



# DAUPHIN ISLAND SEA LAB SPRING 2026!



**January 12 - May 8**



**Dauphin  
Island  
Sea Lab**

Alabama Center  
for Marine Education  
and Research



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# IMPORTANT DATES

Priority Course Registration Deadline	November 1, 2025
Late fee charged if registering after deadline (\$50)	January 6, 2026
Payment of DISL Housing & Meal Plans Due	January 6, 2026
Final Course Registration Deadline	December 1, 2026

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# Fees, Tuition, Room & Board Costs

## Course Tuition is Paid to Your University

After confirmation of enrollment at DISL, students must register and pay course tuition **at their home campus.**

**ALL Room and Meal Plans, DISL & Travel Fees are paid directly to DISL.**

## PAYMENT DEADLINES

1. All DISL Fees (see DISL fees below) are due at the time of course registration. Non payment of fees can affect your course enrollment. Special payment arrangements must be preapproved by the DISL bursar, Mrs. Nancy Jackson, [njackson@disl.org](mailto:njackson@disl.org), ext. 7506.

**A late fee charge of \$50 will be added if registering after January 6, 2026.**

### **DISL Fees:**

Student Application Fee \$75.00 one-time fee. Waived for returning students.

Student Registration Fee \$35.00 per term

Lab Fee \$20.00 per credit (except Auburn University students)

Comprehensive Facility Fees \$450 (parking, printing, ID, facilities & vehicles)

Late Registration Fees \$50.00

2. All room and meal plan payments are due by **January 6, 2026.**

### **Meal Plans:**

15 meals/week \$3,850.00

10 meals/week \$2,900.00

Dietary needs will be respected but must be communicated clearly on the meal plan request form. You may contact the registrar Rashard Ward, [rward@disl.edu](mailto:rward@disl.edu), or the cafeteria manager, Savannah Griggs, [sgriggs@disl.edu](mailto:sgriggs@disl.edu), to discuss concerns or necessary accommodations.

### **Dorm Plans:**

Spring Shared Room: \$ 800.00

# Fees, Tuition, Room & Board Costs

Cabins are available based on two-person occupancy per room. All rooms are air-conditioned and have wireless Internet connections. Students must supply their own twin bed linens. Refrigerators, coffee makers and microwaves are supplied. No pets are allowed. (For info regarding Service animals, please contact the DISL Registrar.)

**Students may check into the DISL cabins after 12:00 noon the Sunday before class begins on Monday. If an earlier check-in is required, students should notify the registrar to make accommodations. Note the café is not open during early check-in.**

**After courses end on Friday, students will be expected to check out of the cabins on Saturday before 9:00 a.m. unless they are enrolled in the next session.** If a student is flying into Mobile Regional Airport and requires transportation to DISL, we recommend you arrive on the Saturday before the term begins and depart on the Saturday morning after term ends.

## **Payment to DISL**

Payment may be made online via your student Populi account [www.disl.populiweb.com](http://www.disl.populiweb.com) or mailed at least **TWO WEEKS** prior to your arrival. MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express are accepted over the phone. No cash accepted. Make check or money order payable to DISL and mail to Mrs. Nancy Jackson, Bursar, 101 Bienville Blvd., Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528. Call (251) 861-2141, ext. 7506 with questions to Mrs. Jackson. DISL fees may be paid on a session basis if arranged beforehand with the DISL Bursar.

**Once a student begins class, no refunds for lab or DISL fees will be issued. Prorated room and board will be issued for student withdrawal where applicable. Travel fees are non-refundable, unless the course is cancelled.**

## **Payment Deferrals**

Payment deferrals will be made only upon receipt at DISL of written verification of loan, grant, fellowship, assistantship, VA or other forms of support. The verification must be from an authorized agent of the awarding entity and must indicate the amount awarded, anticipated date(s) of receipt and schedule of payments if not a single lump sum. It should be indicated to whom payment will be made, i.e., academic institution for tuition only or without limitation, to the student directly, etc. Students receiving deferrals must sign a promissory note to DISL in the amount of the deferral. There will be no deferrals on meal plans. All deferred charges must be paid by the end of the term in order to enroll in a subsequent term and for grades to be transmitted to the appropriate campus.

# Spring Course Registration

## Submission deadline for priority registration:

DISL will accept registrations until December 1, 2025; however, courses will fill early and students should try to send their registrations before the priority registration date.

Nonpayment of fees will result in a **late fee charge of \$50 to be added after January 6, 2026.**

## Step #1 Complete the DISL Summer Online Forms:

- Visit <https://www.disl.edu/university-programs/undergraduate/#spring-registration> for instructions and the 2026 Spring Application Link.
- Complete Summer application. A one-time \$75.00 application fee. Requires ID photo upload. (Not for returning students)
- Complete online course registration, health & vessel waiver (\$35.00 registration fee)
- Requires signed advisor form, notarized vessel waiver, and notarized health waiver.
- Complete housing and meal plan request Form.

## Step #2 Confirmation of DISL Course Enrollment

- DISL will email a confirmation of your course enrollment after the priority registration deadline. This email will include instructions to login to your DISL Student account via [disl.populiweb.com](http://disl.populiweb.com), and a link to additional forms and documents.
- Once you login to your student account on [DISL.Populiweb.com](http://DISL.Populiweb.com), you will be able to view a listing of your courses and the status of your enrollment (registered or waiting list).
  - Your DISL bill is payable online (DISL fees are due by January 6, 2026 ).

DISL fees may be paid on a session-by-session basis if arranged beforehand with the DISL Bursar, Mrs. Nancy Jackson, [njackson@disl.edu](mailto:njackson@disl.edu)

## Step #3 Enrollment at Your Home Campus

- You **MUST** also register at your home campus & pay your home campus tuition
- You must submit proof of home campus tuition paid and a schedule of courses registered for at your home campus to the DISL Registrar. This can be done via email or online

**NOTE:** In cases where your home institution does not permit you to register for classes before DISL classes begin and you fail to register when campus registration begins, you will be obligated to pay DISL directly for the cost of registration and tuition.

# Spring Course Registration

## Step #4 Confirmation of Cross Registration at Home Institution and Course Attendance

- You must provide the DISL UP Registrar with a receipt of course enrollment at your home institution.
- All summer faculty are required to take attendance. **If a student fails to attend the first two days of the course, the student will be withdrawn from the course.**

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Do I have to enroll at both my home school and at the DISL for my Spring course?**

Yes, to receive academic credit for your courses you **MUST** register for your class at your home institution and at the DISL. Be sure to get your academic advisor's approval for your course selections.

#### **Will I receive two billing statements for my Spring courses at DISL?**

Yes, your home institution will invoice your tuition. The DISL will invoice academic and facility fees as well as your room and board if you decide to live on the DISL campus.

#### **Can out-of-state students enroll in DISL Spring UP courses?**

Yes, however, your home school will need to enter into an agreement with the DISL for academic credits to transfer. Please contact the DISL Registrar Rashard Ward for more info.

#### **Do I have to be enrolled in a college to take DISL Spring UP courses?**

No, you do not need to be enrolled in college to take our courses. You may audit our courses for a fee but will not receive academic credit for your enrollment.

#### **Do you offer financial aid?**

DISL does not offer a financial aid program. You will need to coordinate your financial aid through your home institution. The DISL does offer student work-study and scholarship opportunities.

#### **Are there housing options on Dauphin Island other than DISL campus living?**

Sometimes there are houses available for rent on Dauphin Island, however, you will need to search and coordinate these options on your own.





## Spring Courses

<b>Spring Session 1 Jan 6 - March 12</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Professor</b>
Biodiversity of Coastal Organisms	(4) UG/G	TBA
Marine Ecology	(4) UG/G	Dr. Charles Martin
Marine Operations & Research	(3) UG/G	Dr. Jeff Krause
Field & Lab Measurements	(4) UG/G	Dr. Ron Baker
Tools For Science	(2) UG/G	Dr. Lee Smee
<b>Spring Session 2 March 16 - May 8</b>		
Biodiversity of Coastal Organisms	(4) UG/G	TBA
Marine Ecology	(4) UG/G	Dr. Katrina Philips
Marine Operations & Research	(3) UG/G	Dr. Marshall Bowles
Field & Lab Measurements	(4) UG/G	TBA
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## Spring Course Descriptions

### **Biodiversity of Coastal Organisms**

Students will investigate the major coastal habitats, the diverse organisms that inhabit them, and the complex ecological processes that connect and sustain these communities. A central theme is the importance of biodiversity for ecosystem function and the critical challenges posed by human impacts.

### **Marine Ecology**

This course provides an introduction to the ecology of marine environments, with a specific emphasis on Gulf Coast marine ecosystems. We will focus on key concepts in the field, including foundational literature, key processes structuring flora and fauna, and how anthropogenic activities (e.g., habitat loss, overfishing, climate change) impact natural ecosystems

**Prerequisites** - General Biology

### **Field & Lab Measurements**

The course provides hands-on experience with a range of field and laboratory methods commonly used in marine sciences, with a focus on coastal ecology methods. The class combines a range of field and lab activities, to provide training and skills across a range of methods.



## **Marine Operations & Research**

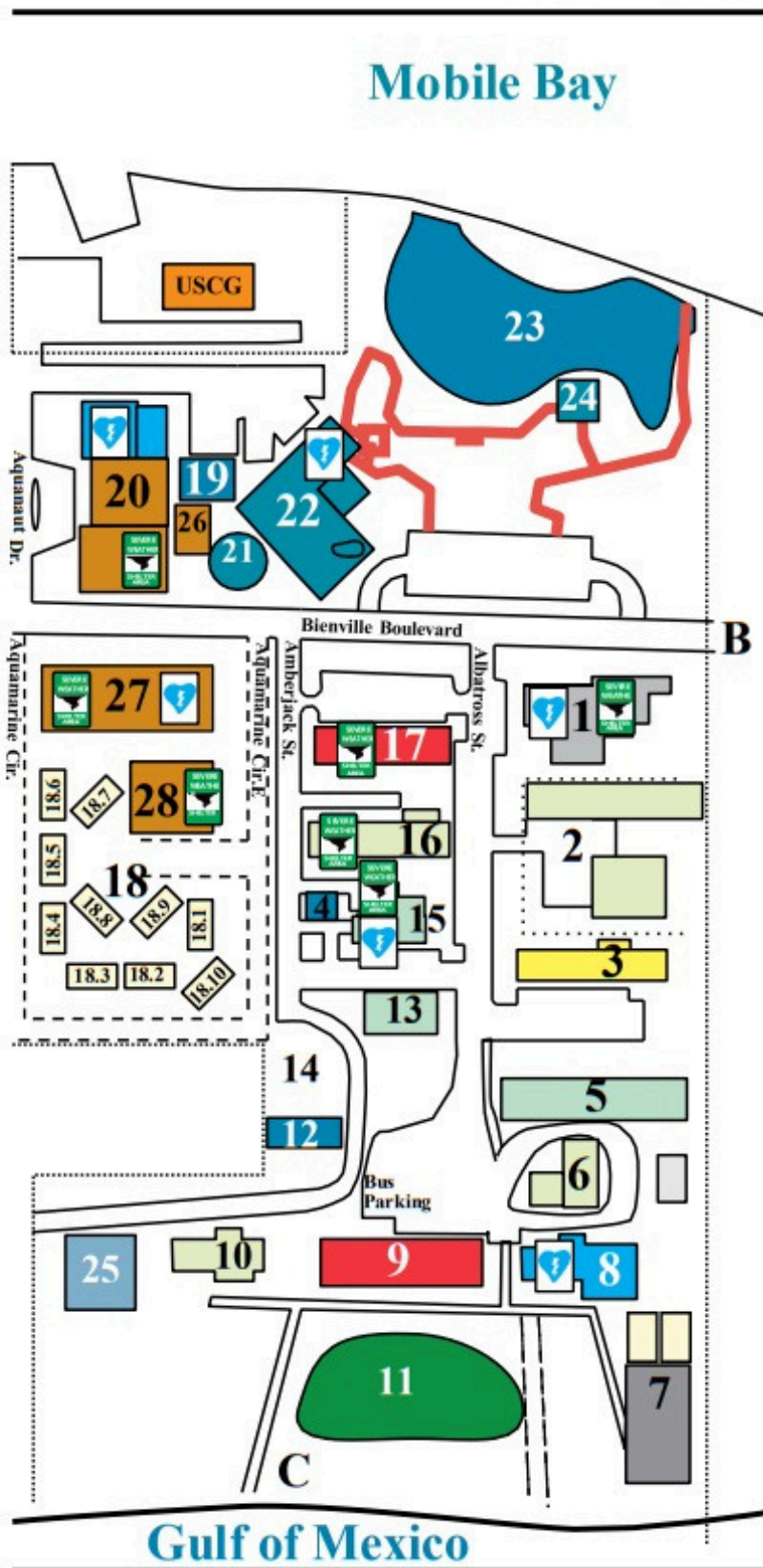
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Students will conduct collaborative experiments at local field sites. This will involve collecting and analyzing samples, analyzing the subsequent data, and using primary scientific literature to write a short paper and conduct an oral presentation.

**Prerequisites** - General Biology



# Dauphin Island Sea Lab Facilities Map



- \* 1. Administrative Offices, Registration, Classroom and Study Hall
- 2. Maintenance/Vehicle-Boat Yard
- 3. Albatross Hall (Closed)
- 4. Laundromat
- 5. DHP Computer Lab/Classroom 5
- 6. Endeavor Hall (Classrooms)
- 7. Basketball, Volleyball Courts
- 8. Discovery Hall (Classrooms/Offices)
- 9. Horizon Hall (Classrooms/Offices)
- 10. Galathea Hall (Class/Meeting Room)
- 11. Sea Pines
- 12. Swimming Pool
- 13. Mesocosm Facility
- 14. Future Aquatic Center
- 15. May's Cafe
- 16. Challenger Hall (Dormitory)
- 17. Beagle Hall (Dormitory)
- 18. (#1-10), Faculty Housing
- 19. Multistressor Lab Building
- 20. Wiese Marine Science Hall
- 21. Husbandry Building
- \* 22. Alabama Aquarium, Gift Shop
- 23. Living Marsh and Boardwalk
- \* 24. Ladner Pavilion
- 25. Auburn Univ. Shellfish Lab
- 26. Wet Lab
- 27. Shelby Fisheries Management Center
- 28. Marine Mammal Research Center

- \* A. To the Water Tower and Audubon Sanctuary
- \* B. To Fort Gaines
- C. To Gulf of Mexico Beach
- D. To DISL Research Vessels

\* - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Severe Weather Shelter



Automated External Defibrillators