

ISLANDS THROUGH TIME

at College of the Atlantic

This is a sample schedule, provided to give prospective students a general idea of the course structure. The first several days will focus on the marine ecology, literature, and cultural history of the Maine coastline. The middle of the course will take place on the college's field stations, Mount Desert Rock and Great Duck Island. Students will spend two nights on each island, switching halfway through.

Returning to shore, students will explore the traditional livelihoods practiced by some of those who have made this coast their home and consider how the changing environment has shaped their experiences.

Students will work on thought-provoking and rigorous academic assignments in multiple disciplines, expressing themselves through writing, drawing and artmaking. The course will culminate with a final presentation, to be shared with professors, peers, and parents.

*This course is extremely weather-dependent. Where and when trips take place and what their duration will be is entirely dependent on weather, tides and sea conditions and is very likely to change as needed.

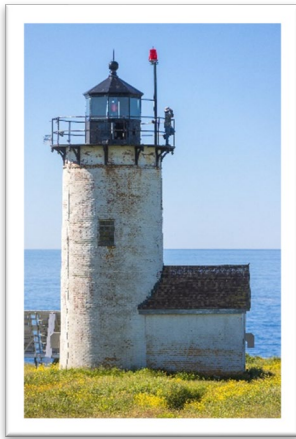
Arrival Day at College of the Atlantic

- Student Arrival & Check-In
- Welcome & Orientation (with parents)
- Human Ecology Discussion + Introduction to Program *and hike to compass harbor*
- Dinner
- History of the Coast with John Anderson
- Writing & Reflection Time with TA's
- Curfew



Day 1 at College of the Atlantic

- Breakfast
- Boat trip to Somes Sound and Bass Harbor Light
- Lunch
- Driving Tour of Park Loop Road
- Art Studio
- Dinner
- Artists, MDI, & Acadia with Ken Cline and Neeraj Sebastian
- Writing & Reflection Time with TA's
- Curfew

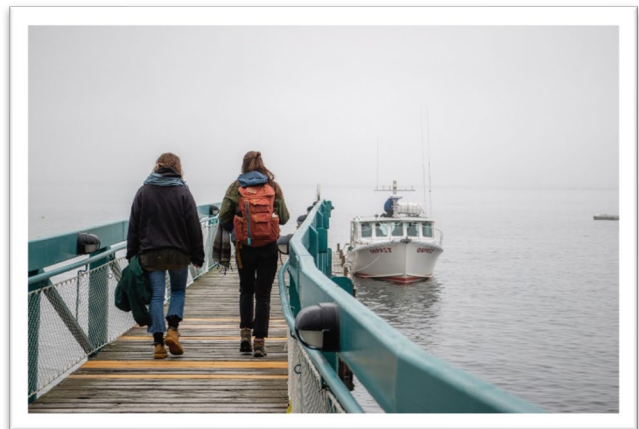


Day 2 at College of the Atlantic

- Breakfast
- Trip to Anemone Caves and Great Head
- Lunch
- Art Studio
- One-on-Ones with Instructors
- Dinner
- Discussion of "*Speak to the Winds*" by Ruth Moore
- Writing & Reflection Time with TA's
- Curfew

Day 3 at College of the Atlantic

- Breakfast
- All day Boat trip to Isle au Haut, via Crotch Island
- Dinner
- Island Stewardship with Bob DeForrest
- Writing & Reflection Time with TA's
- Curfew





Day 4 at College of the Atlantic

- Breakfast
- Drive to/explore Cadillac Mountain Summit
- Bag lunch
- Hike down from Cadillac Mountain & Debrief
- Art Studio
- Dinner
- Packing Party
- Writing & Reflection Time with TA's
- Curfew

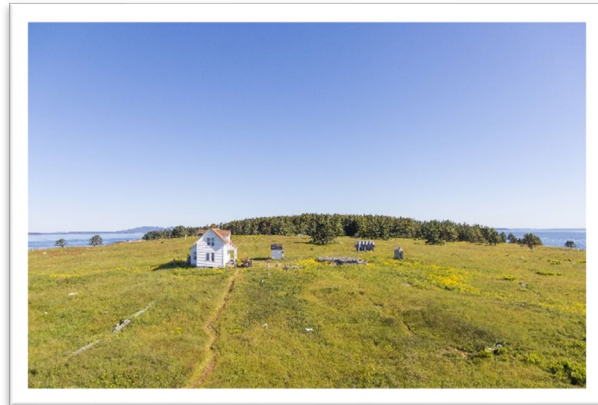
Days 5 - 8 on islands

During the middle of the course, students will be stationed on our two research stations, Mount Desert Rock and Great Duck Island. Students will be divided into two groups, spending two nights on each island and switching half-way through.

Island activities will include firsthand experience in data collection and research, visits to whale feeding grounds, seal haul-outs and seabird colonies, and an understanding of the ecology and species of each island.

At each island, participants will have time for reading, writing and artmaking and will participate in tasks essential to the operation of the field stations.

In addition, the group(s) will take additional day trips to other local areas. Past years have included trips to Baker Island, Swans Island, Frenchboro and Black Island in addition to whale watching between Great Duck Island and Mount Desert Rock.



Day 9 return from islands

- Breakfast
- Island Activities
- Lunch
- Return from Mount Desert Rock and Great Duck Island
- Dinner
- Downtime
- Writing & Reflection Time with TA's
- Curfew

Day 10 at College of the Atlantic

- Breakfast
- Weather-dependent activities
- Lunch
- Understanding Watersheds - Freshwater Pond Canoeing with Ken Cline
- Dinner
- Sand Beach Moonrise Trip
- Computer Lab / Writing & Reflection Time with TA's
- Curfew

Day 11 at College of the Atlantic

- Breakfast
- Art Studio
- One-on-Ones with Instructors
- Lunch
- Bar Island Walk at Low Tide
- Dinner and Human Ecology Discussion
- Presentation Rehearsals with TAs
- Curfew



Departure Day at College of the Atlantic

- Breakfast
- Presentation Preparation
- Student Presentations in Gates Auditorium (for parents and the COA community)
- Lunch
- Course End