## **SEMESTER AT THE COAST**

#### The Baruch Institute for Coastal & Marine Sciences

January 21-April 28, 2024



South Carolina Honors College

#### ABOUT BARUCH INSTITUTE FOR COASTAL AND MARINE SCIENCES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPuCSfZmCw4



#### MORE ABOUT BARUCH INSTITUTE FOR COASTAL AND MARINE SCIENCES

- The Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences conducts research and supports education to improve the management of marine and coastal resources. We advance basic science for the well-being of people and their environment.
- The Belle W. Baruch Foundation selected the University of South Carolina as a partner in fulfilling Belle's mandate for the marine and estuarine environments of Hobcaw. In 1969, through the joint action of the University and the Foundation, the Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences was established.



#### **HONORS SEMESTER AT THE COAST FACULTY**



**Bill Strosnider** 



**Matthew Kimball** 



**Stefanie Whitmire** 



**Bruce Pfirrmann** 



**Robert Dunn** 



Skip Van Bloem



Jodi Barnes



#### **REQUIRED COURSES**

- Coastal and Estuarine Ecology (4 credit hours)
  - Counts for major or minor credit in: BIOL, MSCI, ENVR SCI & ENVR STUDIES
- Ecosystems of the South Carolina Lowcountry (4 credit hours)
  - Counts for major or minor credit in: BIOL, MSCI, ENVR SCI & ENVR STUDIES
- Field and Laboratory Research Methods (4 credit hours)
  - Counts for major or minor credit in: MSCI, ENVR SCI & ENVR STUDIES
- Lowcountry Culture and History (3 credit hours)
  - Counts for major or minor credit in: ENVR STUDIES

NO PRE-REQUISITES OPEN TO EVERYONE

#### (Optional) Additional Courses:

- Independent undergraduate research (SCHC 497, 3 credit hours)
- Optional online asynchronous course from USC (3 credit hours)



15

credit

hours

#### **STUDENT TESTIMONY**

- It was a great experience, and I would definitely recommend to any science major whether they are marine bio majors or not. We learned a lot about research as a whole.
- The Baruch Institute is an incredible place to learn more about marine biology, and an even more incredible place to appreciate the beauty of untouched nature!
- Being at Baruch opened my eyes to the vast amounts of experience and hands on learning I could gain
- The Baruch trip gave me a glimpse at out-of-the-classroom learning, and by allowing me to grow closer to some of my Honors peers.
- See more student testimony: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdNHzdB9w38</u>



#### **STUDENT EXPERIENCE**





#### **MORE OF THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**





### **PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- Lodging and Meals
- On-Site Entertainment
- Field Trips









## COSTS

#### USC Tuition

- All courses associated with the program are USC courses and students will pay tuition directly to USC through the regular channels
- \$5,500 for students enrolled in SCHC
- \$7,000 for non-Honors students with a 3.5 cumulative GPA (at time of application)
- Rent (\$1,000) x 4 months = \$4,000
- Utilities x 4 months = \$400
- Food x 4 months = 600
- Access to world-class research facilities = PRICELESS



### **PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES**

- Single room lodging in Baruch dormitory
- Meals (Mon.-Thurs. group dinners, meals during weekly field trips, one local guest chef per month)
- Extensive access to Baruch facilities
- Transportation for program excursions (boat, boat captain, truck, van)
- Staff support and program extras (local musicians, sporting equipment, other cultural events)





### **READY TO SIGN UP?**

- To secure your placement, submit the <u>\$500 deposit</u> by November 1
- Because there is a minimum number of participants required for this experience (8), interested students will register for a full semester of classes on USC's main campus. If the minimum is met, the South Carolina Honors College will work with students to drop those classes and be added to Semester at the Coast courses.



# **QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Sarah Kelly morgans@mailbox.sc.edu

