

# PUERTO PEÑASCO MEXICO

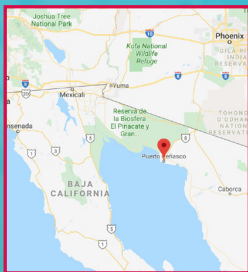
## Study Abroad

### Description

Did you ever want to be a marine biologist as a kid? Now is your chance to experience being one at the Sea of Cortez (our nearest ocean experience), which has one of the best intertidal expanses in the world! Join us for a week-long adventure and introduction to Marine Biology where we explore the upper Sea of Cortez and bordering habitats around Puerto Peñasco. There will be many “hands-on” and “feet-in” experiences with marine organisms in their habitats, from sandy shores, and rocky tidepools to swimming near local islands. Come immerse yourself in the wonders of the sea!

### Location

Puerto Peñasco, known to many North Americans as Rocky Point, is a small fishing village located on the upper Sea of Cortez or Gulf of California. Just over 60 miles from the U.S. border, it is often called Arizona’s beach! It is also home to a sea lion breeding colony on Isla San Jorge.



**MESA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

[mesacc.edu/study-abroad](http://mesacc.edu/study-abroad)

## Class

**BIO149SV:** Field Biology: Marine Biology in Mexico (1 credit). There are no prerequisites; no prior knowledge of biology is necessary. This program is designed for non-majors, although biology majors are welcome!

## Lodging

Lodging is in dorms at the Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans (CEDO).

## Excursions

(May vary from year to year)

- ✓ Kayaking through Morua Estuary
- ✓ Conducting endangered bird census
- ✓ Snorkeling with sea lion colony off Isla San Jorge (Scuba diving available for a fee for certified divers.)

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

[www.mesacc.edu/study-abroad/funding-study-abroad](http://www.mesacc.edu/study-abroad/funding-study-abroad)

## For More Information

**Program Director, Dr. Alex Cheroske**

Life Science Department  
Mesa Community College  
at Red Mountain



**Phone:** 480.654.7303

**Email:** [cheroske@mesacc.edu](mailto:cheroske@mesacc.edu)

**Website:**

[mesacc.edu/study-abroad/mexico-puerto-penasco](http://mesacc.edu/study-abroad/mexico-puerto-penasco)



The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) is an EEO/AA institution and an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or national origin. A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career and technical education programs of the District.

The Maricopa County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. For Title IX/504 concerns, call the following number to reach the appointed coordinator: (480) 731-8499. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, visit <http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination>.

