

# Program Change Request

## New Program Proposal

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

Viewing: : **Marine Geoscience Minor**

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Changes proposed by: jbazaz

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

(muhen): Approved  
for AOES Chair

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**Effective Catalog:** 2026-2027

**Program Level:** Undergraduate

**Program Type:** Minor

**Title:** Marine Geoscience Minor

**Banner Title:** Marine Geoscience Minor

**Is this a retitling of an existing program?** Yes

**Existing Program Title** Ocean and Estuarine Science Minor

**Registrar's Office  
Use Only –  
Program Start Term**

**Registrar/OAPI Use  
Only – SACSCOC  
Status**

**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:****Program Outcomes**

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**

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

**Additional  
Attachments****Reviewer  
Comments****Additional  
Comments**

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

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