

Day 1	Friday, February 20, 2026 – Class and Field Trip at the MDC
9 – 9:45 am	Sign in, welcome, breakfast snacks, introductions, student roster verification
10 - 11 am	Presentation: Intro to FL Coastal Systems Chad Truxall
11 – 11:45 am	Presentation: Interpretation in Coastal Systems – Bob Creedon
12–1:30 pm	Field Trip - Guided Boat Tour - Estuary Ecology – Lisa Mickey (Bring bag lunch)
2 – 3 pm	Presentation: Ethics in Coastal Systems – Carley Metcalf
3-4 pm	Student Project Discussion
ON YOUR OWN	Homework Assignment Video: Estuarine Systems

Day 2	Friday, February 27, 2026 – AM Class at the MDC and PM Field Trip
9 - 9:15 am	Sign in, welcome, breakfast snacks
9:15 – 10:30am	Presentation Mammals Coastal Systems - Guest speaker: Julie Albert - Whales
10:30-11: 30 am	Presentation: Coastal Uplands Environments – Trey Hannah
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Video Discussion w/ lunch Estuarine systems (Bring Bag lunch):
12:30-4:00 pm	Field Trip: Canaveral National Seashore (Beach, Dune); Park at Visitor’s Center Turtle Mound (two rotating groups) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turtle Mound Walking Tour – Guest speaker: Ray Jarrett (FDACS) 2. Water Quality Testing - Guest speaker: Kelly Young (Volusia Co.) 3. Wrack Line Trash & Treasure (and Shorebirds) - Lisa Mickey and Bob Creedon
ON YOUR OWN	Homework Assignment Video: Beach and Dune Systems Video

Day 3	Friday March 6, 2026 – Class and Field Trip at the MDC
9- 9:30 am	Sign in, welcome, breakfast snacks
9:30-10:30 am	Presentation: Invertebrates – Chad Truxall
10:30-11:30 am	Presentation: Coastal Waterbirds – Lisa Mickey
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Video Discussion Beach and Dune Systems (Bring Bag lunch):
12:30-1 pm	Student Interpretative Practice
1:30-4:30 pm	Field Trip - Guided Boat Tour: Invertebrate Discoveries – Carley Metcalf and Chad Truxall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please carpool to boat dock, bring water, closed-toe shoes, sunscreen, clothes that can get wet/change of clothes.
ON YOUR OWN	Homework Assignment Video: Nearshore Environment

Day 4	Friday, March 13, 2026 – AM Field Activities and PM Class at the MDC
8:30 - 11:30 am	On-site Field Activities (two rotating groups) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Kayak Eco Tour – Lisa Mickey and Bob Creedon 2) Living Shoreline – Gues Speaker: Annie Roddenberry (FWC)
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own (Bag Lunch in lab)
12:00-1:30 pm	Guest Presenter 1 of 2: Fish - Eric Sander (former FWC fisheries biologist)
1:45 – 4:00 pm (Rotation)	Presentation: Reptiles and Amphibians – Bob Creedon
Rotation	Presentation: Plankton - Carley Metcalf
Rotation	Presentation: Marine and Estuarine Environments – Lisa Mickey
ON YOUR OWN	Homework Assignment Video: Coastal Systems and Modern Human Society

Day 5	Friday, March 20, 2026 – AM Field Trip and PM Class at the MDC
8:30- 8:45 am	Sign in, welcome, breakfast snacks
8:45 - 10:45 am	On-site Field Trip (two rotating groups): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Birding - Guest Speaker: Joan Tague (Halifax River Audubon) 2. Sea Turtles – Guest Speaker: Karrie Minch (FWC)
11 am-12 pm	Live Animal Presentation - Raptors by Guest Speaker: Gina Holt (Wild About Birds, Inc.)
12– 12:45 pm	Presentation 2 of 2: Fish - Chad Truxall Video Discussion Coastal Systems and Modern Human Society (Bring Bag Lunch)
1-4 pm	Field Trip - Guided Boat Tour: Seine Netting, Fish ID, Fish Ecology, Video discussion Nearshore Environment – Trey Hannah

Day 6	Friday March 27, 2026 – Class and Field Trip at the MDC
9 - 9:15 am	Sign in, welcome, breakfast snacks
9:15 – 9:30 am	Volusia FMNP Friends Group – Guest Speaker: Joan Ferrell
9:30- 10 am	Presentations: Becoming more involved with the MDC & FMNP Endowment– Chad Truxall
10am – 12 pm	Final Project Presentations
12 -1 pm	Potluck Lunch
1 – 3:15 pm	Final Project Presentations
3:15 – 4:00 pm	Post-test, Evaluations, Graduation