

UF in Cuba

TROPICAL MARINE & ISLAND ECOLOGY

Summer A: May 12 - 24, 2017

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College of Agricultural & Life Sciences

School of Forest Resources and Conservation

Course taught by UF Faculty

PROGRAM

UF in Cuba will give you a hands-on understanding of the marine & coastal ecosystems of central & southern Cuba, the impacts of human land-use activities on ecological communities, and an introduction to Cuban history & culture. The program will begin on campus. During this time, you must attend three introductory, planning, and discussion meetings to prepare for the intensive 11-day program. Your time in Cuba will involve a mixture of field studies, lab studies, and classroom lectures/discussions.

LOCATION

Cuba is a tropical Spanish-speaking island in the Caribbean. It maintains a rich culture, colorful people, unique agricultural practices, & many exceptionally well-conserved tropical marine ecosystems.

EXCURSIONS

Daily excursions will be taken in and around Havana during the first half of the program. You will also visit Viñales Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The second half of the program will take place on the Isle of Youth.

HOUSING

Students will stay in hotels for the duration of the program.

LEARN about the tropical marine and coastal

ecosystems of Cuba such as pristine coral reefs and lush seagrass meadows

EXPLORE the function of coral reef communities and the mechanisms that drive their structure

UNDERSTAND how historic and current land-use affects soils, agricultural productivity, invasive species, and plant community ecology

EXAMINE the history, present political relationship, and cultural connections between Cuba & the U.S.



COURSE INFORMATION

FAS 4932 / FAS 6932:

Tropical Marine and Island Ecology (4 UF GPA credits)

Total Number of Credits Offered: 4

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

2017 Application Deadline: **March 15, 2017**
Please apply online at: www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas

ELIGIBILITY | REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Students in good standing
- Interview with one of the program directors
- Must be a strong swimmer and have snorkeling experience

2017 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: **\$2,799**

Graduate Program Fee: **\$3,130**

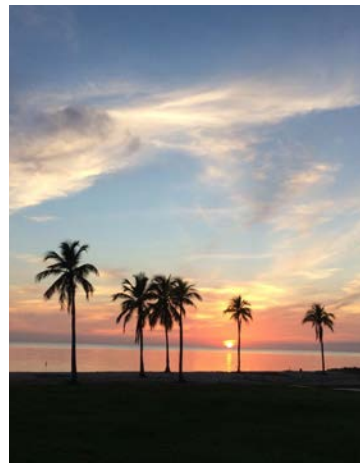
A \$350 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferment decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tuition for 4 UF GPA credits, all accommodation and transportation in Cuba, meals while on Isle of Youth, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare to Cuba (approximately \$350 USD, including entry visa), exit tax (\$25 USD), some meals while on mainland Cuba, additional personal travel and optional personal expenses.



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