

# Off-Campus Study Student Profiles

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*Major: Biology*

**Duke University Marine Laboratory:  
Beaufort N.C. to Bermuda**



### Program Highlights:

- The best part of this program was that I learned what I wanted to do with the rest of my life.
- The focus of the program on Marine Biology.

### *How did your experience fit into your major and your Wooster education?*

I took a bunch of Biology courses that dealt with marine systems of course, so I couldn't really take them here. For a Biology major (by the old standards) you needed 5 upper level courses (not including I.S.). Two of the courses I took abroad qualified as those upper level courses. So my study abroad experience is literally part of my major. I also took a course in International Conservation and Development, which was accepted as a Political Science credit and led me to pursue a Political Science minor. I am applying to graduate school at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment, so if all goes well, I will be back in Beaufort, NC at the marine lab in a year or two!

### *What courses did you take and how did you like your courses?*

In Beaufort, NC, I took Marine Physiology, International Conservation and Development, and Beach and Island Geological Processes. Dr. Richard Forward taught Marine Physiology and he was wonderful and extremely well-known in his field. International Conservation and Development inspired my life's goal of pursuing environmental policy. Dr. Pilkey taught Beach and Island Geological Processes and he was wonderful and hysterical! Everyone who has gone to Duke and been into biology knows Dr. Pilkey!

In Bermuda, I took Biological Oceanography and Behavior and Physiology of Marine Animals. Both of these classes were fabulous and I got to work with equipment I probably will never see again in my life! I also got to go on the Atlantic Explorer, which was the new research vessel worth a few million dollars for one of my labs. I have so many amazing memories from this experience!

### Duke Marine Biology Laboratory, Beaufort N.C. to Bermuda

Located in Beaufort, NC, the Duke Marine Lab offers a year-round curriculum for undergraduate, professional masters and doctoral students as well as a full range of research, residential and teaching facilities. The Marine Lab also is home port for the R/V CAPE HATTERAS and a fleet of smaller research and transport vessels. The resident faculty reflects expertise in oceanography, marine biology, ecology, physiology, biochemistry, cultural anthropology and marine policy. The Marine Laboratory is a campus of Duke University and a unit within the Nicholas School of the Environment. Its mission is education and research in the basic ocean processes, coastal environmental management, marine biotechnology and marine biomedicine.

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