**How much will this course cost?**

Estimated cost per student, in-state:

- $1180 Tuition (4 credits)
- $45.80 College Fee
- $200 IAP Admin Fee
- $26.25 Academic Excellence Fee
- $3,200 Program fee*
- $350.00 - $550 Airfare

Total: $5,002- $5,202

*This is the cost of lodging, all transportation (other than flight), admission into excursions, food, lab use, books and supplies for the class. It does not cover dive or boat costs.

These costs cover everything needed for this exciting once in a lifetime opportunity!

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**So I’m interested, What do I do next?**

1. Go to the class website (https://you.stonybrook.edu/tropical/)
2. Contact International Academic Programs at Stony Brook University (Jeanine Guibeault-Leite 631-632-7030) to start the IAP application.
3. Contact me and let me know you’re interested.

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**What is the class all about?**

This travel course literally immerses students with the organisms (invertebrates, fishes and algae) and habitats (coral reefs, seagrass meadows and mangrove forests) within tropical marine coral reef ecosystems. The course consists of formal lectures, demonstrations and instructor led field trips and involves snorkeling, SCUBA diving, reef walking and underwater photography. Students will develop individual research projects requiring field observations and data collection and will write a research proposal and final research paper.

**Who is this class for?**

Anyone interested in exploring these tropical habitats. We have had English, Psychology, Linguistic, Pre-Med, Biology, Environmental Science and Marine Science students participate in this course over the years. You also don’t need to be a student of Stony Brook University. We have had many students from other universities join us.

**What background do I need to take this?**

None. We will impart to you all of the knowledge you need to be successful in this course. If you aren’t a biology student, you can still enjoy this.

**Where will we stay?**

We will stay at the Discovery Bay Marine Lab on the north shore of Jamaica. DBML is a suite of laboratories, class rooms, offices, wet laboratories, two dormitories, a cafeteria, a fully equipped SCUBA dive center and a marina with research vessels of various sizes. DBML hosts groups of scientists and students from universities worldwide, engaged either in research or in higher education. We will sleep, eat, study, swim, and play here for our entire stay. We will also make excursions to climb a waterfall, shop in a straw market, see a botanical garden or crawl a cave.