

# Marine Biodiversity & Conservation

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## OVERVIEW

The MAS MBC Program trains the trailblazers of tomorrow. To address marine conservation challenges, we need innovative thought leaders who understand the multifaceted and interconnected nature of these pressing issues. We teach current and future professionals about marine ecosystems through an interdisciplinary, hands-on curriculum in marine biology, ecology, oceanography, communication, economics, justice, law and policy.



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## CORE CURRICULUM (50 UNITS TOTAL)

### 10-week special Summer Session

Intro to Marine Biodiversity & Conservation - Lecture (8 units)  
Intro to Marine Biodiversity & conservation - Lab (8 units)

### Fall quarter

Ocean Law & Policy (4 units)  
Economics of the Environment (4 units)  
Marine Conservation & Communication Practicum (2 units)

### Winter quarter

Marine Conservation & Communication Practicum II (2 units)

### Spring quarter

MAS MBC Capstone Project (6 units)

### Elective opportunities

Choose from 250+ elective courses in any department at UC San Diego (16 units)

### Independent Study (299)

- Partner with an SIO lab/faculty member, external organization, state or federal agency, or foundation.
- Learn more about a research area, get hands-on experience, or develop a desired skill set



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## INDEPENDENT CAPSTONE

The MAS MBC Capstone Project should embody original, independent and scholarly activity related to one or more of the topics covered by the formal curriculum in the MAS MBC Program. The only requirement is that the project is interdisciplinary, on topic (i.e., related to marine biodiversity and conservation), and theoretically grounded.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY & INCLUSIVE

Capstone Projects should weave together multiple disciplines to address complex ocean and coastal challenges. Solutions consider the varied personal experiences, values, and worldviews that arise from differences of culture and circumstance.

## IMPACTFUL & EXPERIENTIAL

The Project should add value to an entity, agency, organization, business, community, institution, country, state, or local decision-making body. It should be hands-on and prepare students for future opportunities.

## PURPOSE-DRIVEN & INNOVATIVE

The Project deliverable can be a film, business plan, academic paper, curriculum, social science survey, toolkit, exhibit, performance, science communication product or any combination of these things.



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## ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

Application Deadline	January 17th, 2024
Decisions Released	February - March, 2024
2024 - 2025 Program	June 2024 - June 2025

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Resume / CV	Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
Statement of Purpose	Bachelor's Degree & Transcripts
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement	English Proficiency English Proficiency Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)



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