

The following information will be published on the Courses page of the Summer Sessions Website :			
Course Title:	Above and Below the Surface: Scuba Diving the Caribbean between Climate Change and Tourism.		
Course Number:	Anth 2114 / EES 2114	Credit Hours: 3	Click here to enter text.
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Program start date:	May 6 th 2024	Program end date:	May 26 th
Program destination(s): (Each city, country - start/end date)	Island of Utila, Honduras		
Does this course fulfill any AXLE credit? If so, what?	yes		
What are the academic pre-requisites (if any) for enrolling in this course?	None; students must know how to swim		
What are some are some conditions or challenges that students will face? (Ex. Hiking long distances, extreme temperatures, rocky terrain, etc.)	Hiking, heat, swampy and rocky terrains, scuba diving. The course entails a lot of physical activities.		
What is covered in the student budget:	Detailed answers below.		
Lodging (Total nights + included amenities):	All lodging is provided; shared rooms		
Meals:	Total breakfasts: all breakfasts but on the 6 th of May Total lunches: all lunches but the 6 th and the 26 th of May Total dinners: all dinners but the 26 th of May		
Transportation (Airfare, public transit, etc.):	Students must purchase their own plane ticket to and from Roatan (Honduras) for the 6 th / 26 th of May. Arriving in Roatan all transportation will be covered by the program		
Supplies (Textbooks, gear, etc.):	Light hiking clothes are recommended (fast drying), sneakers, students will have to purchase mask, snorkel, scuba boots and fins as part of their scuba certification process.		
Excursions (Tour fees, admission fees, etc.):	All excursion fees and tips are included in the program		
What is <u>not</u> covered in the student budget:	Snacks, drinks (aside from what is provided at the 3 meals). Medications students might need. Students having breakfast, lunch, or dinner apart from the one provided (on free days). Scuba mask, snorkel, boots and fins. Students joining late or leaving early will		

	have to cover the extra expenses on their own (transportation, hotel and meals).
Lodging (Total nights):	All lodging is provided from the 6 th through the 25 th on the island of Utila, on the 26 th on Roatan.
Meals:	Total breakfasts: Total lunches: Total dinners:
Transportation (international airfare, public transit, etc.):	Click here to enter text.
Supplies (Textbooks, gear, personal items, etc.):	D.A.N dive insurance and the travel health insurance are NOT covered by the program
Excursions (Optional activities, tour fees, admission fees, etc.):	Click here to enter text.
Visa needed for US passport holders?	NO visa is needed for US passport holders
Is the cost of the visa included in the student fee?	Students will have to pay for their visa if needed (non-US students)
Does the course have a service-learning component:	Yes, we will be conducting beach clean-up and analysis of the trash; we will collect garbage under water and analyze, we will clean up artificial coral trees that are used to regrow corrals.
Please provide the course description below:	
<p>This course focuses on the under and above water ecology of the Caribbean Island of Utila, Honduras. Through a combination of above land excursions and scuba diving it seeks to provide a better understanding of ecologies as wide, and deep interrelated webs of interactions – reaching beyond the water’s surface. Students will be immersed in both, the history, culture, and the development of the contemporary Caribbean, as well as its famous underwater world and how it emerged through history.</p> <p>Above the surface, we will explore the terrestrial ecology and history of the island through hikes, kayaking the mangroves, visiting freshwater caves, but also exploring the power plant and waste-treatment facilities, relating both to the history of the island occupation as well as contemporary tourism.</p> <p>Students will learn how to scuba dive to explore the underwater world around the island. Through scuba diving we will explore the underwater ecology (fish and corals), but also its role for tourism – and how they are linked to the history of the island (shoreline construction, run off of waste-water, or fishing etc.), as well as broader global issues, such as global warming.</p> <p>As part of this course, students will learn how to scuba dive and receive certifications as Open Water Diver, Advanced Open Water Diver, Fish Identification, Coral Identification, and Coral health. All certifications are based on PADI (the world’s largest (and safest) organization for professional divers) and supervised by the course instructor.</p>	