Introduction

The Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science was established in 1943 as the Marine Laboratory of the University of Miami. It has grown from its modest beginnings in a boathouse to be one of the nation’s leading institutions for oceanographic and atmospheric research and education.

Originally a tropical marine biological facility, the Marine Laboratory initiated a program of studies leading to the Master of Science degree in 1949. In 1953, laboratory and classroom buildings were constructed on the School’s present campus on Virginia Key, and in the late fifties, the Marine Laboratory expanded its staff and developed its oceanographic capabilities in response to the increased interest in scientific research in the United States. It became the Institute of Marine Science in 1961. Ocean-going research vessels were acquired, and additional buildings were constructed to accommodate new wide-ranging projects. In 1969, the Institute, now a School, was named for Dorothy H. and Lewis Rosenstiel in recognition of a major contribution, made through the Rosenstiel Foundation, to encourage progress in the marine and atmospheric sciences at the University of Miami. In 1977, the Rosenstiel School and College of Arts and Sciences joined together to establish an undergraduate Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science program based on the Coral Gables campus. The degree granting authority for this program was formally transferred to the Rosenstiel School in 2008.

Today the Rosenstiel School has a faculty of over 80 who conduct sponsored research while offering studies leading to the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Professional Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

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Undergraduate Degree Programs

The Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science offers both Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Science in Marine and Atmospheric Science and Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Arts in Marine Affairs undergraduate degree options. Bachelor of Science options include Geological Sciences, Marine Biology and Ecology, Marine Science (double major), Meteorology, and Oceanography. Bachelor of Arts options include Geological Sciences and Marine Affairs.

The Bachelor of Science degree programs are meant for students planning to continue with graduate and professional studies or for those who will pursue a technical career in government, research, or private industry. The Bachelor of Arts degree programs are designed for students planning either non-technical careers with government agencies or private industries or graduate studies in such areas as business, law, economics, political science, education, or communication.

In cooperation with the graduate program, courses of study culminating in a Master of Science or Master of Professional Science are also available.

Graduate Degree Programs

Graduate courses in the marine and atmospheric sciences are offered through the Graduate School and the Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science and are listed under the Rosenstiel School graduate program entries in the Bulletin.

Courses at the 500-level may be taken for undergraduate credit with junior standing and departmental consent. These courses are listed in the course section of the undergraduate bulletin.

Requirements for Graduation

In addition to satisfying the course requirements for the different undergraduate majors, students are expected to satisfy the School’s General Education Requirements. General Education Requirements stress breadth of knowledge and the cultivation of intellectual abilities essential for the acquisition of knowledge. Courses taken for the major and minor may also be used to satisfy the General Education Requirements.

Areas of Proficiency

A) Written Communication Skills

Effective writing skills advance ideas efficiently and persuasively, so the expectation is that students become adept at using writing as an effective communication tool. Students fulfill this requirement by satisfactorily completing WRS 105 together with ENG 106 or WRS 106 or WRS 107, or the equivalent. Appropriate Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) scores in Written Communication Skills may be used to satisfy this requirement. An appropriate score on the SAT or ACT examination may earn a student exemption from, but not credit for, WRS 105.

Students will be able to:

• Demonstrate effective written communication skills in relation to specific rhetorical tasks.
• Construct original, well-reasoned arguments using a range of materials.
• Integrate and synthesize appropriate and relevant primary and secondary sources in their writing.

EFFECTIVE FALL 2017, NEW STUDENTS WITHOUT PRIOR COLLEGE CREDIT IN Written Communication skills WILL BE PLACED AS FOLLOWS:

• WRS 103: ACT English score below 18 or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or Critical Reading score below 430, or TOEFL iBT Writing score below 18.
• WRS 105: ACT English score 18-31 or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or Critical Reading score 430-690, or TOEFL iBT Writing score 18 or above.
• ENG 106 or WRS 106 or WRS 107: ACT English score 32 or above or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or Critical Reading score 700 or above.

Written Communication Skills General Education Requirements must be completed prior to attaining junior year classification.

B) Advanced Writing and Communication Skills

Students in the Rosenstiel School will, as part of their major curriculum, take courses designed to provide students with the skills required for effective communication, both written and oral, within the discipline. Minimum writing credit requirements for all Rosenstiel School undergraduate degrees are listed below. Students may take more of the courses listed than the required minimum.

Geological Sciences
Candidates for Geological Sciences majors must complete a minimum of two of the following four courses with a grade of C- or better GSC 110, GSC 260, GSC 380, and GSC 561.

Marine Affairs
Candidates for the Marine Affairs major must complete a minimum of two of the following courses with a grade of C- or better MSC 112, MSC 313, MSC 314, MSC 340, MSC 342, MSC 345, and MSC 460.
**Marine Biology and Ecology**
Candidates for the Marine Biology and Ecology major must complete the courses listed below with a grade of C- or better. Option 1. Both of the following courses: MBE 232 and MSC 412. Option 2. Two or more of the following SaltWater Semester courses: MBE 326, MBE 406, MBE 407, MBE 408, MBE 409, MBE 463, MBE 466, and MBE 467.

**Marine Science**
Candidates for the Marine Science majors must complete three of the following courses with a grade of C- or better: MSC 112 and two chosen among MSC 216, MBE 232, and MSC 302.

**Meteorology**
Candidates for Meteorology majors must complete at least two writing courses with a grade of C- or better, and at least one writing course must be a designated writing course in the major. Students may satisfy this requirement for Meteorology discipline with ATM 103, ATM 306, ATM 307, and ATM 409.

**Oceanography**
Candidates for the Oceanography major must complete three of the following courses with a grade of C- or better: MSC 112 and two chosen among MSC 216, MBE 232, and MSC 302.

**C) Mathematics**
In a world increasingly influenced by science and technology, it is important for students to acquire the capacity to understand and use essential quantitative skills. The Quantitative Skills Proficiency Requirement helps students learn to use quantitative skills and tools to solve problems, including the interpretation, manipulation, and application of quantitative data. Students fulfill this requirement by completing either a Department of Mathematics course numbered MTH 108 (https://bulletin.miami.edu/search/?P=MTH%20108) Precalculus Mathematics II or higher for a Bachelor of Arts or MTH 162 Calculus II for a Bachelor of Science.

After satisfactory completion of the QSP courses, students will be able to:
- Select and use appropriate quantitative methods and tools to solve problems; and
- Interpret, manipulate, and apply quantitative data to solve problems.

**Bachelor of Arts:**

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1 Fulfills the Quantitative Skills Requirement.
2 For specific Statistics and Computer Science requirements review each major.

**Bachelor of Science:**

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1,2 For specific Statistics and Computer Science requirements review each major.
Students must earn a letter grade of C- or higher in Calculus I for all B.S. and B.S.M.A.S majors excluding RSMI, RSMP, and RSMX+MATH which require a letter grade of C- or higher in Calculus I and II. Meteorology majors must earn a letter grade of C or higher in both Calculus I and Calculus II.

2 Calculus II fulfills the Quantitative Skills Requirement.

3 For specific Statistics and Computer Science requirements review each major.

**Areas of Knowledge**

As described under the section General Education Requirements under *General University Information*, students must complete one cognate in each of three the Areas of Knowledge:

1. Arts and Humanities,
2. People and Society (Social Sciences) and

All undergraduate students in the Rosenstiel School will fulfill their STEM cognate requirement through their major requirements. Students in Marine Affairs will fulfill their People and Society cognate requirement through their minor. Students in Marine Science may elect to fulfill the People and Society cognate requirement with a Marine Policy cognate. Students in Meteorology may elect to fulfill the People and Society cognate requirement with a Broadcast Meteorology cognate. Cognates integrating Study Abroad courses are also available. See program advisors for details.

**Foote Fellow Requirements**

**Cognates**

Foote Fellows are exempt from cognate requirements.

**English**

Foote Fellows with (ACT English score 18-31; or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or Critical Reading score 430-690; or TOEFL iBT Writing score 18 or above) will be required to take First-Year Writing I and II (WRS 105) and (ENG 106 or WRS 106 or WRS 107). Foote Fellows with (ACT English score 32 or above; or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or Critical Reading score 700 or above) will be required to take First-Year Writing II: STEM (WRS 107). Only those Foote Fellows with sufficient scores on AP/IB examinations are exempt from the Written Communication Skills requirement.

**Mathematics**

All Foote Fellows must complete math requirements as specified by their program.

**Exempt courses must be replaced by courses at the 200-level or higher.**