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Biology: Coastal Ecology and Conservation

Background

Hello! My name is Ian Deery. I'm currently studying biology with a concentration in Coastal Ecology and Conservation. I plan on continuing my education once I've finished my bachelor's degree here at USCB, and I hope to join a graduate program focused on conservation and wildlife biology.

A few things made me choose USCB, but I think the most important factors for me were its location and size. I really enjoy living in the Lowcountry, so being able to stay in this area and go to college was a big incentive for me. I like the fact that USCB has relatively small classes, and I feel like there's a sense of community on campus that you might not get at a larger school. Being from this area, I know a handful of people that attended USCB, and they all enjoyed their time here and recommended that I consider it.

Growing up, I spent a lot of time in the outdoors. I was always fishing, riding bikes, exploring the woods around my neighborhood, turning over logs to catch critters, and doing anything that got me out of the house. I think all the time I spent outside as a kid helped foster a deep appreciation for the natural world, and I knew from a young age that I wanted to study biology when I was older.

Favorite Class

I really enjoyed B301-Ecology and Evolution. I've always been fascinated with the way ecological relationships have shaped the evolutionary history of life on earth. I appreciated learning about ecological concepts and principals and thinking about how they can be used in real-world applications aimed at conserving biodiversity.

Best Piece of Advice

The classes you take during freshman year are important; try to get the most out of them. Those introductory classes cover a lot of the foundational knowledge that you will continue to build upon as you progress through your education. Also, participate in class and take advantage of attending a smaller university. It's never too early to start making friends within your major program and to get know your professors. Those relationships may open doors for you down the road.

Fun Fact:

I enjoy wildlife photography. I spend a lot of my free time traveling to cool places, looking for cool plants and animals, and trying to take cool pictures of them.



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