



Portal, Arizona

BISC 380 / ENVS 399 / BISC 491

Sky Island Biodiversity

Details

10 days travel at \$1,700 plus tuition

3 or 4 Credit Hours

Instructed by: Dr. Jason Hoeksema & Dr. Peter Zee

Travel dates: July 29-August 9, 2026

Priority Application Deadline: March 6, 2026

Students will learn:

- Understand the major ecological and evolutionary forces that shape local biodiversity.
- Apply this knowledge to understand the significant concentration of biotic diversity in southeastern Arizona.
- Identify key species representative of major life zones in southeastern Arizona, from deserts to high mountains, and understand how these species thrive in their habitats.

Who should go?

Open to students in all majors. Ideal for students majoring or minoring in: Biology, Environmental Studies, Pre-Veterinary, and Art. Designed for students interested in: Nature, ecology, wildlife, biodiversity, or conservation.

Prerequisites: To receive credit for BISC, students must have completed BISC 160-163. No prerequisites to receive ENVS credit.

Prior to Departure

Your Ole Miss instructor will communicate your arrival plans and details to prepare you for departure.

During Travel

Students make their own travel arrangements to and from Portal, AZ. Study USA will arrange all necessary ground transportation during your travel dates, starting from your arrival. Study USA also books and provides double-occupancy rooms and dorm space. Instructors will share meeting dates and times during orientation. Students may have their airfare billed to their bursar account. You'll receive details upon course enrollment.

Costs

\$1,700 plus tuition, local transportation during course, lodging/accommodation during travel, most meals at travel site, and field site admission.

Not included are tuition, airfare to and from destination, 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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