



My experience at SAFS has been incredibly hands-on — from exploring fish anatomy with dissections, to learning field techniques in the San Juans. I have found amazing research opportunities, learned valuable analytical and writing skills, all while finding amazing friendships.

- Phoebe Berghout, Class of 2025



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ACTION STEPS

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fish.uw.edu/undergraduate-program

We'd love to hear from you! Contact us with questions or to set up an appointment with our academic adviser:
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We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Coast Salish peoples, land which touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Suquamish, Tulalip and Muckleshoot nations.



SCHOOL OF AQUATIC & FISHERY SCIENCES
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MINOR

AQUATIC AND FISHERY SCIENCES



The quality of education at SAFS is unparalleled, with faculty and staff who truly care about their students. I left the program feeling well-equipped to begin working as a professional and will forever be thankful for the experiences and close friends I gained as a student here.

- Abigail Huber, Class of 2023



As an Aquatic & Fishery Sciences (AFS) student, you get to dive deep into freshwater and marine sciences and resource management, studying complex ecosystems that support aquatic organisms and people who rely on them. You will explore river, lake, and ocean systems, using quantitative and data science methods to help conserve, manage, and sustainably use our planet's aquatic resources. Our degree offers the chance to examine aquatic life across a range of scales, from physiology and genetics to population and ecosystems.

DEGREES: BS, MINOR

- Additional minor available in Freshwater Science and Management (FSM)

COOL COURSES

FISH 311, Biology of Fishes

An introduction to the wonderful world of fishes. Conduct hands-on examinations of their biology—from ancient hagfishes to today's sharks, inhabiting freshwater lakes and coral reefs to the depths of the ocean.

FISH 406, Parasite Ecology

Parasites are ubiquitous: no ecosystem exists without them. Because they are usually small and hidden within hosts, they're easy to overlook. This course focuses on these rarely studied creatures, which span the entire tree of life.



TOP 10

UW has been ranked among the top five marine and freshwater biology (US News Reports & Rankings)

IMMERSIVE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Experience the wilds of Alaska with the Alaska Salmon Program

Conduct independent research with the mentorship of world-class faculty for your capstone

Partner with external organizations, such as NOAA, through SAFS-sponsored internships



GRADUATES' NEXT STEPS

After graduation, many of our students go directly into highly competitive graduate and professional schools. Graduates also go into professions in the private sector, government, and non-profit/NGO's. Early career positions include:

- ➔ Abigail Huber, Class of 2023
Fisheries Technician I, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- ➔ Henry Stier, Class of 2023
Forage Fish Biologist 1, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ➔ Helen Casendino, Class of 2022
Environmental Analyst, San Francisco Estuary Institute
- ➔ Keng Moua, Class of 2022
Green River Creel Surveyor, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ➔ Bailey Johnson, Class of 2019
Aquarist, Seattle Aquarium

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

In addition to University and College scholarships, the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences offers a broad spectrum of scholarship support including tuition, field experiences, and travel to conferences.

