



Southern Appalachian Mountains

BISC 380 / ENVS 399
Conservation and Biodiversity of Appalachia

Details

8 days travel at \$1,350 plus tuition

3 or 4 Credit Hours

Instructed by: Ryan Garrick

Travel dates: May 13-20, 2026

Priority Application Deadline: March 27, 2026

Students will:

Visit several locations of biological importance in Southern Appalachia such as:

- Talladega National Forest, AL
- Fort Mountain State Park, GA
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, NC & TN
- Mammoth Cave National Park, KY

All activities are tentative and subject to change depending on scheduling, booking availability, and course adjustments.

Who should go?

Students seeking Biology credit should have completed BISC 160, 161, 162, and 163 before the course begins and should register for BISC 380 (or BISC 491, which is available for students who have already taken BISC 380, and who wish to conduct a supervised independent research project). Other students should sign up for ENVS 399, for which there are no prerequisites, and which may be counted toward an Environmental Studies minor.

Prior to Departure

The first two days of the May intersession course are on campus (Shoemaker Hall), with a trip out to UM Field Station. Also safety and logistics will be covered then.

During Travel

Students will travel by van from Oxford to all study sites. All ground transportation in the course will be provided. Double-occupancy hotel rooms will also be booked and provided by Study USA. Your instructor will share exact meeting times and locations before travel and will be available to you leading up to the course through Blackboard or other communications.

Costs

\$1,350 plus tuition. Shuttle/van transportation to and from destination. Lodging/Accommodation during travel. Field site admission. Entrance fees to parks & attractions. Not included is tuition, most meals at travel site, and personal spending money.

Once accepted to a program, the student accepts financial responsibility for Study USA program fees and tuition and must adhere to the application and withdrawal policy.

Itinerary subject to change. Students should wait to make travel arrangements until after confirming dates and times with instructors



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