

# Program Change Request

## New Program Proposal

Date Submitted: 10/07/25 11:23 am

Viewing: : **Marine Science Minor**

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Changes proposed by: jbazaz

Anticipated cl

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

Yes

Requestor:

### In Workflow

- 1. Registrar-Programs:Title Change
- 2. AOES -Curriculum Committee
- 3. AOES Chair
- 4. SC Curriculum Committee
- 5. SC Assistant Dean
- 6. Assoc Provost-Undergraduate
- 7. Registrar:Create Code
- 8. Registrar-Programs:Duration
- 9. Registrar-Programs

### Approval Path

- 1. 10/08/25 8:23 am  
Deborah Mcgarrah (dmcgarra):  
Approved for Registrar-Programs:Title Change
- 2. 10/30/25 1:43 pm  
Barry Klinger (bklinger):  
Approved for AOES -Curriculum Committee
- 3. 11/05/25 4:33 pm  
Mark Uhen

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for AOES Chair

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Effective Catalog:2026-2027

Program Level:Undergraduate

Program Type:Minor

Title:Marine Science Minor

Banner Title:Marine Science Minor

Is this a retitling of an existing program?Yes

Existing Program TitleOcean and Estuarine Science Minor

Registrar's Office  
Use Only –  
Program Start Term

Registrar/OAPI Use  
Only – SACSCOC  
Status

Registrar/IDD Use

College/School:College of Science

Department /  
Academic Unit:Atmospheric, Oceanic, & Earth Sciences

Jointly Owned  
Program?

No

Is there an  
embedded degree  
as part of a  
program?

Justification

What: Rename current "Ocean and Estuarine Science" minor to "Marine Science" Minor.  
Why: Minor requirements have been changed to eliminate estuarine science courses, so new title better reflects current composition of minor.

Catalog Published Information

Total Credits  
Required:

Total credits: 15-19

Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:

Registrar/IRR Use  
Only – Program CIP  
Code

Admission  
Requirements:

Program-Specific  
Policies:

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor.  
For policies governing all minors, see [AP.5.3.4 Minors](#).

Degree  
Requirements:

Students should refer to the [Admissions & Policies](#) tab for specific policies related to this program.

Students must successfully complete the following coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

<a href="#">GEOL 309</a>	Oceanography	3
or <a href="#">BIOL 309</a>	Oceanography	
or <a href="#">EVPP 309</a>	Oceanography	
Select four courses from the following:		12-16
<a href="#">CLIM 412</a>	Physical Oceanography	
<a href="#">GEOL 304</a>	Sedimentary Geology	
<a href="#">GEOL 308</a>	Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	

<a href="#">GEOL 312</a>	Invertebrate Paleontology
<a href="#">GEOL 334</a>	Vertebrate Paleontology( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> ).
<a href="#">GEOL 363</a>	Coastal Morphology and Processes
<a href="#">GEOL 364</a>	Marine Geology
<a href="#">GEOL 403</a>	Geochemistry
<a href="#">BIOL 449</a>	Marine Ecology
or <a href="#">EVPP 449</a>	Marine Ecology

Total Credits

15-19

**Retroactive  
Requirements  
Updates:**

Plan of Study:

Honors  
Information:

Accelerated  
Description/Dual  
Degree  
INTO-Mason  
Requirements:

College  
Requirements &  
Policies:

Department /  
Academic Unit  
Requirements &  
Program Outcomes

Courses offered via

What is the  
primary delivery  
format for the  
program?

Additional SCI

Is the content of th  
new program

closely related to  
that of an existing  
approved program  
at the same  
instructional level  
(i.e., baccalaureate  
master's, doctoral)

Have you reached out to the Libraries to determine whether there are adequate resources to support your program? If not, please email Meg Meiman, Associate University Librarian for Learning, Research, and Engagement at mmeiman2@gmu.edu.

No

## OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

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### Comments or Notes

#### Green Leaf Pro

Is this a Green Leaf  
program?

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

### Additional Attachments

### Executive Summary

### Reviewer Comments

### Additional Comments

Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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