MAR 557 Case Study and Project Planning Seminar
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This seminar will introduce students to case studies in marine conservation carried out regionally, nationally, and internationally through seminars given by professionals in the field. In addition, students will be given direction on how to find an internship or develop a plan for a case study. Students will be required to submit a written project plan for either their Capstone Project or Internship prior to the end of the semester. 1 credit S/U grading.

Learning objectives:
- Assess case studies in marine conservation
- Discuss conservation issues and careers with experts in the fields of Marine Conservation and Policy
- Write a project plan for Capstone Projects or Internships

Place and time: TBA

Schedule (check for updates on Blackboard)

Week 1 –Introduction, description of course goals and plan, discuss any program-wide issues.

Week 2 –Discussion of primary and secondary literature and citations; Discuss list of conservation agencies and NGOs (to be posted on Blackboard).

Week 3 –Discussion of expectations and timelines for Capstone Project and Internships; Examples of previous Capstone Projects/Internships
  * Pick conservation agencies for presentations in Week 5

Week 4 –Short presentations summarizing major conservation agencies picked on Week 3.
  *Identify topics for Capstone Projects or Internship (submit topic to Lesley by this date)

Week 5 –Discussion of expectations and guidelines for final paper for Capstone Project/Internship (due in August)

Week 6 –Resume preparation

Week 7 –Search tools and strategies for internship/jobs; Tips for giving professional presentations.
  * Draft Project/Internship plan due for review at a date in November TBA

Week 8 –Speaker 1–TBA

Week 9 –Speaker 2 – TBA

Week 10 –Speaker 3 TBA

Week 11 – November 6: Speaker 4 – TBA

Week 12 – November 12: Speaker 5 – TBA

Week 13 – November 20: Presentations of final plans for Capstone Project/Internship

Week 14 – TBA

Week 15 –Presentations of final plans for Capstone Project/Internship

*Final written plans due during finals week.