

Marine Science I
Somerset College Preparatory Academy
Mrs. Mann
Fall 2024-2025

Text: Marine Science, Castro & Huber, 2016/2019

Tutoring: Tuesday and Wednesday 3:45p

Classroom Expectations

- **Entering the Classroom:** To keep the classroom running smoothly, everyone needs to be on time and ready to start class. Students outside the door and rushing in after the bell has begun to ring will be considered tardy. You must be in your seat when the bell rings to be counted present.
Bookbags should be neatly placed on the floor next to your chair to keep tables clear.
Check the board for any bellwork to get started on as soon as your table is ready (notes/materials out, electronics put away, bag on the floor) for the period.
- **Bring Required Materials Every Day:** Come to class prepared with all of the required materials you were advised to bring at the beginning of the school year. You will be notified at least the day before if any additional materials are needed. Have all necessary materials for the period out and ready at the beginning of the period.
- **Use Polite Speech and Body Language:** Always behave in a way that is respectful to your teacher and fellow students. Be respectful of other students when they are speaking. Any form of bullying will not be tolerated. Unkind teasing and impolite behavior are unacceptable at all times and will lead to disciplinary actions.
- **Speak When Permitted:** Raise your hand in class and wait to be called on before speaking. There may be times during group work when quiet talking is permitted. It is important that students remain quiet during exams until all students have finished.
- **Listen and Follow Directions:** It is important for you to pay attention in class and follow the teacher's directions the first time given. You will be a more successful student if you listen in class and follow instructions.
- **Exiting the Classroom:** To ensure a smooth transition between periods, the room must be tidy and ready for students in the following period. Wait in your seat until the bell rings and throw out any garbage accumulated at your desk away in the large black trash cans (by my desk or by the door) on your way out.
Last period students are expected to place ALL chairs on tables before leaving for dismissal.

Policies

- **Late Work:** Assignments turned in late will have a 3 point deduction for every day they are late (weekends included). If you have missed a lesson or an assignment due to an absence, make arrangements with your teacher (Mrs. Mann) to complete the work. Late policy will start 7 days after last reported absence.
- **Papers with no names:** If an assignment is turned in with no name, it will be posted on the “Unclaimed Papers” board and receive an automatic 5 points off. Any unrelated or not turned in assignment left on the desk will be thrown out by the end of the day.
- **Bathroom Breaks:** Students will be expected to get planner signed before leaving for the bathroom. Do not interrupt instructions to get your planner signed. After using the sign out sheet by the door, students will then be given five(5) minutes to go to the closest restroom and be back in their seat; timer will start when you open the door. Failure to comply will result in an elopement referral (Saturday detention).
- **Food and Drink:** SCPA approved snacks are allowed to be eaten during my class (unless we are doing a lab), failure to throw away wrappers, empty items, and any crumbs/spills by the end of the period will result in loss of snack privileges. Water bottles should be filled before class.
- **Electronics:** Before the start of class, ALL electronic devices must be turned on silent and out of sight. If phones are seen/heard in class, students will be required to use the phone caddy until further notice. Failure to comply will result in a technology confiscation from the office to be returned at the end of the day. Use of electronics in class is at the discretion of the instructor.
- **Destruction of Property:** Receiving and using any materials is a privilege that students at SCPA have been given and should be respected as such. Destruction of any provided and/or shared materials (chairs, tables, instruments, instructional tools, etc.) will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary actions

For any further questions regarding disciplinary actions, refer to SCPA student handbook.

Labs

Parents and students must sign and return the Lab Safety Contract to participate in any lab activity; otherwise, the student will not be allowed to participate and will receive a zero for the lab.

Participating in any labs is a privilege; failure to comply with any rules laid out in the Lab Safety Contract will result in a zero on the current lab and loss of lab privileges until the end of the semester.

Grade Calculation:

Grades will be calculated using a total points system.
(Points earned/Points possible) x 100=student grade

Units

1. Principles of Marine Science
2. Plate Tectonics and the Structure of Ocean Basins
3. Ocean Chemistry and Structure
4. Waves and Tides
5. Ocean and Atmospheric Circulation
6. Intro to Marine Ecology
7. Intertidal Zones
8. Estuaries
9. The Continental Shelf
10. Coral Reefs
11. Epipelagic Zone
12. The Ocean Depths
13. The Impact of Humans on the Marine Environment

Materials

- Book cover
- Spiral bound notebook with a folder
- \$30 Lab Fee (refer to Department Letter)
- Pencils/pens/highlighters
- Colored pencils or markers
- Scissors

Syllabus Acknowledgement

I _____ have read and understand the
Marine Science course syllabus and agree to abide by all classroom expectations.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____