



# UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES COURSE OUTLINE

### 1. **Course:** MRSC 321 – INTRODUCTION TO MARINE SCIENCE

Lecture Section(s) L01 TR 12:30-1:45 ENE 241 Fall 2017  
**Instructor(s):** Dr. P. Vize BI 268 220-8502 pvize@ucalgary.ca  
 Office hours: Tue, Wed and Thur 2:00-3:00

Course website available on Desire 2 Learn (D2L), MRSC 321 L01 (Fall 2017)

Biological Sciences Department BI 186 403-220-3140 biosci@ucalgary.ca

### 2. **Prerequisites:** Any two of Biology 231, 233, 241 and 243

See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar  
[www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/sc-3-5.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/sc-3-5.html)

### 3. **Grading:** The University policy on grading and related matters is described sections F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Midterm 1	25% Oct 17, 2017	In-Class
Midterm 2	25% Nov 09, 2017	In-Class
Paper	10% Nov 02, 2017	take home
Final exam	40% The final examination will be comprehensive.	

Final Examination scheduled by the Registrar's Office.

#### Final Grade Scale :

- A+: 94 or higher
- A : 90 and under 94
- A- : 85 and under 90
- B+: 80 and under 85
- B : 75 and under 80
- B- : 70 and under 75
- C+: 65 and under 70
- C : 60 and under 65
- C- : 55 and under 60
- D+: 53 and under 55
- D : 50 and under 53
- F : <50

Each piece of work (paper, midterm test or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a percentage score. The student's average percentage score for the various components listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade, bearing in mind that an F grade will result if the student does not pass the overall lecture component.

### 4. **Missed Components of Term Work:** The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in Section 3.6. It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with these regulations. See also Section E.3 of the University Calendar. Missed exams require a doctor's note on the appropriate university form.

### 5. **Scheduled out-of-class activities:** Dates and times of approved class activities held outside of class hours. N/A

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY OUT-OF-CLASS-TIME-ACTIVITY.** If you have a clash with this out-of-class-time-activity, please inform your instructor as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements may be made for you.

### 6. **Course Materials:** *Introduction to Marine Biology, Karleskint, Turner and Small, 3rd or 4th Edition. Cengage Learning, ISBN 0-495-56197. This text is highly recommended as a learning aid but is not required.*

**Online Course Components:** Various videos and links will be posted to the D2L site throughout the course.

7. **Examination Policy:** No aids may be used in examinations. Students should also read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations. Missed exams will be evaluated by an alternative short answer paper. Students are strongly advised to take scheduled examinations.
8. **Writing across the curriculum statement:** In this course, the quality of the student's writing on assignments will be a factor in the evaluation of those assignments. See also Section E.2 of the University Calendar.
9. **Human studies statement:** students in the course will not be expected to participate as subjects or researchers. See also Section E.5 of the University Calendar.

#### ETHICS IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Studies in the Biological Sciences involve the use of living and dead organisms. Students taking laboratory- and field-based courses in these disciplines can expect involvement with and experimentation on such materials. Students perform dissections on dead or preserved organisms in some courses. In particular courses, students experiment on living organisms, their tissues, cells, or molecules. Sometimes field work requires students to collect a variety of living materials by many methods, including humane trapping.

All work on humans and other animals conforms to the Helsinki Declaration and to the regulations of the Canadian Council on Animal Care. The Department strives for the highest ethical standards consistent with stewardship of the environment for organisms whose use is not governed by statutory authority. Individuals contemplating taking courses or majoring in one of the fields of study offered by the Department of Biological Sciences should ensure that they have fully considered these issues before enrolling. Students are advised to discuss any concern they might have with the Undergraduate Program Director of the Department.

#### 10. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:

- (a) **Academic Misconduct:** (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under Section K. Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties.
- (b) **Assembly Points:** In case of emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on assembly points.
- (c) **Student Accommodations:** Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students *with Disabilities available at [http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities\\_0.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities_0.pdf)*.  
  
Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Associate Head of Biological Sciences, Dr. H. Addy by email [addy@ucalgary.ca](mailto:addy@ucalgary.ca) or phone 403 220-3140.
- (d) **Safewalk:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>). Call 220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.
- (e) **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.
- (f) **Student Union Information:** VP Academic Phone: 403 220-3911 Email: [suvpaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suvpaca@ucalgary.ca)  
SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 403 220-3913 Email: [science1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:science1@su.ucalgary.ca), [science2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:science2@su.ucalgary.ca) and [science3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:science3@su.ucalgary.ca);  
Student Ombuds Office: 403 220-6420 Email: [ombuds@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ombuds@ucalgary.ca); <http://ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>
- (g) **Internet and Electronic Device Information:** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, your cell phone should be turned off unless instructed otherwise. Also, communication with other individuals, via laptop computers, Blackberries or other devices connectable to the Internet is not allowed in class time unless specifically permitted by the instructor. If you violate this policy you may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated abuse may result in a charge of misconduct.
- (h) At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses ([www.ucalgary.ca/usri](http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri)). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.
- (i) Email policy. This class has a no email policy. To communicate with the instructor attend office hours or meet after classes.

Department Approval \_\_\_\_\_ ORIGINAL SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Schedule**

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	
Sept 12	Introduction, geology, water	3,4	
Sept 14	Marine microbes	6	
Sept 19	Algae and plants	7	
Sept 21	Plants and sponges	7&8	
Sept 26	Cnidaria and Ctenophores Inverts 2,	8&9	
Sept 28	Molluscs inc Cephalopods Inverts 3	9	
Oct 03	Inverts 4, arthropods	9	
Oct 05	Inverts 5, echinoderms	9	
Oct 10	sharks and marine ecosystems	10	
Oct 12	Inverts 6 worms and chordates	9	
Oct 17	Midterm 1 (classes up to and including Oct 12 EXCEPT for Oct 10) (midterms are a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions)		IN-CLASS
Oct 19	Fish 1	10	Paper titles available
Oct 24	Fish 2	10	
Oct 26	Marine mammals 1	12	
Oct 31	Marine mammals 2	12	
Nov 02	Marine mammals 3	12	<b>PAPERS DUE</b>
Nov 07	Marine mammals 4	12	
<b>Nov 09</b>	<b>Midterm 2 (classes from Oct 19 to Nov 02 inclusive + Oct 10)</b>		IN-CLASS
Nov 14	Marine reptiles and birds	11	
Nov 16	Coral reef communities	15	
Nov 21	Polar seas		
Nov 23	Open ocean and mesopelagic zone	17	
Nov 28	The Abyss	18	
Nov 30	The Abyss	18	
Dec 05	Coral reproduction		
Dec 07	Revision		

Final exam date to be announced, sometime between Dec 11-21. The final exam is all multiple choice.

October 10, thanksgiving

Nov10-13 Midterm break

Dec 08 classes end