

Day 1		Saturday April 12, 2025—Live Online via Zoom	
1:00-2:30pm	Welcome to FMNP Coastal Systems! Introduction to IFAS ( <b>Valerie Mendez</b> ) Course expectations, goals, and format Introductions and Icebreaker	Intro to Final Projects Questions and Troubleshooting Pre-test (link sent via chat)	
2:30-2:40pm	Break		
2:40-3:40pm	Introduction to Florida's Coastal Systems: <b>Karen Rose</b>		
3:40-4:00pm	Questions and Discussion		
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b>	Download Course Manual and Review Chapter 1, Introduction to Florida Coastal Systems		

Day 2		Saturday, April 19, 2025—Live Online via Zoom	
1:00 – 2:00pm	Coastal Uplands: <b>Mark Tancig</b>		
2:00 – 2:10pm	Break		
2:10 – 3:10 pm	Coastal Invertebrates, part 1: <b>Nick Daigle</b>		
3:10 – 4:00pm	Questions & Discussion, Brainstorm Project Topic Ideas; Assignments; Introduction to Keeping a Nature Journal.		
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b> 4.5 hours +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Watch Video: Beach and Dune Systems</b> and complete reflection worksheet. (1 hour)</li> <li>• <b>Field Trip: Beach, Dune, or Maritime Forest</b> at the location of your choice, suggested statewide locations provided. (3.5 hrs)</li> <li>• <b>Review</b> Chapter 3, Coastal Upland Environments and the first part of Chapter 4, Coastal Invertebrates</li> <li>• <b>Final Projects.</b> Work to finalize group members and project topics according to personal interests.</li> </ul>		

Day 3		Saturday, April 26, 2025—Live Online via Zoom	
1:00 – 1:20pm	Breakout Rooms: Share Field Experiences		
1:20 – 2:20pm	Marine and Estuarine Environments: <b>Victor Blanco</b>		
2:20 – 2:30pm	Break		
2:30 – 3:30pm	Coastal Invertebrates Part 2: <b>Nick Daigle</b>		
3:30 – 4:00pm	Questions & Discussion, Assignments		
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b> 1 hour +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Watch Video: Nearshore Environments</b> and complete reflection worksheet. (1 hour)</li> <li>• <b>Field Trip: Nearshore Marine Environments</b> at the nearshore location of your choice, suggested statewide locations provided. (3.5 hrs)</li> <li>• <b>Review</b> Chapter 2, Marine and Estuarine Environments, and the second part of Chapter 4, Coastal Invertebrates</li> <li>• <b>Work on Final Projects.</b> Narrow your topic: Contact an organization that may be able to make use of your project and ask for parameters. Determine a plan for what your final project will be; divide tasks among group members based on individual strengths and preferences.</li> </ul>		

Day 4		Saturday, May 3, 2025—Live Online via Zoom	
1:00 – 1:20pm	Breakout Rooms: Share Field Experiences		
1:20 – 2:20pm	Coastal Birds Part 1: <b>Karen Rose</b>		
2:20 – 2:30pm	Break		
2:30 – 3:30pm	Coastal Birds Part 2: <b>Karen Rose</b>		
3:30 – 4:00pm	Questions & Discussion, Assignment		
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b> 4.5 hours +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adaptive Artistry Activity</b> (1 hour)</li> <li>• <b>Review</b> Chapter 7, Coastal Birds.</li> <li>• <b>Work on Final Projects.</b> Research and Develop Content.</li> </ul>		

Day 5		Saturday, May 10, 2025--Live Online via Zoom	
1:00 – 1:20pm	Breakout Rooms: Share Adaptive Artistry Activity		
1:20 – 2:20pm	Ethics in Coastal Systems: <b>Karen Rose</b>		

Day 5	Saturday, May 10, 2025--Live Online via Zoom (Continued)
2:20 – 2:30pm	Break
2:30 – 3:30pm	Interpretation in Coastal Systems: <b>Karen Rose</b>
3:30 – 4:00pm	Questions & Discussion, Assignment
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b> 1 hour +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interpretation:</b> Using what you've learned so far, prepare a brief (5 minute) interpretative talk inspired by something you've observed during a field trip. (1 hour)</li> <li>• <b>Review</b> Chapter 9, Ethics in Coastal Systems and Chapter 10, Interpretation in Coastal Systems.</li> <li>• <b>Work on Final Projects.</b> Give feedback on each other's work and continue to develop and finalize content.</li> </ul>

Day 6	Saturday, May 17, 2025—Live Online via Zoom
1:00 – 2:15pm	Student Interpretative Practice
2:15 – 2:30pm	Break
2:30 – 3:45pm	Student Interpretative Practice
3:45 – 4:00pm	Questions & Discussion, Assignment
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b> 4.5 hrs +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Watch Video: Estuaries</b> and complete reflection worksheet. (1 hour)</li> <li>• <b>Field Trip: Estuaries</b> at the estuarine location of your choice, suggested statewide locations provided. (3.5 hrs)</li> <li>• <b>Work on Final Projects.</b> Put it all together and work towards completing project.</li> </ul>

Day 7	Saturday, May 24, 2025--Live Online via Zoom
1:00-1:20pm	Breakout Rooms: Share Field Experiences
1:20 – 2:20pm	Fish in Coastal Systems: <b>Nick Daigle</b>
2:20 – 2:30pm	Break
2:30 – 3:45pm	Student Interpretive Practice
3:45 – 4:00pm	Questions & Discussion, Assignment
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b> 1 hour +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Watch Video: Society and Coasts</b> and complete reflection worksheet. (1 hour)</li> <li>• <b>Review</b> Chapter 5, Fish in Coastal Systems.</li> <li>• <b>Work on Final Projects.</b> Add finishing touches and complete your project.</li> </ul>

Day 8	Saturday, May 31, 2025—Live Online via Zoom
1:00-1:20pm	Breakout Rooms: Discuss current conservation issues
1:20 – 2:30pm	Amphibians and Reptiles in Coastal Systems: Guest Speaker, <b>Alex McKelvy</b>
2:30 – 2:40pm	Break
2:40 – 3:40pm	Marine Mammals: <b>Karen Rose</b>
3:40 – 4:00pm	Questions & Discussion, Assignment
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work on Final Projects.</b> Rehearse Presentation and Delivery.</li> <li>• <b>Review</b> Chapter 6, Marine and Estuarine Amphibians and Reptiles and Chapter 8, Marine Mammals.</li> </ul>

Day 9	Saturday, June 7, 2025--Live Online via Zoom
1:00 – 2:00pm	Student Final Project Presentations
2:00 – 2:10pm	Break
2:10 – 3:20pm	Student Final Project Presentations; 10-minute Break
3:20 – 4:20pm	Student Final Project Presentations
4:20 – 4:30pm	Break
4:30 – 5:00pm	Student Final Project Presentations
5:00 – 5:45pm	Break, Post-test, and Course Evaluations. <i>Post-test and Evaluation links provided by instructor via chat.</i>
5:45 – 6:00pm	Review Post-test, watch endowment video
6:00 – 6:30pm	Graduation