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Marine Science & Ecology Infosheet

New student admissions for
Summer 2025 are open.



Program Highlights

- Study the ocean environment including the various types of marine ecosystems
- Explore various marine vertebrates and invertebrates and their anatomy through field trips and direct contact with marine life.
- Learn and understand key ecological concepts to understand the interactions between marine species and their environment
- Develop skills to monitor and assess the health and biodiversity of marine ecosystems, including sampling methods, data analysis, and interpretation.
- Apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to address the complex challenges facing our oceans and marine life today.



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

At our UCSD campus, possible course excursions could include whale watching, Maritime Museum, The Reef teaching aquarium, tidepooling, and more.



2025 Dates

UC Santa Barbara

- Session 1: July 20 - August 1

Instructors

Dr. Anita Giraldo Ospina

Anita Ospina is a highly motivated marine ecologist and environmentalist with a strong interest in marine mammal conservation issues. 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:** \$5,698

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 Science 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.



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



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