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WHAT SHOULD I STUDY FOR MARINE BIOLOGY?



Marine science includes many different careers, so it's important to explore which areas interest you most.



Marine biologists study everything from tiny plankton and fish populations to ocean conservation and pollution. Careers can be found in universities, research organisations, government agencies, charities, and private companies.

Before choosing subjects, think about the areas of marine science that excite you most and research the qualifications needed.



CHOOSING YOUR GCSE'S

If you're interested in Marine Biology, aim to achieve strong GCSE results, particularly in:

- Biology
- Maths
- English
- Geography – can also be useful
- Other Science subjects

Top Tip: Research university entry requirements early.
Many science-based courses specify the GCSE subjects and grades you'll need.



CHOOSING YOUR A-LEVELS

For Marine Biology and other marine science degrees, Biology is usually essential.



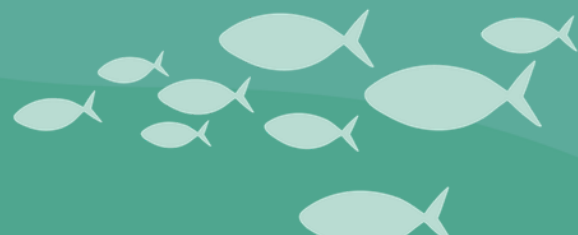
Strong A-Level combinations include:

- Biology, Chemistry, Maths
- Biology, Chemistry, Geography
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics



Before choosing your subjects:

- ✓ Check university entry requirements
- ✓ Attend school careers & higher education events
- ✓ Use UCAS to explore courses and career pathways



The right subject choices can help you access a wider range of university courses and careers.



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CHOOSING THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY



When researching universities, consider:

Location

Do you want a campus environment, a city university, or somewhere by the coast?

Course Content

Different universities teach the same subject in different ways. Look at modules, field trips, and practical opportunities.

Career Opportunities

Check whether the course provides specialist skills, placements, or professional accreditation.

Costs and Funding

Find out about tuition fees, student finance, grants, and scholarships available to you.



Do your research: Attend open days, UCAS events, and speak to current students to learn more about each course at university.