

isMCS2018

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Koper, Slovenia



Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
Oregon State University
Corvallis OR, USA



Blue World Institute of Marine
Research and Conservation
Veli Lošinj, Croatia



isMCS Instructors

isMCS is taught by an international team of lecturers, guest speakers and field instructors from Europe and USA who will present the latest trends and state of the art knowledge in the field of marine conservation science.

Registration
deadline
01 February 2018

Tuition payment
deadline
01 April 2018

Prof. Selina S. Heppell, PhD

Head, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University

Dr. S.S. Heppell is a conservation biologist with expertise in population modelling and marine conservation.

Assoc. Prof. Scott A. Heppell, PhD

Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University

Dr. S.A. Heppell is a fish biologist with expertise in physiological ecology and analysis of fish stocks.

Assoc. Prof. Bojan Lazar, PhD

Department of Biodiversity, University of Primorska

Dr. Lazar is a marine conservation biologist with expertise in population ecology of large marine vertebrates.

Asst. Prof. Peter Mackelworth, PhD

Department of Biodiversity, University of Primorska &
Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation

Dr. Mackelworth is a social scientist with expertise in human dimension of marine conservation science.

Senior Lecturer Matthew Witt, PhD

Centre for Ecology and Conservation, University of Exeter

Dr. Witt is a spatial ecologist with expertise in remote sensing, oceanography and marine conservation biology.



Tuition fee

- 450 Euros
 - for students seeking credits through the University of Primorska (6 ECTS)
- 2,250 USD
 - for students seeking credits through Oregon State University (5 credits)

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For students from
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Marine Conservation Science isMCS

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The world's oceans are vast, productive, and dynamic systems. Humans relied upon them for eons to provide food, transportation and numerous ecosystem services that sustain our life on Earth. Modern industrialization, a growing human population and unsustainable use of resources have drastically changed the marine environment and caused losses of biological diversity, altering whole ecosystems.

The lack of professionals trained in integrated and interdisciplinary marine conservation has been identified as one of the key problems in the field of conservation science. Therefore, three institutions from Europe and USA - University of Primorska, Oregon State University and the Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation - have come together and launched the International School of Marine Conservation Science (isMCS). Our goal is to enhance education and capacity building in the field of marine conservation by training a new generation of conservation scientists.

isMCS Program

isMCS is a 10-day intensive international graduate-level course focused on the key concepts of evidence-based conservation in marine ecosystems. The program covers multiple aspects of marine conservation, including the physical, biological, and human dimension components. It is comprised of lectures, laboratory exercises, field courses, readings and discussions, student projects, and guest lectures. We seek to identify the link between biological systems, human impacts and the critical role of social science, education, and policy in marine conservation planning.

Location and Venue

isMCS activities take place in three EU countries. The lectures are based at the University of Primorska in Koper (Slovenia), located on the northern coast of the Adriatic Sea. Field classes include the Marine Reserve of Miramare (Italy), with the last 2.5 days on the Island of Lošinj (Croatia) hosted by the Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation.

Who should apply?

isMCS is directed at MSc and PhD students with a basic degree in biology/ecology, environmental sciences or related subjects. This course is offered globally to all students who aim to make their careers in marine conservation science.

Registration, Course Credits and Student Grants

isMCS is accredited by both U.S. (5 credits) and the European credit transfer systems (6 ECTS), by the Oregon State University and the University of Primorska, respectively. Students are selected on a competitive basis. The two best applicants will receive a student grant from the University of Primorska covering their tuition fee. For registration and details, please visit the isMCS web page.

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