



SeaTrek has some exciting news regarding academic credit!

SeaTrek has entered into a new learning partnership with Basic Prep Academy, accredited through the Northwest Accreditation Commission, a member of Advanc-ED. Through this accreditation partnership, SeaTrek participants may be able to earn high school academic credit hours for science and/or physical education.



If this interests you, then keep reading...

MARINE SCIENCE COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Marine Science course uses background research, content lectures, hands-on explorations, and service work to equip students with the tools necessary to develop and investigate their own independent research question. Research questions are related to one of SeaTrek's focus research/service learning projects: <http://www.seatrekbvi.com/activities/marine-science-projects-2/>. Using marine science workbooks, students are required to do some basic background research and brainstorming prior to their voyage. Then during their voyage, the workbooks help students complete their research project outlines, which are presented to other students and staff. **Students receive up to 3 academic credit hours for science at their schools.**

- Portions of this course are already included in the SeaTrek program, but to earn official credit hours students need to sign up and pay a tuition fee (\$225 - \$350 per credit hour), as well as complete a project workbook. Staff biologists will assist students throughout this process.
- Students can still use their marine science project work for community service hours as long as they have received permission from their schools. This official credit option (and need for a workbook) applies to academic credit hours only.

SAILING & SCUBA COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Sailing & Scuba course uses a combination of lectures, hands-on experience, physical activities, and practicums to carry out SeaTrek's sailing & seamanship training and the scuba certification courses designed by NAUI. **Students receive up to 2 academic credit hours for physical education at their schools.**

- All components of this course are already included in the SeaTrek program, but to earn official credit hours students need to sign up and pay a tuition fee (\$225 - \$350 per credit hour).

Course Fees:

Upon successful completion of either the marine science course or the sailing & scuba course, students earn between one and five academic credit hours through Basic Prep Academy (BPA) and the Northwest Accreditation Commission, a member of Advanc-ED. SeaTrek will act on each student's behalf to contact their school and confirm credit approval. Receipt of credit is based upon school approval and payment of the course fee (\$225 - \$350 per credit hour).

If you are still interested, then here's what you need to do next...

Step 1: Contact Angie Cowan, SeaTrek's Director of Education/Marine Science angie@seatrekbvi.com, and let her know if you want to earn academic credit for the Marine Science course, Sailing & Scuba course, or both.

Step 2: Angie will send you a reply email to gather a little more information and begin the registration process.

Step 3: Angie will contact your school to confirm that they will accept your work for official academic credit. Angie will communicate with you and your school until all the necessary details and paperwork are in order.

Step 4: Monk Daniel monk@seatrekbvi.com will contact you to arrange payment for the course(s) you are taking.

Step 5: After receipt of payment, we will contact you again to provide additional instructions, resources, and course materials to prepare you for your coursework.

SeaTrek is VERY excited to be able to offer accredited courses as part of our growing curriculum. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions or if you would like more details about these courses, please contact Angie Cowan angie@seatrekbvi.com. We look forward to working with you!

