

UGA Department of Marine Sciences

MARS 7100 – Non-Thesis M.S. Research Project or Internship Experience

This course offers research or professional internship opportunities to non-thesis MS students for the purpose of obtaining practical and applied work experience. Project and internship opportunities are identified in individual consultation with the faculty advisor. Students will work in government agencies, NGOs, businesses or research labs involved in marine- or environment-related activities in order to gain real-world experience. Expected learning outcomes include demonstrating proficiency in (1) professional activities in the broad area of marine or environmental sciences, and (2) communication in professional settings. An in-depth written report and oral presentation based on the internship or research project are required.

A detailed syllabus for MARS 7100 will be developed by the faculty advisor in collaboration with the external project advisor where applicable, outlining the learning objectives of the individual internship or research project. MARS 7100 is offered as S/U, with the faculty advisor as the instructor of record. The grade will be determined based on a majority assessment by the committee of the internship/project written report and a departmental oral presentation. In cases when MARS 7100 involves activities outside the university (e.g., internship), a letter from the external supervisor is required and considered when assessing the overall performance.

MARS 7100 can be taken in a single semester (9 credits) or spread out over multiple semesters.