

Bahamas Sailing – NRRT 321 Marine Ecotourism

May 15-22, 2016 Summer Term 1

A Summer Term 2016 Travel Course (3 credits) offered by Human Dimensions of Natural Resources Department, Education Abroad and Continuing Education at CSU

Description: Sail and snorkel the crystal clear waters of the Bahama Islands. While living aboard a 57-foot Sailing Vessel you will explore key issues in the sustainable development of marine ecotourism in the Abaco Islands near Marsh Harbor, Bahamas. Learn about coral reef ecology and local Bahamian cultures and their interactions with the sea, nature conservation and tourism development.

Content: On ship lectures occur at the reef, anchorages and marinas along the sailing route with evening discussions about marine ecotourism issues experienced that day. Students navigate and operate the vessel, snorkel coral reefs, visit marine based parks and island settlements and conduct coral reef inventory studies. Requirements include an exam, reflection paper, and ecotourism project development report for the Bahamas.

Dates

Pre-trip Preparation - weekly sessions (**TBA**) March 21 to May 6, with discussions, group work, and project development

May 14-22 Travel to Marsh Harbour, Bahamas, Set sail Coral Reef Exploration at Fowl Cay Preserve and the Northeast End of Great Guana Cay. Seamanship skills (navigation, boat handling, sailing). Visit Hope Town, Guana Cay, and Man-O-War Cay

May 22-31 Return to USA complete project reports and assignments on individual basis

Eligibility: Students with sophomore standing or higher who are in good academic and disciplinary standing. Participants must pass a swimming test prior to start of the program (TBA). The course fulfills the AUCC Category 3 Global/Cultural Requirement.

Anticipated Costs: *approximately* \$2999 (based on 12 students) includes 3-credits, boat charter w/captain, 8 days room/board on ship & equipment

airfare, passport, book/supplies, personal incidentals Bahamas departure tax not included



Information Meeting TBD

For information and application, contact:

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Application deadline Dec. 20th (applications will be considered through February 1st subject to space availability)