



July 17, 2023

Dr. Michael T. Benson
President and Professor of History
Coastal Carolina University
107 Founders Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Dear Dr. Benson:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

New Program-Notification

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Higher Education and Community Engagement and
the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science**

Submission date:

1/11/2023

Intended Implementation date:

8/1/2023

Case ID:

SC020823

We accept notification of the following programs with 25-49% new content: the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Higher Education and Community Engagement and the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Lynne S. Crosby at (404) 492-5390 or via email at lcrosby@sacscoc.org.

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

KWS/DDG:lp

cc: Ms. Holly J. Legg, Director of Institutional Research Assessment and Analysis, Coastal
Carolina University
Dr. Lynne S. Crosby, Vice President, SACSCOC



Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis

January 11, 2023

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Director of Substantive Change
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Sightler,

Coastal Carolina University has received approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE) on December 1, 2022, to offer a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science beginning Fall 2023.

The Name of the program (to indicate the discipline):

Marine and Coastal Environmental Science

The credential to be awarded (e.g., Associate of Arts, Master of Accounting):

Bachelor of Science

The instructional level (associate, baccalaureate, master's, education specialist, or doctoral, if not obvious from the credential):

Baccalaureate

An affirmative statement that the new program consists of 25-49% new content not previously offered by the institution at the new program's instructional level.

The B.S. in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science consists of 25-49% new program content not previously offered at Coastal Carolina University.

The method of delivery to be added:

Face-to-face instruction

The intended implementation date:

Fall 2023

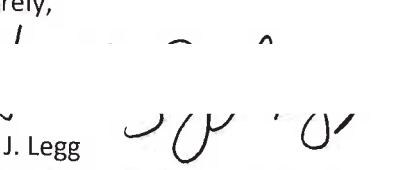
The B.S. in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science will provide knowledge and practical training for students to quantitatively and critically evaluate and address marine and coastal environmental topics within an interdisciplinary framework encompassing at least two marine science subdisciplines. This degree builds on a broad quantitative natural science foundation (biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics) with focus on one marine science subdiscipline (biology, geology, chemistry, or physical oceanography). Students will integrate and apply these fundamental concepts to conservation, management, economic, and policy topics related to modern marine and coastal environments. This degree program will train students who are interested in marine and coastal aquatic, environmental, and/or conservation subjects and their practical quantitative application to real world scenarios. Graduates in the B.S. in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science will be prepared for related entry level positions and/or graduate study in marine, coastal, and environmental research, management, education, planning, law, and/or policy at government agencies, universities, and private industry firms.

The B.S. in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science will be housed in the Gupta College of Science. No new equipment or facilities are needed to support the new program. The new program will result in the request of 1.5 new full-time lecturers to support this program over the next five years. Twelve new courses were developed to support the new program.

Enclosed are the substantive change cover letter and the approval letter received from the SCCHE.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Holly J. Legg

Institutional Accreditation Liaison

Director, Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis

R. Wes Hayes, Jr.
Chairman

Rusty L. Monhollon, Ph.D.
President & Executive Director



December 9, 2022

Dr. Michael T. Benson, President
Coastal Carolina University
P.O. Box 261954
Conway, South Carolina 29528-6054

Dear President Benson:

I am pleased to inform you that the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, at its meeting on December 1, 2022, approved the Bachelor of Science in Marine and Coastal Environmental Science for Coastal Carolina University.

This program will be offered through traditional delivery and will be noted as such on the CHE's Inventory of Approved Programs with the CIP Code of 03.0104 and site identifier of 51001 (Coastal Carolina University- Main Campus). This program will be implemented in Fall 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Director of the Office of Academic Affairs and Licensing at mdittmann@che.sc.gov, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rusty Monhollon, Ph.D.
President and Executive Director

CC: Dr. Daniel Ennis, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Teresa Burns, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Programs
Inventory File
Program File



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