc. during the trip. Some projects may involve considerable amounts of digital video data that will require analysis on computers during the course. All teams should have at least 1-2 laptops to properly conduct the project. Internet access will not be required (and can't be relied upon or used for large data transfer), as large data files will be on flash drives and external hard drives. We will provide at least 1 laptop for use during the course.