Contact Us

Come visit our office to meet with faculty and students and to arrange a visit to Catalina Island.

Environmental Studies Program
Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
3502 Trousdale Parkway
Social Sciences Building (SSS) B15
Los Angeles, California 90089-0036

Email: environ@dornsife.usc.edu
Tel: (213) 740-7770
Fax: (213) 740-8566

http://dornsife.usc.edu/environmental-studies/

Where class meets in the ocean.
An academic experience like no other.

Learn in the field

The ENST Catalina Sustainability Semester offers a hands-on learning experience for environmental studies and biology majors and minors. Students will learn coastal ecology and management through scientific diving, lab and fieldwork, and personal interaction with marine managers and scientists, gaining an appreciation for the Southern California coastal environment.

Living on Catalina

Students live and study at the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center for the entire semester (transportation to the mainland is generally available on weekends). Rates for room and board are comparable to those on campus. The Wrigley Institute offers modern amenities in a peaceful waterfront setting, with abundant opportunities for kayaking, hiking, and wildlife viewing.

Spring 2014 Courses

Recommended preparation: ENST 100 or BISC 120L

ENST 298aLnL: Introduction to Scientific Diving
Academic preparation in the physics, physiology, safety, and methodology for in-water scientific diving; includes extensive diving component. (4 units total)

BISC 499L: Conservation Genetics
Exploration of coastal and marine organism population genetics and the conservation and restoration of genetic diversity. (4 units)

ENST 370: Marine and Coastal Environmental Policy
Survey of major environmental policies both international and domestic as they relate to fisheries, shipping, pollution, seaports and marine protection and management. (4 units)

ENST 310: Sustainable Fisheries Management
Examination of scientific, social, political and economic factors of fisheries management, engaging students in key issues of coastal and marine sustainability. (4 units)

Use your skills abroad

Students who complete the Catalina Sustainability Semester have the option to enroll in ENST 480: Integrated Ecosystem Management in Micronesia. This summer course allows students to apply their scientific diver training to tropical marine ecology and conservation on a two week trip to Guam and Palau at the end of the Spring semester.

Connect and learn more!

Visit the ENST Facebook page to connect with ENST students and alumni, check out photos and videos of our field trips and programs, and find out more about ENST courses and degrees.

facebook.com/usc.enst