Bahamas

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“This course showed me more than I could have imagined in the marine biology field.”
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Country Overview:

• The “Sharklab” in Bimini, Bahamas is one of the longest-existing shark research facilities in the world.

• Bimini has many unspoiled marine habitats including sandy shores, mangrove forests, sea grass meadows and coral reefs.

• Bimini hosts a wide variety of marine life, including over 15 species of sharks.

• The Bahamas have a complex history and culture which includes Christopher Columbus, pirates, and both Spanish and British rule.

Earn 2 credits while experiencing hands-on learning through excursions and field study!

What to Expect:

• Observe, handle, and sample sharks in this hands-on class.

• Participate in field and laboratory exercises that explore tropical ecology and marine communities.

• See marine species in their natural habitat in the marine protected areas of Bimini, which are restricted from human access and use.

• Daily activities include two lectures, each followed by field trips with snorkeling.

• Work with Dr. Samuel Gruber, a world famous biologist, and his staff in the field of marine biology.