Suggested Courses For
Marine Sciences (MSCI)

Recommended: Enroll in 12-16 units                                    Catalog Year: 17-19

Major Courses:
• Take MSCI 100: Introduction to Marine Sciences (only offered in Fall term)
• Take PSC 201: Physical Oceanography if not already satisfied.
• Take BIO 263: Intro to Ecology & Evolution if not already satisfied.

Support Courses:
• If still needed, complete any of the remaining lower division major/support coursework in Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, and Statistics.

General Education (GE) Courses:
• Take one of any remaining lower division GE coursework
• If all lower division GE coursework has been completed, take one from GE C4, D5, and/or GE F*

*GE F (GEOG 317, MSCI 330, NR 321 and AG/EDES/ENGR/ISLA/SCM/UNIV 350 will satisfy both GE F and a Marine Science approved elective).

Additional Notes:

• The Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR) is a CSU-mandated program designed to ensure that students can write proficiently before they enter the professional workforce. All Cal Poly students who are seeking a degree, must fulfill the GWR.

You can fulfill the Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR) in one of two ways: 1) Pass the Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE) OR 2) Pass a *GE C4 GWR-approved upper-division course with a grade of C or better AND receive certification of proficiency in writing based on a 500-word in-class essay. Additional GWR information can be found here: http://www.writingcenter.calpoly.edu/content/gwr/index

• United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) requirement must be satisfied before graduation. You can search for classes in PASS that will allow you to satisfy both GE area and the USCP requirement

• For more information about the major and department, visit the Biology Department website at: www.bio.calpoly.edu
For academic advising and pre-health career advising, please visit: 
[www.csmadvising.calpoly.edu](http://www.csmadvising.calpoly.edu) and [www.prehealth.calpoly.edu](http://www.prehealth.calpoly.edu)

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