



## Portal, Arizona

### Ecology and Evolution of Sky Island Biodiversity

BISC 380 / BISC 491 / ENVS 399

**Dates:** August 2-14, 2021

**Credit Hours:** 3 or 4

**Instructor:** Dr. Jason Hoeksema, Professor of Biology

**Cost:** \$1,195 plus tuition

**Application Deadline:** April 8, 2021

[www.outreach.olemiss.edu/study\\_usa/arizona\\_21.html](https://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/study_usa/arizona_21.html)

### Students will:

- Travel to the diverse and beautiful “Sky Island” mountain ranges and deserts of southeastern Arizona
- Gain hands-on field study experience with local researchers, potentially examining plants, bats, reptiles, or insects with a special emphasis on birds
- Visit the world-renowned Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
- Explore the American Museum of Natural History’s Southwestern Research Station in the Chiricahua Mountains
- Learn about the representative organisms and natural history of each local habitat

### Dates:

The dates are August 2-14, 2021. Students will study under the guidance of the instructor and local researchers in Arizona.

### Location:

Students will travel to Arizona to learn about biodiversity from August 2-14, 2021. The group will be in the Tucson area August 2-3, before traveling to Portal, Arizona for the remainder of the stay.

### Who should take this course?

This course is open to all majors. 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 super-

vised independent research project). Other students should sign up for ENVS 399, for which there are no prerequisites, and which can be counted toward an Environmental Studies minor. Student groups who may be particularly interested include Magnolia Grove Campus Audubon Chapter, Ole Miss Outdoors, and the Office of Sustainability.

### Costs:

The course fee is \$1,195 plus tuition. Included in the course fee are accommodations, meals from August 4-14, ground transportation in Arizona, tours, and admissions. Excluded from the course fee are the Study USA application fee, tuition, meals except for those noted above, airport transportation, airfare, and personal spending money.

Study USA course fee subject to change depending on COVID related expenses. Students will be notified of any fee changes prior to posting.

### Travel:

Students will make their own travel arrangements to and from Santa Fe. Students can fly into either Albuquerque International Sunport (ABQ) or Santa Fe Municipal Airport (SAF). From Albuquerque, students must make arrangements for travel to Santa Fe, either by private vehicle or via Sandia Shuttle. Group ground transportation in Santa Fe will be provided.

*Please verify specific dates with instructor and confirm that the course has adequate enrollment to make before making travel arrangements. Itinerary subject to change.*