

## Marine Biology: Admission with a HBO-diploma (Pre-master)

### Prior education requirement

You cannot join the Master's programme immediately as you must first complete a Pre-master's programme, which starts in September. Once you have completed this programme, you can in theory start your Master's programme in Marine Biology. Admission to the selective Pre-master's programme is granted on an individual basis by the Admissions Board on the basis of the documents you supply and is limited to an intake of 5 students per year.

The Admission Board will consider your application and assesses and ranks students on the strength of the knowledge/major and skills they have already acquired and motivation (see checklist). If accepted, the Admission Board will assign you the Pre-master's programme below (or assign you an individually- tailed Pre-master's programme).

Completion of the Premaster's programme Marine Biology will allow enrolment in the Master's programme Marine Biology or Biology.

We offer a Pre-master's programmes containing topics in Biology, Ecology and Evolution. This programme is suitable for students with a qualification in:

- Bachelor Coastal Zone Management (major Marine Biology) (CROHO 39204)
- (Applied) Biology (CROHO 30009)

### Content Pre-master's programme

Please note: It is a good idea to think long and hard about your ambitions and whether the Pre-master's and Master's programmes will help you to achieve them. The Pre-master's programme is tough for all students and not all of them are able to complete it. Studying at a university is a very different experience from studying at a university of applied sciences. You must be motivated to spend an average of 30-40 hours per week focusing exclusively on your studies. We advise students to start preparing for the programme in the summer holidays by doing some self-study, for example. Having said this, an above-average, well-motivated university of applied sciences student will normally manage to complete the Pre-master's programme successfully.

Pre-master's programme containing topics in Biology (38 ECTS):

- [Systems Ecology & Ecological Interactions I](#) (period 1a, 5 ECTS)
- [Systems Ecology & Ecological Interactions II](#) (period 1a, 5 ECTS)
- [Genes and Evolution](#) (period 1a, 5 ECTS)
- [Microbiology](#) (period 1b, 5 ECTS)
- [Lab Course](#) (period 1b, 3 ECTS)
- [Biostatistics 1](#) (period 1b, 5 ECTS)
- [Biostatistics II](#) (period 2a, 5 ECTS)
- [Bachelor Thesis](#) (whole year, 5 ECTS)

**Please note:** the programme above gives you a good idea of what to expect in practice, but is subject to availability. Depending on knowledge and skills alterations may be introduced to this programme on an individual base.