COASTAL ORNITHOLOGY

This course explores the highly diverse avian habitats found along the Mississippi Gulf Coast with a focus on the study of avian ecology in the field. Class activities will include a significant emphasis on the use of both sight and sound as means of field identification. During this course students will explore the pristine Pascagoula River area, local marshes and other unique coastal habitats. Students will also be introduced to a variety of ornithology field techniques including bird-banding, call-broadcast surveys, and monitoring methodologies. Pre-requisites: Two semester’s biology or permission of instructor (Ecology recommended but not required). Dr. Mark Woodrey. Coastal Ornithology, COA 411/511. Three semester hours credit. Course field fee is $100.00.

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY

This course is designed to develop an awareness of our environment, and convey this understanding through the medium of photographic image. This class includes studies of the structure and function of ecosystems (emphasizing aquatic environments), and examines selected environmental concerns through daily field trips. Further, students in this course will emphasize nature at the seldom observed macroscopic level for a fuller understanding of inter-relationships in the environment. Although no formal coursework is prerequisite, it is expected that students enrolled in this class will have a basic awareness of environmental issues. This course is designed to appeal to students across disciplines. Dr. James Wetzel. Special Topics: Environmental Photography; COA 490/590. Three semester hours credit. Course field fee is $100.00.