ENST Catalina Semester Information and Preliminary Application

USC Dornsife Environmental Studies Program
Spring 2016 Catalina Sustainability Block Semester

Information and Preliminary Application

Program Information
The USC Dornsife Environmental Studies Program Catalina Sustainability Block Semester is a situated learning experience for students that are majoring and/or minoring in either environmental studies or biology. Recommended preparation includes completion of ENST 100, BISC 103, or BISC 120. Students will learn about coastal ecology and management through laboratory and field studies, and personal interaction with marine managers and scientists, while simultaneously gaining a better understanding and appreciation for the Southern California coastal environment.

Students enrolled in the Catalina Sustainability Semester will live and study at the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center for the entire semester (weekend transportation to the mainland is generally available). Rates for room and board are comparable to those on the University Park Campus. Courses are offered in a block format in which a single class meets on a daily basis (i.e., Monday through Friday, although participation in some weekend activities may be required). Each course will run for approximately four weeks, after which another class will take its place (four courses total; see below for details).

Application Information
The Catalina Sustainability Semester makes a number of demands, which are very likely different from other classes you have taken either at USC or elsewhere. This program has USC faculty as instructors, as well as staff members. The purpose of this application is to collect some preliminary information from you, and will serve as the first step in the application process. Eligible candidates may be asked to complete a more detailed application and/or invited for an in-person interview. Preliminary applications are due in the Environmental Studies Program office, SOS B15, no later than Wednesday, October 5, 2015.

2016 Catalina Sustainability Block Semester Courses
- **ENST 310: Sustainable Fisheries Management (4 units)**
  - Examination of scientific, social, political, and economic factors of fisheries management, engaging students in key issues of coastal and marine sustainability.

- **ENST 320a: Marine and Coastal Environmental Policy (4 units)**
  - Survey of major environmental policies both international and domestic as they relate to fisheries, shipping, pollution, seaports, and marine protection and management.

- **BISC 352L: Conservation Biology (4 units)**
  - Principles of conservation science in marine and terrestrial ecosystems with emphasis on protecting biological diversity and balancing the needs of nature with those of humans.
• **BISC 3469L: Marine Biology (4 units)**
  o Principles of conservation science in marine and terrestrial ecosystems with emphasis on protecting biological diversity and balancing the needs of nature with those of humans

Please be sure that you have read the entire preliminary application and provided the required information below. Your signature indicates that you understand the requirements of the 2016 Spring Catalina Sustainability Block Semester. *Return completed applications no later than October 5, 2015 to the Environmental Studies Program, 3502 Trousdale Parkway, SOS B15.*

Full Name: ______________________________________________________________

Major(s): ___________________________ Minor: _____________________________

Email: _____________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Cumulative GPA: _________________ Class Level: _________________________

Do you live in USC housing? (YES or NO) __________________

If YES, what is the name of the facility? _____________________________________

**Student Signature:** ___________________________ **Date:** _____________