

Master Syllabus Template

All courses require a syllabus. Syllabi may be photocopied and/or posted on the class Blackboard Companion site.  
Faculty must review the course syllabus with students on the first day of class.



Keiser University  
General Education

<u>Course Prefix &amp; Number:</u>	OCB 1010
<u>Course Title:</u>	General Marine Biology
<u>Course Format:</u>	Face to Face
<u>Credit Hours:</u>	3.0
<u>Course Schedule:</u>	
<u>Prerequisites:</u>	None
<u>Co-requisites:</u>	None
<u>Faculty:</u>	954-776-4456 Ext. -----@keiseruniversity.edu
<u>Office Hours:</u>	
<u>Course Description:</u>	Provides a systematic, interdisciplinary study of the world oceans which focuses on the interconnections between all facets of the marine environment. Topics include history, economics, ecology, biology, chemistry, geology, geography, physics, and meteorology of world's oceans.
<u>Program Goal(s):</u>	Understand the concepts of marine biology and how it relates to the physical and social sciences.
<u>Course Objectives:</u>	Upon Completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the history of marine science and the major developments which advanced knowledge of the oceans.
2. Describe the geological, chemical and meteorological elements of the marine realm and explain their effects on ocean environments.
3. Identify the major taxonomic categories of living organisms in the ocean, and be familiar with the general characteristics for each group.
4. Describe the ecological and environmental aspects of the tidal and subtidal communities, including estuaries and coral reefs.
5. Describe the ecological and environmental aspects of the open ocean, including the surface waters, twilight zone and deep ocean realms.

Grading and Evaluation Methods:

Item	Percent Total Grade	Due Date
Test 1	10	
Test 2	10	
Test 3	10	
Other (instructor designated)	30	
Participation	5	
Final Exam/Project	30	
Post test	5	
	100	

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade
A	90.00-100.00%
B	80.00-89.99%
C	70.00-79.99%
D	65.00-69.99%
F	Up to 64.99%

Required Textbook:

Castro/Huber. *Marine Biology*, 11<sup>th</sup> edition. McGraw-Hill. ISBN 9781260162578

Topical Outline/Course Assignments/Calendar:

Course Assignment Format is to provide evidence of mastery of the course objectives which are linked to specific program goals and outcomes.

### Course Guidelines and Policies\*

*\*Faculty course guidelines must not contradict standard University or Program policies as stated in the University Catalog, Program Student Handbook and/or Program Manual.*

*Additional guidelines and pre-approved policies may be included, examples appear below. The University Department Chair (UDC) should be consulted prior to making changes in the verbiage or adding additional policies. Any policies included in the syllabus should fit with the “students first” philosophy, and compliment the mission of the University and the program.*

#### Academic Integrity

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic conduct, professional honesty, and personal integrity. Plagiarism, cheating and other misconduct are serious violations and will not be tolerated, and may result in academic penalties, including suspension or dismissal.

#### Participation

Participation is a basic requirement for an effective learning community. Students’ participation will be assessed and reflected in the participation grade. Class participation is based on the following criteria: arriving to class on-time; paying attention during lectures and discussions; respectful listening when someone else is speaking; being engaged in the class and in your learning without distractions such as texting, side-bar conversations, checking your phone or email etc.

#### Missed Tests/Quizzes

Makeup exams will be allowed only with pre-approval of the instructor or with an acceptable, documented reason. Acceptable reasons for makeup exams include severe illness, family emergency or other unavoidable events. Exam format for makeup exams may be different than the original exam but the content for the exam will not change.

#### Late Assignments

Assignments are due at the start of class on the day noted. Late assignments without penalty will be accepted only in cases of emergency. Students should discuss turning in late work directly with the instructor and in advance of the due date whenever possible. Late assignments will not be accepted if the assignment has already been graded and returned to the class.

#### Civility/Professionalism

This class is a community of learners, which means we will depend upon each other for support and information. In order to learn, we must be open to the views of people different than ourselves. Please honor the uniqueness of your classmates and appreciate the opportunity we have to learn from one another. Please respect each other’s’ opinions and refrain from personal attacks or demeaning comments of any kind.

It is of the utmost importance to communicate with courtesy and professionalism. Professional courtesy includes respecting other’s’ opinions, being courteous and respectful, and working together in the spirit of cooperation.

### University and Program Policies

Students are expected to abide by the policies set forth in the University Catalog and the Student Program Handbook/Manual. The University Catalog is available electronically at <http://www.keiseruniversity.edu/catalog/>. The Program Student Handbook/Manual is available electronically at the direction of your instructor.

Disability Accommodations:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must complete the application process and receive approval from the review committee. The first step is to consult with the Campus President or Dean of Academic Affairs.