



# Arizona

**BISC 380, BISC 491, OR ENVS 399**  
Ecology And Evolution Of Sky Island Biodiversity

## Details

**Dates:** July 19th-30th, 2023\*

**Credit Hours:** 3 or 4

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

**Cost:** \$1,395 plus tuition

**Application Deadline:** April 6, 2023

## Students will:

- Travel to the diverse and beautiful “Sky Island” mountain 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/Location

Students will travel to Arizona to learn about biodiversity from July 19-30, 2023. The group will be in the Tucson area for a few days before traveling to Portal, AZ, for the remainder of the stay.

## Who should go?

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 supervised 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 cost of this course is the Study USA program fee of \$1,395, plus tuition. Included in the program fee are accommodations, meals from August 21st-30th, ground transportation in Arizona, tours, and admissions. Excluded from the course fee are tuition, meals except for those noted above, airport transportation, airfare, and personal spending money.

## Travel

Students will make their own arrangements to and from Tucson, AZ. The university will provide group ground transportation from Tucson to the other sites in Arizona and then back to Tucson for departure. Airfare can be billed to student bursar accounts by making arrangements through Amber Gregory at Travel Leaders, [agregory@travelleaders.com](mailto:agregory@travelleaders.com), or 901-507-8463.

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



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