



Portal, Arizona Ecology and Evolution of Sky Island Biodiversity

BISC 380 or ENVS 399

Credit Hours: 3

Instructors: Dr. Jason Hoeksema, Associate
Professor of Biology

Dates: On campus: None
On location: July 31-August 11, 2017

Course Fee: \$1,195 plus tuition

Application

Deadline: April 6

To Register: Go to outreach.olemiss.edu/study_usa/how_to_apply.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

Location:

Students will travel to Arizona to learn about biodiversity from May July 31-August 11. The group will be in Tucson on July 31 and Green Valley on August 1, 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 August Intersession and should register for BISC 380. There are no pre-requisites for non-biology majors, who should sign up for ENVS 399 if interested. Student groups who may be particularly interested include Ole Miss Birders, Ole Miss Outdoors, and the Office of Sustainability.

Dates:

The dates are July 31- August 11, 2017. Students will study under the guidance of the instructor and local researchers in Arizona.

Travel:

Students will make their own 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 11.

Costs:

The course fee is \$1,195 plus tuition. Included in the course fee are accommodations, meals from August 2-11, 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.

Itinerary subject to change. Students should wait to make travel arrangements after confirming dates and times with instructor.