MARINE SCIENCE, B.S.

Degree Requirements (128 hours)

Program of Study

Requirements	Credit Hours
1. Carolina Core	34-46
2. College Requirements	15-18
3. Program Requirements	28-43
4. Major Requirements	36

1. Carolina Core Requirements (34-46 hours)

CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- any CC-CMW courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (8 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- MATH 141
- MATH 142

SCI – Scientific Literacy (8 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- MSCI 101
- MSCI 102

GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the minimal passing grade on the exit examination in the 122 course is required. Students can demonstrate this proficiency by successfully completing Phase II of the Proficiency Test or by successfully completing the 122 course, including the exit exam administered as part of that course.

- CC-GFL courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

It is strongly recommended that students continuing the study of a foreign language begin college-level study of that language in their first semester and continue in that language until their particular foreign language requirement is completed.

GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 hours)

- any CC-GHS course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (3 hours)

- any CC-GSS course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

AIU – Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 hours)

- any CC-AIU course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

CMS – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component [1] (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)course

INF – Information Literacy [1] (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

VSR – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility [1] (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

[1] **Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements** — Overlay-approved courses offer students the option of meeting two Carolina Core components in a single course. A maximum of two overlays is allowed. The total Carolina Core credit hours must add up to a minimum of 31 hours. Some programs may have a higher number of minimum Carolina Core hours due to specified requirements.

2. College Requirements (15-18 hours)

Foreign Language (0-3 hours)

- only if needed to meet 122-level proficiency

Analytical Reasoning (6 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

Course	Title	Credits
STAT 515	Statistical Methods I	3
Select one of the following:		3
CSCE 102	General Applications Programming	
a higher level CSCE course		
Total Credit Hours		**6**

History (3 hours)

The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement. Accordingly, please select one of the following:

- One Carolina Core GHS-approved course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/) primarily focused on U.S. History: HIST 111, HIST 112, HIST 214, or another GHS-approved course determined by the College of Arts and Science to fit this geographic category.

or

- One Carolina Core GHS-approved course primarily focused on non-U.S. History: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 108, HIST 109, GERM 280, FAMS 300, or another GHS-approved course determined by the College of Arts and Sciences to fit this geographic category.

Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities (6 hours)

Courses Acceptable for Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities Credit in Degree Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-social-science-fine-arts-humanities/)

- **Three** hours of Social Science
- **Three** hours of Fine Arts or Humanities

3. Program Requirements (28-43 hours)

Supporting Courses (16 hours)

must be passed with a C or higher

Course	Title	Credits
Select one of the following: [1]		4
PHYS 201 & 201L	General Physics I and General Physics Laboratory I	
PHYS 211 & 211L	Essentials of Physics I and Essentials of Physics I Lab	
Select one of the following: [2]		4
PHYS 202 & 202L	General Physics II and General Physics Laboratory II	
PHYS 212 & 212L	Essentials of Physics II and Essentials of Physics II Lab	
CHEM 111 & 111L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 112 & 112L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
Total Credit Hours		**16**

1 Students in the Physical Oceanography concentration must take PHYS 211 & PHYS 211L.

2 Students in the Physical Oceanography concentration must take PHYS 212 & PHYS 212L.

Minor (18 hours) *optional*

A student in the Marine Science major may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of prescribed courses. (Some minors in the sciences require a minimum of16 hours.) The subject area of the minor may be related to the major. Students pursuing interdisciplinary minors who wish to use courses in their major department for minor credit must petition the College Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions for permission to do so.

The minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. Interdisciplinary minors can be designed with the approval of the assistant dean for academic affairs and advising.

Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. **All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.** At least half of the courses in the minor must be completed in residence at the University

A list of minor programs of study can be found at Programs A-Z (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/).

Electives (12-27 hours)

No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

4. Major Requirements (36 hours)

a minimum grade of C is required in all major courses

Major Courses (13 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
MSCI 311	Biology of Marine Organisms	4
MSCI 313	The Chemistry of the Sea	4
MSCI 314	Physical Oceanography	4
MSCI 505	Senior Seminar	1
Required Field Experience [1]		
Total Credit Hours		**13**

1 All MSCI majors are required to undertake a minimum of 60 hours of marine science field effort. Possibilities include MSCI 460, semester or summer internship, REU, semester at sea, faculty-sponsored field research or cruise or field data collection/analysis experience. Students who do not select MSCI 460, must submit a petition for an alternative field experience to the Undergraduate Director. If the alternative is approved, the student must submit a short (2-3 page minimum) report at the completion of the experience to the Undergraduate Director for approval. Upon approval, the Undergraduate Director will notify the Dean's office of the substitution. Students will not normally receive course credit hours for their alternative field experience, but may combine this requirement with independent study credit as appropriate. If no course credit hours are associated with the field experience, the student will be required to take an additional Marine Science elective (300-level and above). Some students may complete MSCI 460 in the summer following senior year & graduate in August.

Major Electives (23 hours)

Students, in consultation with a faculty advisor, must select 23 hours of major electives. Preferred courses available for major credit are listed below; however, any course which is eligible for cognate credit in the College of Arts and Sciences can potentially be a major course with consent of faculty advisor. Hours used to fulfill an optional concentration count toward the fulfillment of the 23 hours of major electives, e.g., students selecting Biological Oceanography would fulfill 13 hours of the 23 hours of required major electives.

Courses Acceptable for Major Credit

Course	Title	Credits
MSCI courses numbered 300 and above		
MSCI 399	Independent Study [1]	
MSCI 495	Internship in Marine Science [1]	
MSCI 496	Undergraduate Research [1]	

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MSCI 505	Senior Seminar [1]	
BIOL 301 & 301L	Ecology and Evolution and Ecology and Evolution Laboratory	4
BIOL 302 & 302L	Cell and Molecular Biology and Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory	4
BIOL 303	Fundamental Genetics	3
BIOL 450	Principles of Biological Oceanography	3
BIOL 460 & 460L	Advanced Human Physiology and Advanced Human Physiology Laboratory	4
BIOL 497	Undergraduate Seminar in Biological Sciences	1
BIOL 505 & 505L	Developmental Biology and Developmental Biology Laboratory I	4
BIOL 534 & 534L	Animal Behavior and Animal Behavior Laboratory	4
BIOL 541 & 541L	Biochemistry and Biochemistry Laboratory	4
BIOL 543 & 543L	Comparative Physiology and Comparative Physiology Laboratory	4
BIOL 549	Plant Physiology	4
BIOL 550 & 550L	Bacteriology and Bacteriology Laboratory	4
BIOL 570 & 570L	Principles of Ecology and Principles of Ecology Laboratory	4
BIOL 599	Topics in Biology [1]	1-3
BIOL 640	Microbial Ecology	3
BIOL 652	Evolutionary Biology	3
BIOL 654	Speciation	3
BIOL 670	Plant Ecology	3
BIOL 690	Ultramicroscopy	3
CHEM 321 & 321L	Quantitative Analysis and Quantitative Analysis Laboratory	4
CHEM 331L	Essentials of Organic Chemistry Laboratory I	1
CHEM 332L	Essentials of Organic Chemistry Laboratory II	1
CHEM 333 & 333L	Organic Chemistry I and Comprehensive Organic Chemistry Laboratory I	5
CHEM 334 & 334L	Organic Chemistry II and Comprehensive Organic Chemistry Laboratory II	5
CHEM 511	Inorganic Chemistry	3
CHEM 541 & 541L	Physical Chemistry and Physical Chemistry Laboratory [1]	5
CHEM 542 & 542L	Physical Chemistry and Physical Chemistry Laboratory	5
CHEM 621	Instrumental Analysis	3
CSCE 561	Numerical Analysis	3
ECON 548	Environmental Economics	3
ENVR 548	Environmental Economics	3
ENVR 571	Conservation Biology	3
ENVR 572	Freshwater Ecology	3
ENVR 590	[1]	3
GEOG 341	Cartography	3
GEOG 345	Interpretation of Aerial Photographs	3
GEOG 363	Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOG 365	Hurricanes and Tropical Climatology	3
GEOG 510	Special Topics in Geographic Research	3
GEOG 516	Coastal Zone Management	3
GEOG 541	Advanced Cartography	3
GEOG 545	Synoptic Meteorology	4
GEOG 546	Applied Climatology	4
GEOG 551	Principles of Remote Sensing	3
GEOG 554	Spatial Programming	3
GEOG 563	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOG 564	GIS-Based Modeling	3
GEOG 575	Digital Techniques and Applications in Remote Sensing	3
GEOL 305	Earth Systems through Time	4
GEOL 315	Surface and Near Surface Processes	4
GEOL 325	Stratigraphy and Sedimentary Basins	4
GEOL 335	Processes of Global Environmental Change	4
GEOL 345	Igneous and Metamorphic Processes	4
GEOL 371	A View of the River	3
GEOL 500	Field Geology	4-6
GEOL 503	Regional Stratigraphy and Biostratigraphy of North America	3
GEOL 516	Sedimentology	4
GEOL 541	Earth Science for Teachers II	3
GEOL 545	Geological Oceanography	3
GEOL 546	Marine Geophysics	3
GEOL 555	Elementary Seismology	3
GEOL 570	Environmental Hydrogeology	3
JOUR 507	Communicating Science, Health and the Environment	3
MATH 242	Elementary Differential Equations	3
MATH 344	Applied Linear Algebra	3
MATH 344L	Applied Linear Algebra Lab	1
MATH 521	Boundary Value Problems and Partial Differential Equations	3
MATH 526	Numerical Linear Algebra	4
MATH 527	Numerical Analysis	3
MATH 544	Linear Algebra	3
NAVY 301 & 301L	Navigation/Naval Operations I and Navigation/Naval Operations Lab I	4
NAVY 302 & 302L	Navigation/Naval Operations II and Navigation/Naval Operations II Lab	4
POLI 370	Introduction to Public Administration	3
POLI 399A	Independent Study in Political Science	1-6
POLI 399B	Independent Study in International Studies	1-6
POLI 420	International Law	3
POLI 431	Science, Technology, and Public Policy	3
POLI 477	Green Politics	3
SCHC 390-SCHC 398 [1]		
SCHC 499	HNRS: Senior Thesis/Project [1]	1-15
SOCY 310	Social Demography	3
SOCY 315	Global Population Issues	3

STAT 506	Introduction to Experimental Design	3
STAT 511	Probability	3
STAT 512	Mathematical Statistics	3
STAT 513	Theory of Statistical Inference	3
STAT 516	Statistical Methods II	3
STAT 518	Nonparametric Statistical Methods	3

[1] A maximum of 10 hours of independent study, seminar, and undergraduate research courses may count in the 23 hours of major electives required for the Marine Science major.

Note: Credit for a degree will not be given for both CHEM 340 and CHEM 541.

Concentrations (12-15 hours)

Students may elect to have a Concentration specified directly on their academic transcript upon graduation from the Marine Science Program. In order to earn a Concentration certification, students must take the following courses, with an additional course(s) to be decided upon by the student and his or her Faculty Advisor. These courses may also be included in the 36 major credit hours required for graduation.

Biological Oceanography (13 hours minimum)

Course	Title	Credits
BIOL 301 & 301L	Ecology and Evolution and Ecology and Evolution Laboratory (Lab not required)	4
BIOL 302	Cell and Molecular Biology (Lab not required) [1]	3
or BIOL 302L	Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory	
or BIOL 303	Fundamental Genetics	
Select two additional courses (six hours minimum) from the following list of marine biology, ecology, biology courses or similar courses as approved by advisor:		6
MSCI/BIOL 450	Principles of Biological Oceanography	
MSCI 503/ BIOL 502	Environmental Microbiology	
MSCI/BIOL 510	Invertebrate Zoology	
MSCI/BIOL 525	Marine Plants	
MSCI/BIOL 535	Fishery Management	
MSCI/BIOL 536	Ichthyology	
MSCI/BIOL 537	Aquaculture	
MSCI/BIOL 538	Behavior of Marine Organisms	
MSCI/BIOL 552	Population Genetics	
MSCI/BIOL 574	Marine Conservation Biology	
MSCI/BIOL 575	Marine Ecology	
MSCI/BIOL 576	Marine Fisheries Ecology	
MSCI/BIOL 577	Ecology of Coral Reefs	
MSCI/BIOL 627	Marine Phytoplankton	
MSCI 496	Undergraduate Research (if biology oriented)	
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MSCI 499	Undergraduate Research (if biology oriented)	
MSCI 599	Topics in Marine Science (if biology oriented)	
MSCI 566	Ecosystem Analysis	
MSCI 578	Physiological and Pollution Ecology of Marine Organisms	
BIOL 302	Cell and Molecular Biology [2]	
or BIOL 303	Fundamental Genetics	
BIOL 460	Advanced Human Physiology (Lab not required)	
or BIOL 460L	Advanced Human Physiology Laboratory	
BIOL 505	Developmental Biology (Lab not required)	
or BIOL 505L	Developmental Biology Laboratory I	
BIOL 534	Animal Behavior (Lab not required)	
or BIOL 534L	Animal Behavior Laboratory	
BIOL 541	Biochemistry	
BIOL 543	Comparative Physiology (Lab not required)	
or BIOL 543L	Comparative Physiology Laboratory	
BIOL 549	Plant Physiology	
BIOL 550	Bacteriology (Lab not required)	
or BIOL 550L	Bacteriology Laboratory	
BIOL 570	Principles of Ecology (Lab not required)	
or BIOL 570L	Principles of Ecology Laboratory	
BIOL 640	Microbial Ecology	
BIOL 643		
BIOL 652	Evolutionary Biology	
BIOL 670	Plant Ecology	
BIOL 690	Ultramicroscopy	
Total Credit Hours		**13**

[1] CHEM 333 is a prerequisite for BIOL 302 and is recommended for those intending to complete postgraduate work in this area of emphasis.

[2] BIOL 302L is optional.

Chemical Oceanography (13 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
CHEM 321	Quantitative Analysis	3
CHEM 321L	Quantitative Analysis Laboratory	1
CHEM 333	Organic Chemistry I (Lab not required)	3
or CHEM 333L	Comprehensive Organic Chemistry Laboratory I	
CHEM 334	Organic Chemistry II (Lab not required)	3
or CHEM 334L	Comprehensive Organic Chemistry Laboratory II	
One more Chemical Oceanography course at the 400-level or above		3
Total Credit Hours		**13**

Coastal Resource Management & Marine Policy (12 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
MSCI 390	Policy and Marine Science	3
GEOG 516	Coastal Zone Management	3
ENVR 548	Environmental Economics [1]	3
One more Coastal Resource Management & Marine Policy course at the 400-level or above		3
Total Credit Hours		**12**

[1] ENVR 548 requires a prerequisite of ECON 221 and ECON 222 or ECON 224.

Geological Oceanography (15 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
GEOL 302	Rocks and Minerals	4
GEOL 305	Earth Systems through Time	4
or GEOL 335	Processes of Global Environmental Change	
GEOL 315	Surface and Near Surface Processes	4
or GEOL 325	Stratigraphy and Sedimentary Basins	
One more Geological Oceanography course at the 300-level or above		3
Total Credit Hours		**15**

Physical Oceanography (12 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
MATH 241	Vector Calculus	3
MATH 242	Elementary Differential Equations	3
Select two of the following: [1]		6
MSCI 557	Coastal Processes	
MSCI 579	Air-Sea Interaction	
MSCI 581	Estuarine Oceanography	
MSCI 582	Marine Hydrodynamics	
MSCI 590	Beach-Dune Interactions	
Total Credit Hours		**12**

[1] Courses are taught alternate years. Please check teaching schedule.

[2] Students in the Physical Oceanography concentration must take PHYS 211 & PHYS 211L and PHYS 212 & PHYS 212L.