



# Marine Option Program Academic Subject Certificate 2024-25 (12 credits)

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Through the Marine Option Program (MOP), students from any field of study can obtain an ocean-related focus within their own degree while earning an ASC. MOP emphasizes experiential-based, cross-disciplinary education and provides opportunities to apply traditional coursework to practical hands-on skills through an ocean-related internship or research project.

This certificate includes four credits of required coursework, six credits of ocean-related electives, and two credits of independent study/research to facilitate a unique MOP skill project where students (with faculty guidance) design and conduct a personal marine or aquatic project related to their educational goals. Completion of the MOP certificate will enhance student success in obtaining employment in any occupation where enhanced ocean awareness is applicable, or for further study at a 4-year institution.

**This is an example of an educational plan that can serve as a guideline to create your own academic pathway.**

Year 1			Year 2		
Fall Semester			Fall Semester:		
OCN 201 <b>OR</b>	Science of the Sea <b>OR</b>	3			
ZOOL 200	Marine Biology				
Elective	Ocean-Related elective (See Program Sheet)	3			
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		Credits 9	Credits		
Spring Semester:			Spring Semester:		
OCN 101	Intro to the Marine Option Program or comparable independent study class.	1			
Project	Ocean-Related Experiential Project	2			
		Credits 3	Credits		
Summer Semester:			Summer Semester:		
		Credits	Credits		
Total Credits for the Year		12	Total Credits for 2 Years		

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Notes:

- Academic Subject Certificates (ASC) are designed to fit within the structure of the Associate of Arts degree, therefore the requirements for the ASC may be spread over four semesters.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher for all course work taken in fulfillment of degree.
- At least 20% of the required courses in the major area must be earned at the College.
- When there is a break in enrollment (not attending fall or spring semester), you must use the graduation requirements in effect t the time you return to WCC.
- The last day for graduation certification is the last day of instruction.