SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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Marine Biology Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2026 are open.

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Study the ocean environment including the various types of marine ecosystems and diverse marine life found within.
- Explore various marine vertebrates and invertebrates and their anatomy through hands-on dissections and field activities.
- Develop skills to monitor and assess the health and biodiversity of marine ecosystems, including sampling methods, data analysis, and interpretation.
- Learn about various human and natural factors threatening our oceans and marine life today, as well as current and prospective conservation efforts.
- Meet with various professionals within the field to learn about the various paths and research opportunities you can pursue as a marine biologist.

Academic Program Overview

Roughly 70% of the Earth's surface is covered by our oceans, of which more than 80% remains unmapped, unobserved, and unexplored. There is a vast and diverse amount of marine life and ecosystems found in our oceans - those both discovered and researched, and those still wading in the depths. Summer Springboard's course in Marine Biology will offer students the opportunity to explore these various marine life and ecosystems, and more, through quality instruction and hands-on activities. Students will explore the anatomy of select marine life, learn about the different habitats they live in and the ways their ecosystems interact, study various threats facing our oceans and marine life today, and hear from leading experts in the field.

Excursions

All students will visit Birch Aquarium and do a whale watching tour as their course excursions. This course also includes multiple visits to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, where students will go tidepooling, collect data, and meet with expert marine biologists.

2026 Dates

UCSD

- Session 1: June 28 - July 10
- Session 2: July 12 - July 24
- Session 3: July 26 - August 7

Instructors

Dr. Fernanda Urrutia Osorio

Fernanda is a highly motivated marine ecologist and environmentalist with a strong interest in marine mammal conservation issues. She recently earned her PhD from UC San Diego. To learn more, click here.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: $5,998

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price**: $3,298

Supplements:

- **Application fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Marine Biology Course Supplement Fee**: $250 (mandatory)
- **Tuition Protection Plan**: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

More info on Airport Transfer

More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You
5PM-6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

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