Creative Coast is a four-credit intensive experiential learning studio art course that focuses on creative field work and research. The Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, the Hatfield Marine Science Center, and the surrounding Central Oregon Coast, will serve as outside studios and the people, history, ecology, and immediate sensory experiences the inspiration for creative ideation and documentation. Five days and four nights will be spent camping on site at Cape Perpetua, interacting and learning from the people and places associated with the area with the goal of creating a creative catalogue informed by these immediate site-based interactions. Guided by USFS rangers and others through talks and walks through the area, we will learn about and explore the unique ecosystems consisting of rocky intertidal zones and old growth forests, while also considering the history of human interaction with the landscape. Visiting artists, scholars and scientists will join us throughout the week. As part of the experience, each student will produce a portfolio of daily site observations through sketches, photography, video, sound recording and/or writing. This course is open to all creative disciplines including, but not limited to: Studio art/photography/video, Music, Writing, Performance, Digital media. Course subject to change. Visit classes.oregonstate.edu for more information.

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