

TRENT UNIVERSITY
Ontario Universities Program in Field Biology

Course Title:	Coastal Field Ornithology	
Instructor(s):	Dr. Erica Nol, (enol@trentu.ca)	
Dates:	Revised: May 5 – May 20, 2017 (2 weeks; 0.5 credit)	
Location:	Chincoteague Island, Virginia	
Cost:	\$1300 (\$350 deposit to home university, \$950 balance). Included: travel to and from study site in coastal Virginia, all meals and accommodations.	
Prerequisites:	Students should normally be entering the 3rd or 4th year of a Biology Honours	
Enrolment:	15 students (5 reserved for Trent)	
Description:	This field course will cover ornithological field techniques, research methods and bird identification in and around Chincoteague Island, Virginia. Located on the Atlantic side of the Delmarva Peninsula, in the mid-Atlantic coastal region of the United States, the area supports a variety of habitats, including sandy beaches, salt marshes, maritime forest and freshwater wetlands. Students will improve their bird identification skills, learn and apply field survey techniques, formulate a research proposal, collect data, and present a project at the end of the course.	
Evaluation:	Field notebook Field quizzes (3) Research project Focal species project	20% 25% 35% 20%

***\$350 Deposit is due at time of registration.

Tuition at your home institution is *in addition* to any field module costs.

Students who drop a field course should not expect a refund of any field course costs.

Students are encouraged to purchase cancellation insurance if airline tickets are required.

Students are responsible for all fees incurred by the home or host university due to any bounced cheque.