



Marine Science in Belize

Program Coordinators: Dr. Sue Shoemaker and Mr. Nick Weakland
Dates in Ambergris Caye, Belize: May 13 -20, 2019

Experience the
wonderful
underwater
world!

COURSE INFORMATION:

MS 101 - OPEN WATER DIVER: Entry-level diving certification. This course will cover the basic knowledge and skills required to be certified as a scuba diver. Student must complete lectures, pools, and 4 open water certification dives to complete the course. (1 credit)

MS 102 ADVANCED DIVER: Exploration, Excitement, Experiences. They're what the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course is all about. And no, you don't have to be "advanced" to take it – it's designed so you can go straight into it after the PADI Open Water Diver course. This course helps you increase your confidence and build your scuba skills so you can become more comfortable in the water. This is a great way to get more dives under your belt while continuing to learn under the supervision of your PADI Instructor. This course builds on what you've learned and develops new capabilities by introducing you to new activities like deeper diving and underwater navigating. (1 credit)

DIVES: The Open Water Scuba Diver Course will include class lectures and pool time during the spring semester. The final dives will take place in the warm tropical waters of Ambergris Caye, Belize. Once the open water dives are completed, students will continue on to the Advanced Open Water Diver course while still in Belize.

MS 471 RESEARCH DIVER TECHNIQUES: Aquatic research methods using SCUBA as a research tool. Students will experience various research methods that are best completed with the use of SCUBA equipment. Prerequisites: BIOL 111 (Intro Biology), BIOL 111 Lab and basic SCUBA certification. (3 credits).

All students must attend classroom sessions during the spring semester. These sessions will be online so students should consult Canvas for all assignments. MS 471 Lab will be hands-on in Ambergris Caye, Belize.

NOTE: Students must buy required textbook, read the required sections, and complete all knowledge reviews prior to travel to Belize. All dives will be completed in Belize along with material discussions.

Please contact **Dr. Sue Shoemaker (smorra@francis.edu)** or **Mr. Nick Weakland (nweakland@francis.edu)** prior to registration with any questions and to make certain that all dive requirements can be met while in Belize.

COSTS:

PROGRAM FEE: The fee for the program is \$2625 and includes airfare, in-country transfer, international insurance, boat fees and all extra excursions. The program fee is to be paid to the Office for Study Abroad (Francis Hall, room 15).

TUITION: Tuition will be billed by the SFU Business Office (*For full-time SFU students this course can be included in your overall 12-18 credit load for the spring.*)

AIR, TEXTS & CERTIFICATION: The \$165 for air, text books, and 2 PADI Certification PICs (diving course) will also be billed by the SFU Business Office.

Note: all costs are estimated but should be fairly accurate. Many external factors related to travel may cause price variations.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Register for the course(s) -AND- complete the application on back and submit, along with the \$300 application fee (deducted from program fee), to the Office for Study Abroad, 205 Scotus Hall. **Remainder of the program fee is due by the end of April, 2019**

