

Coastal Management Minor

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Coastal lands and resources are under increasing pressure due to a variety of environmental and societal issues. Sea level rise, urbanization, energy production, tropical storms, and habitat loss are just some of the pressing issues facing coastal areas. There is an increasing need for professionals trained to manage natural resources in these areas. Through coursework in the Coastal Zone Management minor, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the coastal environment and how management and policy are applied to natural resources. To complete this minor, students will be required to attend Dauphin Island Sea Laboratory (DISL) for one summer.

Core Courses 8 Hours required

Code	Title	Hours
NATR 4535	Coastal Zone Management	2
NATR 5450	Coastal Law	3
BIOL 3040	Biology of Marine Systems	3

Restricted Electives 7 Hours needed from the following courses listed:

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 4015	Biology and Conservation of Marine Turtles	
BIOL 4025	Ecology of the Florida Everglades	
BIOL 4065	Marine Conservation Biology	
BIOL 4085	Hurricanes of the Gulf of Mexico	
BIOL 4095	Coastal Birds of Alabama	
BIOL 5425	Marine Botany	

Students taking this minor may also consider utilizing course offerings at the Dauphin Island Sea Laboratory pertaining to coastal management as fulfillment for the Restricted Electives. This would be allowed through Marine Environmental Science Consortium of Alabama, of which Auburn University is a member. Course examples include:

- Biotic Responses to Sea Level Change - 2 Hrs
- Coastal Wetlands Ecology - 4 Hrs
- Marine Restoration Ecology - 2 Hrs