

May Term Travel 2023

Palau Expedition: Sustaining Life on a Blue Planet

EVST 281: Dr. Lei Lani Stelle



Enrollment Limit = 12-13

Course Fee = \$3350

Features Included in the Course Fee:

- Lodging
- Meals
- Boat & kayak trips
- Activities including snorkel (but not Scuba)
- Guides & meetings with experts
- Transportation within Palau

Estimated Expenses Beyond Course Fee: Roundtrip airfare from LAX ~\$1200-\$1700; Scuba diving (optional) = \$35 per dive. Personal snorkel gear (required: mask, fins, snorkel) ~ \$35+; personal spending money varies (~\$100+).

Course Description: Palau is an island nation in Micronesia (~550 miles east of the Philippines) facing threats to its environment and way of life. This expedition combines the study of Palau's marine ecology and natural history, its clan-based system of social organization, and its efforts to achieve sustainable forms of development. Students will explore dozens of islands by hiking, kayaking, snorkeling (or Scuba) diving, learn scientific methods, and participate in interviews with members of the community. Grading will be based on quizzes, field activities, assignments, and written essays.

Class will meet on campus for a few days before the expedition to cover background material to maximize student learning while in the field.



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*****IMPORTANT:** All applicants must fill out a Palau course application and will be interviewed. Successful applicants must have strong swimming skills and a genuine interest in marine life.