

Accredited | 100% Online | 8 Start Dates a Year

## MARINE BIOLOGY & SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

**Do you love the ocean** and are you passionate about the marine environment? You can put these passions at the center of a rewarding career in Marine Biology and Sustainable Aquaculture. In Unity's MBSA program, you will learn the biological connections between the world's oceans, the promise and future of the aquaculture industry, and how we can all contribute to a sustainable marine environment.

#### **PROGRAM FEATURES**

- + Transfer friendly! We will accept up to 90 credits.
- + Experiential Online. Experiential programs are delivered 100% online with field work designed with the working professional in mind.
- + Study when and where you want and finish your degree while still working full-time.
- + One-on-one academic advising as our trained staff strive to make your professional and academic goals a reality.
- + Unity Environmental University is an accredited institution by New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).
- + Make professional connections with leaders in your field.
- + Get job placement assistance through our career services department.

# **BACCALAUREATE DEGREE**



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### COSTS

- + \$470 per credit | Military Rate: \$423
- Full time financial aid is available to students taking a few as 3 credits/term.
- + No textbooks to purchase in over half of our courses!

#### CAREER OUTCOMES, GROWTH\*, & SALARY\*\*

Aquaculture Manager \$ \$48k 1 +8

Fish Hatchery Technician

s \$35k 📶 +6

Marine Scientist

S \$72k 📶 +5

Fisheries Biologist \$\$\$60k 1+5

\*Projected 10-year growth \*\*National median salary Source: O\*Net





At Unity Environmental University, we understand the importance of aligning education with your passions and career goals. That's why our courses are thoughtfully designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a rewarding career with gainful employment in your chosen field. Additionally, our faculty consists of experienced professionals who bring real-world insights, providing you with valuable mentorship and guidance. At Unity, you will find exceptional career development resources and experiential opportunities to further enhance your employability and help you achieve your professional aspirations.



Aquaculture Manager Median Salary: \$48k Growth: +8

Aquaculture Managers direct and coordinate the activities of the employees that work in fish hatchery production for corporations, cooperatives, or other owners. They are also responsible for growing fish and shellfish as cash crops or for release into freshwater or saltwater.

#### Marine Scientist Median Salary: \$72k Growth: +5

Marine Scientists research life in the oceans, other saltwater environments, and other wetlands. They are responsible for observing and documenting data on experiments on marine life. They may also be responsible for rehabilitation efforts.

#### **Fisheries Biologist** Median Salary: \$60k Growth: +5

Fisheries Biologists are responsible for studying fish and supervising efforts to conserve their natural habitats. They collect samples from wetlands and document their research and data.

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#### Student Name

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#### **General Education Core**

| BIOL 103 Biology: Foundations of Life  |
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| BIOL 104 Biology: Foundations of Life Laboratory (1cr)   |
| BIOL 105 Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution  |
| BIOL 106 Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory (1cr)   |
| <b>COMM 100</b> Communication Skills for Online Learners (2cr)   |
| <b>COMM 102</b> Strategic Writing for Environmental Professionals (2cr)  |
| COMM 301 Communicating for Impact (2cr)  |
| ENVS 201 The Warming Planet: Understanding Climate Change  |
| MATH 101 College Algebra for Environmental Professionals OR<br>MATH 105 Precalculus  |
| MATH 201 Statistics for Environmental Professional   |
| An Arts course   |
| A Humanities course  |
| A Language course  |
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| CHEM 102 Chemistry I Laboratory (1cr)   |
| <b>MBAQ 105</b> Introduction to Oceanography  |
| MBAQ 201 Form and Function of Unique Marine Ecosystems                                      |
| MBAQ 203 Global Diversity of Freshwater and<br>Marine Resources Used in Sustainable Harvest |
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| <b>MBAQ 303</b> Sustainable Aquaculture Techniques II:<br>Crustaceans and Pathobiology      |
| MBAQ 307 Ichthyology and Fish Health  |
| <b>MBAQ 310</b> Marine Mammal and Seabird Biology*  |
| <b>MBAQ 315</b> Diversity of Marine and Aquatic Vegetation*                                 |
| <b>MBAQ 401</b> Field Research in Marine Biology and Aquaculture*                           |

\*Includes hands-on Laboratory or field component option.

#### **General Electives**

38 credits of general electives

#### **University Wide Requirements**

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| <b>EVPC 213</b> Environmental Issues: Climate Refugee Crisis (1cr)   |    |
| <b>EVPC 301</b> Environmental Justice OR<br><b>EVPC 305</b> Building a Better World: Ethical Decision-Making |    |
| <b>EVPC 401</b> Transformational Leadership  |    |
| EVPC 490 Transdisciplinary Capstone  |    |

\* All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise noted.

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