

Application Form – Fall Semester, 2008

Semester in Environmental Science (SES)

Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1015

Eligibility and Deadlines: You must be an undergraduate to participate in SES. Students at colleges and universities that are members of the *MBL Consortium in Environmental Science* (MBLCES) will receive credit from their home institutions. Students whose home institution is a member of the Associated Colleges of the South, but not a member of the MBLCES can receive credit through Trinity University. If you are at un-affiliated institutions you can participate as a guest student at Brown University and will receive Brown credit. Completed application forms, transcripts, and evaluations must be received by the MBL on or before **March 25, 2008**. Admissions decisions will be mailed by **April 18, 2008**. Notification of an MBL financial award will be included with letters of acceptance.

General Information

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Middle initial: _____

Social security number: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

If you are not a U.S. citizen, please indicate your visa type and expiration date: _____

Name of college or university you attend: _____ Major: _____

Current year in college: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

Voluntary: If you wish to be identified as a member of an under-represented minority in science check the appropriate box below (must be completed to be eligible for URGES* scholarship aid):

African American Hispanic Native American Other _____

*URGES is a program intended to foster participation in SES by Under-Represented Groups in Environmental Science

Mailing address during academic year:

Permanent mailing address:

Please indicate dates between which each address applies:

Starting: _____ Ending: _____

Starting: _____ Ending: _____

City: _____ State: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ Postal code: _____

Country: _____ Postal code: _____

Telephone #: _____

Telephone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parents or Legal Guardians:

Names: _____ Relationship: _____

Day time phone #: _____ Night time phone #: _____

Mailing address: _____

**Return to: Semester in Environmental Science, Marine Biological Laboratory,
7 MBL Street, C. V. Starr 116, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1015.**

If you have any questions, please call the SES Office at 508-289-7777 or e-mail SES@mbl.edu.

Supporting Materials:

Please supply official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended, two letters of recommendation from people qualified to assess your academic capabilities, and a personal statement describing your experience, goals and reasons for wanting to attend the MBL's Semester in Environmental Science. For your convenience, we have provided check boxes below to help you keep track of all the necessary supporting documentation.

Personal statement - in a maximum of two pages of double spaced text or about 500 words, tell us why you wish to attend the Semester in Environmental Science. Describe your goals over the next few years. Mention any relevant experience you may have.

Official transcript(s) from all post-secondary schools attended. Provide names of institutions issuing transcripts: _____

Two letters of recommendation: In the space below please print the names, titles, phone numbers and addresses of the two individuals who will write recommendations for you. Included are two recommendation forms that you should provide to these individuals to help guide their evaluations.

1) Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone#: _____

Mailing address: _____

2) Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone#: _____

Mailing address: _____

NOTE: Your application will be incomplete and will not be reviewed by the admissions committee unless we receive all these materials on or before the application deadline. Official transcripts and letters of recommendation may be included together with this application if they are sealed, or may be mailed separately.

Approval for Credit by the College

All applicants must have this section completed by your Off-Campus Studies Office. Schools within the MBL Consortium in Environmental Science have agreed to grant a full semester's credit to students who satisfactorily complete the SES program. Please obtain the signature of the off-campus studies advisor at your school confirming that your participation in the program has been pre-approved by the college.

Enrollment of _____ (name of student) in the Semester in Environmental Science at the MBL during the fall of **2008** has been approved by the appropriate committees and advisors at _____

name of college

Signature of the Off-Campus Studies Advisor: _____

Approval for Non-U.S. Citizens

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, you must obtain approval to study off-campus from the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) at your college.

Signature of ISSO Advisor: _____

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Name of student applying (please print): _____

To the student: If you wish to waive the right to examine this evaluation at a later date, please sign below. If you do not sign, you will have access to this document after registration for the course. (The alternative chosen will not affect consideration of this application):

Signature of student applying: _____ Date: _____

To the evaluator: Please use this form to guide you in writing your letter of recommendation for the applicant. Keep in mind that the Semester in Environmental Science is a rigorous and challenging program intended to immerse students in both primary literature and hands-on field and laboratory research. Students should have successfully completed the following prerequisites or have the equivalent knowledge: one year of introductory biology, one year of introductory chemistry, and basic calculus. The success of students in this program will depend heavily on student initiative, ability to work cooperatively in groups and a willingness to see a project through to the end. Thank you for your time and effort in preparing this evaluation.

Evaluator's name and title: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____ Evaluator's signature: _____

Please rank the applicant relative to the general population of student peers by circling the appropriate percentile in each category below.

	<u>Percentile Ranking</u>					<u>Bottom</u>
	<u>Top</u>					
1. Maturity	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
2. Curiosity	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
3. Initiative & independence	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
4. Intellectual ability	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
5. Ability to work in a team	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
6. Creativity & imagination	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
7. Background preparation	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
8. Laboratory and field skills	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%

Narrative Evaluation:

In the space provided below or on a separate sheet, please provide a brief description of the applicant's strengths and weakness, explain how you know the applicant and note any special circumstances or factors which we should take into consideration when evaluating him or her for entrance into the Semester in Environmental Science at the MBL.

You may either return this form to the student in a sealed envelope or send it directly to:
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116, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1015.

If you have any questions about the Semester in Environmental Science at the MBL or this
evaluation call SES at (508)289-7777, e-mail SES@mbl.edu, or fax SES at (508)289-7507.