

Immersive Marine Field Courses in the Cayman Islands



Partner with CCMI's Education staff to deliver residential, research-integrated university field programmes at our fully equipped research station on Little Cayman, a Mission Blue Hope Spot. *Ideal for immersive undergraduate and graduate-level learning.*

Facilities and Infrastructure

- Accommodation for up to 44 participants across two adjacent ocean-front buildings (dorms, private, and semi-private rooms)
- Two air-conditioned ocean-view classrooms
- State-of-the-art molecular laboratory with outdoor mesocosm lab
- Instructional wet lab
- Three vessels for SCUBA and snorkel operations
- Meals prepared daily by our chef

Academic and Experiential Benefits

- Direct access to coral reef ecosystems within metres of the station
- Integration with CCMI's long-term active marine research programme
- Opportunities for independent and group research projects
- Instructional support from experienced marine scientists and dive professionals
- Seamless integration of classroom, laboratory, and field-based learning

Trusted year after year by leading institutions including:

Columbia University, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Dartmouth College, Rutgers University, Wellesley College, and many others!

Columbia University - since 2025

Graduate level course on tropical ecosystem sustainability and resiliency. CCMI Education staff supports the learning and field-based activities of students and faculty from the Sustainability Management and Sustainability Science programmes at Columbia.

Dartmouth College - since 2009

Each year, Dartmouth's Biology Foreign Study Program runs a three-week residential course at CCMI. Students devise and conduct independent research projects using on-site labs and field resources, all facilitated by CCMI Education staff.

Kean University - since 2007

CCMI developed a customized undergraduate field course covering marine ecology, coral and reef fish identification, and field survey techniques. The programme combined classroom instruction with daily in-water learning and research, all led by CCMI staff.

Why Little Cayman?

- Very remote, yet accessible via Grand Cayman (direct flights from 25+ cities)
- Best protected, least developed, and least populated of the Cayman Islands
- Exceptionally safe island, pristine field setting
- One of the Caribbean's top diving destinations and coral reef research sites
- Near-baseline reef conditions with minimal impacts from pollution and development
- Diverse, largely undisturbed terrestrial habitats (dry forest, mangroves, rocky coast)
- Ideal for both marine and terrestrial ecology studies
- Globally significant birding destination; also home to endemic rock iguanas and three species of nesting sea turtles

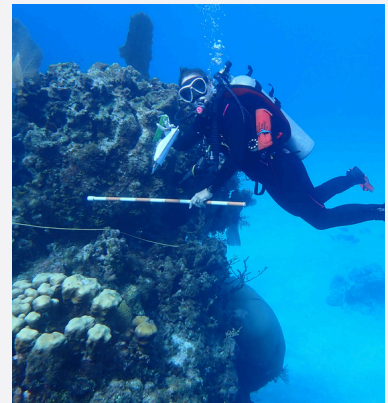


Students will gain:

- Practical field research skills in coral reef ecology
- Experience in experimental design and data collection
- Exposure to applied conservation and marine management in one of the best protected islands in the Caribbean

“Visiting CCMI was the best experience of my college career. The hands-on learning and research opportunities they provided allowed me to grow professionally and personally.”

- Indiana University student, 2022



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Design your next field course with CCMI
We work with you to customize fully-supported, residential programmes that range from one week to full semester experiences.