

**Department of Biological Sciences
Marine Biology Minor**

The Department of Biological Sciences at FIU conducts research to address the greatest challenges of our time and train the next generation of biologists. We are breaking new ground in the field – from coral reefs in the Florida Keys to mangroves in the Everglades to tropical rainforests around the world – as well as in our cutting-edge laboratories, providing training and research opportunities in a variety of disciplines.

Our Minor in Marine Biology enables students to develop a degree of expertise and knowledge in an area of study in addition to their major academic program of study.

Required Courses:

Course Prefix	Course Title	Credits Hours
BSC 2010 & 2010L ***	General Biology I and Lab	3 + 1
BSC 2011 & 2011L ***	General Biology II and Lab	3 + 1

Upper Division Requirements:

OCB 3043 & OCB 3043L	3+1
Upper Division Marine Biology Elective*	3
Upper Division Marine Biology Elective* (4000-level or higher)	3

*One of these elective courses must be at the 4000-level or higher

*Selected from upper division Marine Electives that meet the BS in Marine Biology requirement.

Total credits required: 18

Grades of “C” or better are required for all courses and labs.

Total Upper Division biology credits must number 10 or more.

The following courses do not count as electives: Student Research Labs (BSC 3915, 4914, and 6916), Research Internship (BSC 3941), Workshop Biology Labs (BSC 5928, PCB 5238, BSC 6926, etc.); Cooperative Education credits (BSC 3949), and any course for non-science majors (e.g. EVR 3013 and OCE 3014).

Students obtaining a BS in Marine Biology wishing to obtain a minor in Biology must take three electives and an upper division lab different from those used to satisfy the BS in Marine Biology. Students obtaining a Bachelor degree in a major other than Biology or Marine Biology wishing to obtain both Biology and Marine Biology minors must use different upper division courses for each of the two minors.

For more information and to view list of courses and distribution requirements visit the [University Undergraduate Catalog](#).