



Florida Institute of Oceanography is offering:

Marine Field Studies Course

BSC 4933; 4 credits

Summer Session A, 2014 May 13, 2015 – June 19, 2015



What type of course? A 5.5 week **field intensive** course designed to expand student knowledge of the biodiversity, geochemistry and human impact of Florida's coastal and offshore ecosystems through a round-robin trip around Florida to explore marine ecosystems. This course will take students from the reefs of the Florida Keys to the open Gulf of Mexico aboard state of the art research vessels as well as the shallow tropical estuaries of the western Everglades and north to the temperate Estuarine and beach dunes of Northeast Florida. Students will be staying at universities and research stations.

Who? Any upper level student in Biology or related Science. Prereqs: BSC 2010/2011 and CHM 2045/ 2046

When and Where? May 13 - June 19, 2015. After an intense 2 1/2 day introduction at USFSP, students will spend five weeks on tropical reefs in the Florida Keys, bays and mangrove forests of Southwest Florida, sea grass meadows in Tampa Bay, collecting oceanographic data aboard an FIO research vessel in the Gulf of Mexico, along the seashores and sounds of the Florida Panhandle, examining the salt water- Freshwater boundary of the St Johns River and exploring dunes, oyster reefs and salt marshes in Northeast Florida.

Registration? Students will receive an email confirmation that you can submit the deposit and then permits will be submitted by the instructor to allow you to register for the course in April.

Cost? \$2500.00(includes tuition, 4 credits- in-state) A \$500.00 deposit is due by 3/3/15 to lock in your spot. See below. Class is limited to 16 students.

What's Included? Meals- 5 days/week; housing at all sites Sunday- Friday night; there is a Saturday night housing option for an additional \$200/student.

What's Not Included? Transportation between institutions and meals on weekends.

Carpooling is recommended!



*******If interested, you must*****:**

1. Complete a **typed, 1 page Statement of Interest** as to how this course will benefit your studies and future career decisions. Turn in to Dr. Judkins (DAV 226).
2. **Include:** Complete name, email, home address, phone number, grade level, and Biology/Chemistry/Geology courses taken to date; unofficial transcript.
3. **Submit this on or before February 11, 2015.** (DAV 226 or email attachment)
4. Dr. Judkins will schedule a brief interview to discuss course.
5. Obtain an override permission form at the USFSP advising office, complete, and turn in.
6. Enroll online for BSC 4930, FIELD STUDIES in MARINE BIOLOGY when available to register for summer courses (permit will be submitted by instructor).
7. Students will be contacted via email **within 1 week of application submission** to confirm status of enrollment. A \$500.00 deposit will be due by **3/3/14** to lock in your spot. The remaining funds will be paid prior to the first day of class.

Scholarship opportunity (\$500.00) is available to defray the cost of housing/meals. This will be officially announced in late March.

QUESTIONS?? Contact Dr. Judkins, Judkins@mail.usf.edu

Video highlights about course: <http://vimeo.com/74328246>

Student blog: fieldstudiesmarinebio2014.blogspot.com