CofC in the British Virgin Islands

BIOLOGY

July 7-21, 2020

PROGRAM FEE- $3,928*
*(Subject to change & does not include tuition)

Students take one of the following courses:

BIOL 250/ 250L: Field Studies in Coral Reef Biology- 4 cr. (for non-majors)
OR
BIOL 453/ 453L: Field Studies in Coral Reef Biology- 4 cr. (for majors)

This course introduces undergraduate students to the organismal biology, ecology, and conservation of the Caribbean coral reef ecosystem in the British Virgin Islands. The emphasis is placed on field methods and labs, including SCUBA-based field experiments that provide hands-on experience and contribute to ongoing research projects. Lectures cover the biodiversity, systematics, and population and community-level ecology of predominant species of macroalgae, fishes and invertebrates and are paired with onboard or in-water lab exercises. The program is conducted aboard an 80 foot Burger yacht that will serve as our new teaching and research platform. Each day the class sails to a new island in the archipelago to investigate and explore new habitats, and receive practical training in the nautical sciences and SCUBA that prepare them to be a competent member of a research crew or field team. The program is conducted in collaboration with a 501(c)3 organization called the Marine science And Nautical Training Academy (MANTA, www.manta-online.org).
Why Participate in a CofC Summer Study Abroad Program?

- Go abroad with CofC faculty and fellow CofC students for 1 to 5 weeks during the summer term
- Earn CofC credit towards your major, minor, general education, or elective requirements
- Most, if not all, travel logistics arranged by the College (program fee and arrangements vary by program)
- Pay CofC in-state tuition or reduced out-of-state tuition
- Scholarships ranging from $500-$1,500 available through the Center for International Education; additional scholarships available through other CofC departments
- You may be eligible for additional financial aid during the summer term
- Come home with a lifetime of memories and the strong desire to go abroad again!

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