



# Gulf Coast

## BISC 352

Coastal Ecology

### Details

**9 days travel at \$1,500 plus tuition**

**3 or 4 Credit Hours**

**Instructed by: Dr. Richard Buchholz**

**Travel dates: June 8-17, 2026**

**Priority Application Deadline: March 27, 2026**

### Students will:

- Participate in the monitoring program of natural resource managers at a national estuarine research reserve
- Visit barrier islands to learn how their unique ecology is affected by tourism
- Interact with field scientists as they monitor artificial reefs and dolphin populations
- Help restore our coast line by re-planting living shorelines
- Explore behind the scenes at the MS aquarium to find out how their staff balance public recreation with environmental education
- Use your smartphone to collect project data and learn how apps are revolutionizing how we monitor ecosystem health

### Who should go?

To receive BISC elective credit, students must have a C or higher in BISC 160, BISC 161, BISC 162, and BISC 163.

### Prior to Departure

Meet with your Ole Miss instructor and fellow classmates virtually for an orientation and introduction to the course

### During Travel

Study USA will arrange and provide van ground transportation during the course. Double-occupancy hotel rooms will also be booked and provided by Study USA. Your instructor will share exact meeting times and locations during your April orientation and will be available to you leading up to the course through Blackboard. Students may have their airfare billed to their bursar account. Details will be provided upon course enrollment.

### Costs

\$1,500 plus tuition, local transportation during course, lodging/accommodation during travel, select group meals, field site admission, and group tours listed on the itinerary. Not included are 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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