This Course will combine online self-tutorial modules and an intensive, 16 day field trip that will immerse students in the fascinating study of desert ecology: the interactions between desert organisms and their environments. We will focus on the community ecology of the four recognized North American deserts—the Chihuahuan, Sonoran, Mohave, and Great Basin Deserts. The course is therefore approximately 50% online lectures and plant identification tutorials, and 50% applied learning in the field. The Field component is a once-in-a-lifetime voyage to Big Bend National Park, Saguaro National Park, Mohave National Preserve, Grand Canyon National Park, Monument Valley, Canyonlands and Arches National Park, and Mesa Verde National Park. The course will be a unique field experience that will test the student’s usual capacity as well as sharpen their abilities to be individuals responsible for themselves in challenging field conditions.

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Field Trip Dates:  
June 22nd - July 7th

Vehicles and Fuel:  
department will pay for transportation

Credit Hours:  
6 Credit Hours

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