Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology

**FRESHMAN**
- Gateway courses: BIOL 1020/1021, BIOL 1030/1031, CHEM 1030/1031, CHEM 1040/1041
- Take the Marine Biology Learning Community course (UNIV 1100)

**SOPHOMORE**
- Complete core requirements and foundation science courses
- Gateway Courses: BIOL 3000, 3040, 3060
- Summer courses are taken at a cooperating Marine Lab

**JUNIOR**
- Build breadth and depth in biology with junior year courses
- Plan ahead to be sure courses are offered during the semester you want to take them
- In preparation for graduation next year, get a Credit Check with your COSAM academic advisor
- Summer courses are taken at a cooperating Marine Lab

**SENIOR**
- Consult with your faculty advisor to select electives that best fit your career or graduate school goals
- BIOL 4950: Senior Seminar should be taken during your senior year

**ASK FOR ASSISTANCE**
- Meet with your academic advisor to familiarize yourself with courses and prerequisites
- Academic Support provides several FREE resources to improve performance including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching (auburn.edu/academicsupport)
- Apply for Marine Lab courses (see your faculty advisor)

**GAIN EXPERIENCE**
- Seek opportunities to volunteer in a faculty research lab or with the AU Museum of Natural History
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.
- Investigate internship opportunities, especially during the summer of Sophomore and Junior years
- Begin an undergraduate research project (auburn.edu/undgres)

**GET INVOLVED**
- Join the AU Marine Biology Club
- Join the Auburn University Department of Biological Sciences Facebook page for information on department activities
- Continue gaining experience with Marine Biology Club
- Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume.

**Career Planning**
- University Career Center
  303 Mary Martin Hall | career.auburn.edu
- Marine Impact Surveyor
  Minimum Education: B.S.
  Entry Level Salary Range: $40.4K - $53.2K
- Marine Life Researcher
  Minimum Education: B.S./M.S./Ph.D.
  Entry Level Salary Range: $37.4K - $61.1K
- University Professor
  Minimum Education: Ph.D.
  Entry Level Salary Range: $39.5K - $74.5K

The Marine Biology field is very competitive. Students will need to have excellent academic performance and obtain related experience to be a competitive candidate. The program prepares candidates for work in the marine and other life science fields. Graduate work may be required for some positions.

These are just three options out of many that marine biology majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on auburn.edu/career.

Mary Martin Hall, home of the University Career Center
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