

BAHAMAS

BIO 3930 or NSC 1902 Marine and Island Ecology
Offered by: Drs. Todd Egan & Daniel Kjar

6 credits
Extension: 1859 - 1826

Number of anticipated openings - 17

Course Description:

This course is a comprehensive study of tropical marine and terrestrial organisms, the environment in which they live, and the interactions between organisms and their environments. The students will explore the various terrestrial and marine habitats of San Salvador Island, and will keep a field journal in which they will record observations of the organisms and their habitats. Additionally, students will participate in a field research program and present the results of their research to the group. Method of instruction: lectures, discussions, lab exercises and field projects, field trips, student projects and reports, slide shows, videos, and movies. Method of evaluation: quizzes and exams, individual projects and reports, field journal, identification of organisms, and participation.

General Information:

San Salvador Island is a less well-developed island of the Bahamas, and lacks much of the infrastructure you may expect compared to resort areas. Therefore, students with medical issues should talk with Drs. Kjar and Egan before applying to the course. Acceptance to this course is based on references and student interviews. The estimated cost includes: room and board while on site, round-trip airfare between Florida and San Salvador, Bahamas, fees for activities (boat rental, one dinner out, etc.) Students are responsible for purchasing their own snorkeling equipment, food and lodging in Florida, and round trip transportation to and from Florida. Skin diving or SCUBA is a pre-requisite for all students.