

## Semi - Tropical Island Marine Biology in Bermuda

**Instructor(s):** McFaul

**Eligibility:** All Students; All Levels;

**Capacity:** 25 students

**Dates:** May 18<sup>th</sup> (Friday night) – May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Bermuda Institute for Oceanographic Studies (BIOS)

**Cost:** \$2200 - Includes all activities, transport and meals  
(Price subject to change due to fuel surcharges)

### Immediate Deposit:

\$200.00; if you select Bermuda as your first choice, please attach a check for \$200.00 to your signup sheet. This deposit will cover the deposits required for airfare and the institute. If you are not selected, your check will be returned to you.

### Program Description:

This focus week trip exposes the students to a semi-tropical island community of Bermuda. Bermuda is actually the northern-most coral reefs and because of its isolation, Bermuda offers a unique opportunity to study diverse variety of ecosystems. Students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of micro-ecosystems that surround the islands of Bermuda. Emphasis would be placed on the different aquatic ecosystems in the vicinity of Bermuda. These include sandy areas, near-shore rocky reefs, and offshore coral reefs. Students will be asked to make comparisons between the different sites both in numbers and types of fishes and the physical features of different sites. This year students will also spend some time experiencing native habitat restoration with the trip to Nonsuch Island preserve and the surrounding Islands. Snorkeling will be a major component of their experience and as a result students need to be comfortable in the water, although they do not need to have prior snorkeling experience. All students will need a current passport and snorkeling gear.

### Itinerary: (Subject to Change)

May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Depart for Bermuda (Evening)	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Offshore reefs snorkeling/North Rock
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Arrive in Bermuda Orientation/Snorkeling in Whalebone Bay	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nonsuch Island tour/Snorkeling
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bermuda Aquarium Snorkeling-Harrington Sound	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Spittal Pond Bird Park
		May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mangrove forest hike/swim Night Snorkel
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Snorkeling/Coral transects / South Shore Beach hike/snorkel –Plankton Lab	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Snorkel Whalebone Bay Leave for Seattle