



Portal, Arizona

Ecology and Evolution of Sky Island Biodiversity

[BISC 380](#) / [BISC 491](#) / [ENVS 399](#)

Dates: On campus: None; On Location: August 6-16, 2020

Credit Hours: 3 or 4

Instructor: Dr. Jason Hoeksema, Associate Professor of Biology

Cost: \$1,195 plus tuition

Application Deadline: April 9, 2020

www.outreach.olemiss.edu/study_usa/arizona_20.html

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:

The dates are August 6-16, 2020. 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 6-16, 2020. The group will be in the Tucson area August 6-7, before traveling to Portal, Arizona 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 course fee is \$1,195 plus tuition. Included in the course fee are accommodations, meals from August 8-16, 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.

Travel:

Students will make their own travel arrangements to and from Tucson, Arizona. The University will provide group ground transportation from Tucson to the other sites in Arizona and then back to Tucson for departure on August 16.

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