Marine Science Field Experiences as a substitute for MSCI 460

This process does NOT need to be completed for those students completing MSCI 460.

Process:

1) Complete a Request for Approval form PRIOR to your experience and submit it to Shelley Schlenk in PSC 108 for approval by the Undergraduate Director. To qualify for approval, the experience must:
    a. Include research that integrates biological, chemical and physical oceanography as the primary component of the experience.
    b. Must be a minimum of 3 weeks IN THE FIELD; experiences that are exclusively laboratory based or non-field internships do not qualify.
    c. Must be sponsored by a credible and approved organization.
    d. If the experience does not occur within the US, then the USC Study Abroad office must be notified.

2) Upon Completion of the Experience, each student must submit a written typed report (2-3 pages).
    The report will be in a research report format and will include:
    a) Introduction and Background
        (why you selected this program, what you anticipated learning, what were your goals, etc.)
    b) Objectives of project(s) that you were engaged in.
    c) Methods of study and data collection
        a. Observations
        b. Type of data collected
        c. If you evaluated the data: what, how, when
    d) Discussion of Results
    e) Summary &/or Conclusions.

    Comments:
    Be sure to include your name and VIP #;
    References are not required, but may be included (if so, list of references is a separate page and not included in page count);
    Abstract is not required and is not to be included as part of 2 pages (but can always be added as a cover page);
    Pictures may be sent as a separate file to Shelley (not required- but we love to get them!)

3) Upon Approval of your written report, the Undergraduate Coordinator will prepare a petition form for the Dean and will request that you come in and sign the form so that it can be submitted to the Dean's office for approval.   You may either hand deliver the form to Flinn Hall or we can mail it for you.