

Day 1	Thursday, October 2, 2025 – Class at Colonial Oaks Park
9:00am-11:00am	Welcome to FMNP Coastal Systems; Pre-Test; Course Objectives & Overview
	<p>Discuss student learning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Interpretive Talks</b> – Begin selecting topics and pairing up (continue working on this during breaks, lunch, and commutes to/from field sites). <u>Hardcopy outline summary (see requirements in handout provided during class) is due Friday, September 5 at 8:30 AM;</u> late submitter pairs must bring snacks to 1<sup>st</sup> field trip.</li> <li><b>Group Projects</b> – Begin selecting topics and forming groups (continue working on this during breaks, lunch, and commutes to/from field sites); <u>Hardcopy outline summary (see requirements in handout provided during class) is due Tuesday, September 9 at 8:30 AM;</u> late submitter pairs must bring snacks to 2<sup>nd</sup> field trip.</li> </ul>
11:00am -11:30am	Class Mixer Activity
11:30am -12:30pm	Introduction to Coastal Systems Presentation
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch: On Your Own
1:30pm-2:30pm	Interpretation of Coastal Systems Presentation
2:30pm-3:30pm	Practicing Interpretation Activity
3:30pm-4:30pm	Marine and Estuarine Environments Presentation
4:30pm-5:00pm	Review; Discuss Upcoming Field Trips; Meet with Your Interpretative Talk Partner
Day 2	Friday, October 3, 2025 – Field Trip and Class at Lemon Bay Park and Preserve
	<b>Morning: Mangroves and Coastal Uplands Field Trip</b>
9:00am – 12;30pm	<p>Field Trip to Lemon Bay Park and Preserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet at Lemon Bay Park Nature Center where we will start the hike</li> <li>Walk in the mangroves and maritime forest</li> <li>also encounter the Indian River Lagoon Estuary</li> <li>The trail is sandy and uneven so be prepared with appropriate footwear</li> <li>We will get in water to dip-net and use seine net</li> <li>Bring binoculars, water, snacks, hat, sunscreen</li> </ul>
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch: On Your Own
	<b>Afternoon: Classroom Session</b>
1:30pm-2:30pm	Saltwater Fish Presentation
2:30-3:30pm	Amphibians and Reptiles Presentation
3:30pm-4:30pm	<p>Review</p> <p>Turn in Interpretive 5-min Talks Topic form, and meet with Group Project Partner(s)</p>
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b> 1 hour 30 minutes	<p><u>Watch Video: Estuarine Systems &amp; Beach and Dune Systems</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write down one or two questions that you have after watching the videos</li> <li>Think about what has changed in the time since this video was created</li> <li>We will discuss these during the next class</li> </ul>
Day 3	Monday, October 6, 2025 – Class and Field Trip at Mote Marine Laboratory
9:00am - 10:00am	<p>Turn in Group Projects Topic form</p> <p>Review and Discussion of Questions from Videos</p>
10:00am-11:00am	Coastal Upland Environments Presentation
11:00am-12:00pm	Student Interpretive Practice Talks (max 8 students)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch on Your Own
1:00pm-2:00pm	Special Dolphins Presentation by the Chicago Zoological Society
2:00pm-4:00pm	Field Trip to Save our Birds
4:00pm-4:15pm	Wrap-Up, Reminders
<b>ON YOUR OWN</b> 45 minutes	<p><u>Video: Nearshore Environments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write down one or two questions that you have after watching the videos</li> <li>Think about what has changed in the time since this video was created</li> <li>We will discuss these during the next class</li> </ul>

Day 4	Wednesday, October 8, 2025 -AM Field Trip and Class at Gulf Gate Library
	Beach and Dune Systems Field Trip to Turtle Beach
9:00am -12:00pm	Meeting location TBD We will be walking along the beach and the dune boardwalk over passes and will visit the estuary system We will use dip-nets and seine net Bring binoculars, water, snacks, hat, sunscreen, sturdy
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch On Your Own; Travel to Classroom Session
	Afternoon: Classroom Session – Gulf Gate Library
1:30pm -2:30pm	Invertebrates Presentation
2:30pm-3:30pm	Special Shark Presentation
3:30pm-3:45pm	Review & Wrap Up
3:45pm-4:30pm	Group Project Work Time
ON YOUR OWN 45 minutes	Video: Coastal Systems & Modern Human Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write down one or two questions that you have after watching the videos</li> <li>Think about what has changed in the time since this video was created</li> <li>We will discuss these during the next class</li> </ul>
Day 5	Friday, October 10, 2025 – Class at Sarasota Audubon Nature Center
9:00am-10:00am	Coastal Birds Presentation
10:00am-11:00am	Student Interpretive Practice Talks (max 8 students)
11:00am-12:00pm	Marine Mammals Presentation
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch On Your Own
1:00pm-1:30pm	Review and Discussion of Questions from Video
1:30pm-2:30pm	Ethics Presentation
2:30pm-3:30pm	Special Manatee Presentation
3:30pm-4:00pm	Student Interpretative Practice Talks (max 4 students)
4:00-4:30pm	Review & Wrap Up
Day 6	Monday, October 13, 2025 – Class at Phillippi Estate Park
9:00am-9:30am	Meet Briefly with Your Group to Discuss Last Minute Presentation Details
9:30am-10:30am	Hike along mangrove fringe and visit oyster reefs
10:30am-12:00pm	Student Final Group Projects Presentation - Students present their interesting, interpretative, and low-stress Group Projects
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch: Potluck, bring an item to share
1:00pm-3:00pm	Student Final Group Projects Presentation - Students present their interesting, interpretative, and low-stress Group Projects
3:00pm-4:00pm	Announcements, Thoughts Electronically complete post-test & evaluation: Bring your cell phone or laptop Course wrap-up & Graduation
ON YOUR OWN	Link to the Final Group Project Form will be sent via email after class.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete and submit the <b>Final Group Project Form</b> to the FMNP within 24 hours of receiving the link</li> <li>One form is due per group.</li> <li>Determine who is willing and responsible in your group who will complete this task for your whole group; every member of the group does not fill this out.</li> <li>After completion, please send Armando an email confirming that this was sent to UF.</li> </ul>