Marine Mammal Behavior and Training (MMB&T)

All courses take place at Dolphin Research Center on Grassy Key, FL. Each seven-day course introduces students to Dolphin Research Center’s resident pod of dolphins and includes hands-on and in-water interactive experiences as well as classroom seminars and workshops, live marine mammal demonstrations and observations, and discussions with expert trainers, researchers and educators.

Course topics include, but are not limited to: marine mammal husbandry; marine mammal medical care and pathology; behavior modification and training; anatomy; physiology; maternity; population management; habitat and maintenance; environmental enrichment; cognitive and behavioral research methodology, design and implementation; dolphin acoustics; and communication; marine mammal law; and conservation.

Animal experience includes but is not limited to: meal preparation; animal handling and behavior modification through operant conditioning; animal presentation and narration delivery; cognitive research design and implementation; behavioral observation and research; and animal enrichment design and implementation.

Course Requirements (15 credit hours)

OCB 1301 Dolphin Studies & Field Experience: Basic DolphinLab (3)
OCB 1311 Dolphin Studies & Field Experience: Marine Mammal Care & Basic Training (3)
OCB 2313 Dolphin Studies & Field Experience: Advanced Marine Mammal Training & Enrichment (3)
OCB 2310: Dolphin Studies & Field Experience: Cognitive & Behavioral Research with Marine Mammals (3)
EDG 1030 Dolphin Studies & Field Experience: Marine Mammal Education & Interpretation (3)

Total Credits Required: 15