



To whom it may concern:

The Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL) is the marine research and education facility for the state of Alabama. Founded in 1971 by the State Legislature, DISL's mission encompasses the pursuit of excellence in marine science education, marine research, coastal zone management policy and public engagement through the *Alabama Aquarium*, DISL's public aquarium.

Discovery Hall Programs (DHP) was established as part of DISL in 1975 and has opened the field of marine science to every Alabama student through hands-on field and laboratory experiences. Learning opportunities have expanded to include students in grades K-12 as well as teacher training programs and free choice learning for the public.

On an annual basis, more than 20,000 K-12 students and teachers participate in the programs of Discovery Hall which include field classes for K-12 student groups, summer camps, educator workshops, virtual field trips, career days, community outreach events and a residential class in marine science for high school students.

DHP-DISL's summer residential course in marine science for high school students (*Marine Science*) is an immersive academic program, introducing the student to marine science through field and laboratory activities, lectures, research and career exploration with a minimum of 150 hours of instruction.

The course standards have been updated to reflect the 2025 Alabama Course of Study in Science and are a sound, evidence-based foundation of research in the field of marine science, written at a level appropriate for high school students.

Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) has approved DISL-DHP's summer course *Marine Science* for high school science credit with the following conditions:

- Students must have completed Biology and a 'physical science', to include Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics, as their first and second science requirements. Chemistry is recommended.
- *Marine Science* will fulfill the third or fourth science requirement.

For in-state school purposes, DISL-DHP's *Marine Science* should be coded **03005G1000** as indicated in the ALSDE Subject and Personnel Codes found on the ALSDE website.

If you have any questions or need additional documentation, please contact Discovery Hall Programs, DHPSummer@disl.org, 251-861-2141, 7515.

For Alabama public school students who anticipate taking Marine Science at DISL for science credit:

Please have your counselor sign this form and place it in your academic file.

_____ has completed necessary prerequisites for DISL's *Marine Science* course.
(Student name)

_____ Date: _____
(Counselor signature)