

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
March 27, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Master of Science in Marine Mammal Science, CIP 45.0102, New College of Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of the Master of Science in Marine Mammal Science, CIP 45.0102, at New College of Florida.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

New College of Florida is proposing a Master of Science in Marine Mammal Science. On March 20, 2014, the Board of Governors approved New College of Florida's mission change, allowing the institution to offer master's programs contingent on the Board of Governors approval outlined in Board of Governors Regulation 8.011, Authorization of New Academic Degree Programs and Other Curricular Offerings.

The proposed master's program is designed to teach students the skills to study marine mammals in an interdisciplinary way, providing individuals with the post-baccalaureate training needed to pursue careers in conservation biology, ecology, data analysis, and research design regarding marine mammal husbandry and training. The proposed master's program would be the first program in the System under CIP code 45.0102. The curriculum consists of 48 credit hours, including six credit hours of electives, a required final thesis, and two seminar courses. The Master of Science in Marine Mammal Science will be offered through traditional face-to-face instruction on the main campus. New College of Florida will charge the currently approved graduate tuition rate of \$474.33 per credit hour for resident students and \$1,169.47 per credit hour for non-resident students. The institution does not intend to operate this program through continuing education on a cost-recovery basis, seek approval for market-rate tuition, or establish differentiated graduate-level tuition.

The New College Board of Trustees approved the program on February 22, 2024. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, this item will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors, New College will implement the program effective fall 2024.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

In Academic and Student Affairs  
Committee Materials