**Program Information:**

Students in this course will be immersed into the landscape and coastal regions of Mitrou in Central Greece where they will study the geology and evolution of the local landscape, from ancient, stacked ophiolites (deep crustal deposits) to the west and to the modern coast and the submerged shorelines of Bronze-age Greece. Within this course, the students will analyze the Mitrou harbor seafloor and coastlines using multiple geophysical techniques surrounding the Islet of Mitrou, an important bronze-age site with both terrestrial and marine components. The course will begin in Charleston, where students will experience a strong immersion into the geological evolution of the Central Greek region through readings in literature, map analysis, and lectures combined with hands-on training with the geophysical tools to be used for the marine survey while in Greece. Excursions will include important archeological sites and museums in Athens, the Theopetra caves, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora.

Moderate hiking and high heat in this region may not be appropriate for some individuals. Snorkeling will be optional.

**Program Director:**

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Dr. Harris has travelled to this site in 2010 and conducted basic surveys of the area. In April of this year, he was awarded permission from Dr. Angeliki Simossi of the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities to conduct a marine survey in the Bay of Mitrou in conjunction with work being conducted with Dr. Aleydis Van de Moortel (who is in Greece through next year). Dr. Harris co-led a study abroad program in 2010 to Bermuda with Drs. Sancho and Sautter, has led or co-led field courses in the Southwest six times (three to five weeks each), led NSF funded REU projects with undergraduates in Utah for two three-week research expeditions, and has been conducting geological research at archeological sites for over 25 years. This course will also support CofC’s growing archeological program, as well as seafloor mapping, geoarcheology, and geophysical surveys.

**To Apply:**

Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, http://international.cofc.edu, or picked up in the CIE office in the Multicultural Center, 207 Calhoun St. All applications must be submitted to Gabriela Peschiera, Assistant Director, Center for International Education, peschierag@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.

The Program fee of $3,930* includes a non-refundable $50 application fee, round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation, most meals, medical insurance, and entrances into sites. **TUITION FOR THE COURSES IS NOT INCLUDED.**

Application deadline is **March 1, 2014.** Deposit of $550 will be posted to the student’s MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to $1500 are available to CofC students for study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial aid and academic merit.