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INTERNATIONAL GEOBIOLOGY COURSE 2008

JUNE 11 – JULY 10, 2008
CATALINA ISLAND, CA USA

Application Deadline: March 7, 2008

Please send application materials to:

Ann Close, Geobiology Course Coordinator
Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies
University of Southern California
3616 Trousdale Parkway
Los Angeles, California
USA 90089-0371

Email: close@usc.edu

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Processing:

Thank you for your interest in the 2008 International Geobiology Course. The following information is required of all applicants. Please include the following documents or notify us if some will be submitted separately.

- Application form**
- Evaluations**
- Curriculum vitae including statements of:**
 - (a) Academic training and research experience and**
 - (b) Research/career goals and interests**

Deadline: Completed application materials and evaluations must be received by **March 7, 2008**. Items received after this date cannot be guaranteed consideration by the course Admission Committee.

Acceptance: Decisions of the Admission Committee will be emailed in mid-late March. Committee decisions are final. You will be asked to acknowledge acceptance to the course by return email.

Travel and other Course Information: Travel, housing, financial assistance and other necessary enrollment information will be enclosed with the admission letter. Foreign students will be advised as to the appropriate instructions for visitor visa applications at the US embassy in their country.

Further inquiries may be directed to:

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APPLICATION FORM

Family Name _____ First Name _____ M / F _____

Citizenship (country) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) ____/____/____

Institutional Mailing Address _____

ZIP Code _____ State _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax # _____

Email _____

Home Mailing Address _____

ZIP Code _____ State _____ Country _____

Contact Tel. No (Home or cell phone): _____

Please indicate preferred mailing address: Institution Home

Current Institutional Affiliation: _____

Academic Advisor: _____

Present Position: _____ Position held since: _____
(if student, give current status of education)

Degree earned or expected	School	Year	Field of Concentration
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

How did you learn about this course? _____

Date _____ Applicant Signature _____

Information supporting your application

All information listed below must be enclosed with your application or be submitted separately and be received by the GeoBiology Course Coordinator before **March 7, 2008**.

GeoBiology 2008 requires complete student participation in all aspects of the program and the ability to quickly grasp concepts and contents of other science branches for the full duration of the course. The field component involves hiking and field sampling that can include some rigorous activity. Weekdays begin with lectures that often include group discussions. Afternoons are devoted to hands-on laboratory exercises that may run into late night hours. Other evenings are devoted to colloquia or computer aided modeling exercises. Some afternoons and evenings are reserved for the student's own course research project. There are guest lectures throughout the course and during the symposia. You will recognize that there is little time for much else but course work and you should be aware of this as you prepare the statements requested of you below. Students are expected to work in groups and must bring a spirit of collaboration and teamwork to this course.

Evaluations

Please request written evaluations from two individuals familiar with your academic and research backgrounds and goals. Evaluation guidelines for evaluators are enclosed. Sealed evaluations may be submitted with other application materials by you, or be sent by the evaluator directly (email is fine) to the Geobiology Course Coordinator.

The two required evaluations should not come from faculty members of the course.

Please provide the name, institution and e-mail address of the two individuals whom you have asked to submit evaluations.

Evaluator 1: Evaluation included Evaluation will be sent directly

Name _____ Institution _____

E-Mail _____

Evaluator 2: Evaluation included Evaluation will be sent directly

Name _____ Institution _____

E-Mail _____

TO: Evaluator

Name of applicant:

is applying for participation in the International GeoBiology Course 2008. Your comments are essential to select successful applicants, and we thank you for your time and effort in evaluating this application.

The evaluation should be completed by an individual (other than a faculty member of the course) who is able to evaluate:

- a) The applicant's professional experience,
- b) His/her commitment to the field of the course,
- c) His/her scientific abilities (creativity, imagination, curiosity, initiative, skills),
- d) His/her overall potential for success in applying the course contents in his/her professional career, and
- e) His/her ability to work in a group

GeoBiology 2008 will only be of value to students with a serious commitment to science and with the ability to benefit from a very intense learning experience. Success depends heavily on student's initiative and cooperation with other students. Please comment on the applicant's ability to interact cooperatively with others.

Your evaluation may be enclosed with the participant's application or be submitted separately by email, mail or fax. It must be received before **March 7, 2008**.

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