This course is an upper level undergraduate/graduate field. The course will include a 1-week field trip to Seahorse Key Marine Biology Laboratory near Cedar Key Florida from February 26 – March 4 2018. Students will be required to conduct a group research project in marine biology while they are on the island.

Since marine biology is a multidisciplinary subject, it is difficult to list all useful background courses. We assume that everyone submitting an application knows the names and major characteristics of the phyla, and grasps the major concepts of ecology. Useful supporting course work includes the following: BIO 2310, Ecology; BIO 3150, Biology of the Invertebrates; BIO 3050, Animal Physiology; BIO 3800, Conservation Biology; BIO 4110, The Aquatic Environment; BIO 4650, Ecosystem Ecology and Global Change, and BIO 4720 Ornithology.

For the first half of the semester, there will be lectures and exams to teach basic principles of Marine Biology. Students will also develop a field experiment during this time. During spring break, we will go to Seahorse Key Marine Biological Station, near Cedar Key, Florida. This trip is fun because of all the interesting environments we visit and all the living specimens we observe. We will spend the first day in the field familiarizing you with the flora and fauna of the island. Students will then conduct group field projects. Each person must be highly motivated and able to work both independently and in groups. Problem solving skills are especially important.

We travel in vans to and from Cedar Key, Florida. We will spend Sunday night in a hotel in Gainesville and then take a boat to the island of Seahorse Key the next morning. We stay in dorms in the lighthouse at the Marine Lab. There are two dorms (one each for men and women) and two faculty rooms. We work all day in the field regardless of the weather. Water temperatures are variable and depending on the year can range from low to high 60’s F. Evenings are spent in the laboratory looking at all the interesting specimens that we have collected and running experiments.
BIOLOGY OF SELECTED MARINE ENVIRONMENTS - BIO 4730/6730

APPLICATION

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Up to 16 students may be selected. Preference will be given to senior Biology Majors. Additional qualified students will be named as alternates. Accepted applicants must pay the full course fee to the Biology Department within one week of registering for the course and no later than December 7, 2018. The field trip fee is returnable to a canceling student only if another acceptable student is available.

COSTS ABOVE TUITION (APPROXIMATE): $350 in lab fees, $125 in travel fees
The course fee covers transportation to Florida, use of field station, and lodging. The cost may increase if enrollment is particularly low.

In addition you will need to budget for meals. Meals will be organized, cooked and paid for by the students. Food will cost approximately $75 per person for the week.

APPLICATION DEADLINE for the Spring 2018 class is Friday, November 17, 2017. Selection of those who will be permitted to sign up will not be made until the entire pool of applicants is available for our review. We expect to notify students as to the status of their application by the Thanksgiving break.
Name: __________________________________________ e-mail Address__________________________

Information you provide on this part of the application will be treated with strict confidentiality and will have no bearing on your selection for the course.

Age (mark with a ✓ if 21 or older by February 28) _______
Sex: __________

Cell phone #: ________________________________

Place you can be reached by mail:
__________________________________________________________________________________

Name, address, phone of relative or other person to be contacted during field trip in case of emergency:

Name: _________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

Contact’s home phone: (     ) _______________________
Contact’s work phone: (     ) _______________________

Check categories which apply to you:

1. AYA Science
2. WSU Graduate Student with Major in __________
3. WSU Undergraduate with Major in __________
4. Other. What? _____________________

What is your general state of health? _______ When was your last checkup? _______

Be aware that before leaving on the trip you or your parents (if you are under 21) must sign a waiver since the trip involves potentially hazardous activities.

The trip includes extensive walking through marsh, mud, sand, and shallow water. We will be on an island that is only accessible by boat.

Do you have a disability which you feel might restrict your activity during the field trip:

no 
yes. If yes, please explain:
__________________________________________________________________________________
How well can you swim? _____ some - up to 25 meters; _____ OK - up to 200 meters; _____ well - over 200 meters; _____ not at all (if not, you must complete a swimming course)

Do you have an Ohio driver's license?

Do you have any special skills (like paramedic, etc.)?

Since laboratory and boat space is limited, we normally must select students from among all the applicants. Preference is given to students who are academically well prepared, may be approaching graduation, and who have demonstrated in various ways that they can derive the greatest benefit from the course. By providing the following information you will help us in the selection deliberations.

List all sophomore level (2000 level, or their equivalent if taken elsewhere) and higher Biology courses you will have completed by the end of Fall 2017. Put the name of the course, not just its number.

What is your current GPA? _____ If your GPA is below 2.5, are there reasons you would like to explain? ____________________________________________

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When do you plan to receive your degree? _______ _______

Semester Year

Name and phone number/e-mail of one (or more) university faculty member(s) most familiar with your academic performance.

1. ____________________________

2. ____________________________
Describe in the space below your career goals:

Describe below why you want to participate in this course: