Welcome to Orientation
Meet the Dean’s

Dr. Roni Avissar
Dean

Dr. Marjorie Oleksiak
Associate Dean
Meet the Directors

Dr. Michael Brown
Oceanography

Dr. William Drennan
Marine Science
(Double Major)

Dr. Anthony Hynes
Atmospheric Science

Dr. Douglas Crawford
Marine Biology & Ecology

Prof. Maria Estevanez
Marine Affairs

Dr. James Klaus
Geological Science
One of the world’s premiere marine, atmospheric, earth sciences and policies research institutions

• Founded in 1943 by Dr. F.G. Walton Smith

• 13th ranked Institution in the world in Geosciences (5th among US universities)

• RSMAS headcount
  • 80 faculty members
  • 400 undergraduate students
  • 300 graduate students
  • 240 support staff

• External Research Funding: $50 million/year
RSMAS facilities

Our faculty and students have year-round access to the marine environment

• 18-acre Virginia Key campus on Biscayne Bay connected by shuttle to Coral Cables campus, 8 miles away
• Undergraduate RSMAS offices on 2nd floor Ungar, Coral Gables campus
• 76-acre CSTARS satellite receiving facility in southern Miami-Dade County
• Field stations: Broad Key, Galapagos
RSMAS Campus on Virginia Key
Tutoring: don’t wait until it’s too late!

**Math**: The Math Lab (located on the first floor of the Richter Library Learning Commons) has free tutors that can review concepts and help clarify assignments, help you understand concepts that the instructor has already presented in class, provide you with additional examples and practice problems, and help you understand the textbook and other materials, and utilize the information.

**English**: The **Writing Center** (located in the Richter Library Learning Commons) at the University of Miami offers free, one-on-one assistance with all types of writing concerns. Located at the University of Miami Learning Commons in Richter Library, the Writing Center can help you at any stage of the writing process, from brainstorming to final revisions.

**Camner Center**: The Peer Tutoring Program currently has over 100 peer tutors knowledgeable in various subjects, both undergraduate and graduate. Each student may request up to two (2) hours of tutoring per current enrolled subject per week at no cost. Tutoring can be scheduled in the Camner Center or in the Richter Library Learning Commons.
Cognate Information

Cognate: A major, a minor, or a group of at least three courses, for at least nine credit hours, that share a theme or focus determined by the faculty. Cognates are required in three areas:

People and Society
Arts and Humanities

STEM: This Cognate is fulfilled by a RSMAS Major.

Other FAQ’s
*Minors or add’l majors fulfill cognate requirement

- Students entering with 30+ credits may take 1 cognate as Individualized cognate.
While most students Study Abroad during sophomore or junior semesters, it’s not too early to think about.

UM faculty offer semester on location programs: UGalapagos, UPrague, UParis, UCapeTown, UBuenos Aires, UShanghai…

Semester abroad programs in English or a foreign language around the world. Australia, UK, and Iceland are the most popular destinations for RSMAS students.

Summer or spring break trips offered by RSMAS, other UM faculty, and other institutions

Look at the study abroad website and visit their information session
UGalapagos

- UGalapagos now offered fall, spring and summer on Isabela Island (pop: 2500)
- Taught by RSMAS faculty
- Students housed with local families
- Courses have included:
  - Ecology, Geology, Conservation, Ornithology, Political Ecology, Oceans and Climate …
- Community Service
Field Courses in Geological Sciences

- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Colombia
- Dominican Republic
- West Texas and New Mexico
- Death Valley
- South Florida
- Bahamas
Salt Water Semester

SWS courses vary. This year we offer:

- Invertebrate Zoology
- Tropical Marine Ecology
- Marine Genomics
- Environmental Physiology
- Oceans and Human Health
Undergrad Research at RSMAS
MSC Snorkeling Trip

- Saturday, October 27th
- John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park- Key Largo
- Pick up times at 6:30 am and 10:00 am at Palm Court (Ashe Fountain)
- Look out for email from marsci@miami.edu for sign up
RSMAS Undergraduate Email (marsci@miami.edu)

Through this email the RSMAS Undergraduate Office communicates the following:

- Research Opportunities
- Internship Opportunities
- Employment Opportunities
- Important Program Information and Deadlines
- University/RSMAS Events
- Advising Schedule for Registration
RSMAS Undergraduate Website
Student Resources

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MINI CANESFEST

Check out these organizations at the Mini-Canesfest!

• Rho Rho Rho Marine and Atmospheric Honors Society
• Sigma Gamma Epsilon National Honors Society for Earth Sciences
• American Meteorological Society Student Chapter
• Marine Mammal Rescue Team
• SCUBA Club
• Aquarium Club
• Propeller Club
Important Dates

- **Friday, August 17th** - Mini-Canesfest, Freshman Advising, Pizza Social

- **Monday, August 20th** - First day of classes, MSC 112 starts

- **Thursday-Sunday, October 4th – 7th** - Family Weekend

- **Saturday, October 27th** - Snorkel trip!
RSMAS Undergraduate Program Presents....

New Faculty Seminar Series on Coral Gables campus starting Fall 2018.

Check Event Calendar on Undergraduate Website for details.