DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

OVERVIEW

Degree Programs Offered

- BS/BA Biology
- BS Biology Concentration in Molecular Biology
- BS Marine Biology
- BS Biology Teacher Education Program (Grades 9-12)
- MS Marine Biology

Student Body and Departmental Strengths

- >700 students majoring in biology (160-180 graduates annually)
 >180 students majoring in marine biology (25-35 graduates annually)
- >40 marine MS biology graduate students
- Emphasis on experiential learning:
 - >100 students complete independent research projects each year
 - >65 students complete a study abroad experience each year. Recent programs sponsored by our department included trips to Bali (Dr. Dustan), British Virgin Islands (Dr. Day), Panama (Dr. Plante), Bahamas (Dr. Sotka), Germany (Dr. Korey), and Spain (Dr. Sotka)



Faculty and Staff

- 35 full-time faculty
- 3 visiting professors
- 8 permanent staff members
- New and continued external grant funding = \$4.6M
- 76 research publications by faculty in 2021/2022
- 30 research publications annually with student coauthors

Facilities

- Four introductory teaching laboratories in Lightsey Center
- Recently renovated RITA Science Center
 - o 18 advanced teaching laboratories
 - 27 student/faculty research laboratories
 - 5 lecture classrooms
 - 37 faculty/staff offices
- Two field laboratories at the Stono Preserve (1000+ acre field site)
- Grice Marine Laboratory
 - o 4 marine biology faculty/student research laboratories
 - 2 teaching laboratories
 - 2 lecture classrooms
 - 15 faculty/staff offices
 - o 5 rooms for overnight visitors with kitchen facilities
- Three environmentally-controlled greenhouses
- Hollings Marine Laboratory- shared federal research facility





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