

**Advanced topics in Marine Biology:
HYDROTHERMAL VENT BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY**

BIOLOGY 508

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Mandatory Text:

- The Ecology of Deep-Sea Hydrothermal Vents, by Cindy Lee Van Dover, Princeton University Press, 2000.
- ISBN: 0-691-04929-7 (paperback)
- Note: Updated information & reading assignments to be posted on the class web site:
<http://fire.biol.wvu.edu/cmoyer/cmoyer.courses.html>

Topics Covered Relate to Multiple Fields of Study in Marine Sciences:

- Deep-Sea Hydrothermal Vents
- Biogeochemistry Interactions
- Oceanography
- Marine Biology
- Invertebrate Zoology
- Microbiology
- Biogeography

Course Objectives:

- We will examine the text in great detail as well as classic and recent seminal papers on hydrothermal vent community structure and diversity. We will compare and contrast the classic morphologically based systematics with modern molecular phylogeny, explore the potential for phenotypic plasticity over strong physical gradients, and examine the multiple options regarding the metabolic menu.

Tentative Format:

- All students will read and review a chapter from the text prior to the class meeting on each topic covered.