Established at an American university, conducts interdisciplinary research in ocean and coastal policy research and education programs with a variety of local, national, and international partners.

The goal of the college is to educate scholars who will provide intellectual leadership in the areas of the geological sciences, marine biosciences, marine policy, oceanography, and physical ocean science and engineering. Graduates of the college are expected to understand the complex interactions of these areas in real-world situations, in addition to mastering advanced work in the area of their specialty.

The college has facilities in two locations: on the main campus of the University in Newark and on the Hugh R. Sharp Campus in the coastal city of Lewes at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. During the academic year, courses are taught at both sites. Interactive television linking the two sites minimizes the need for commuting between campuses. Students may live at either location depending on the nature of their research and the location of their advisor.

The college offers both field-oriented and laboratory-oriented research programs that take advantage of easy access to the Atlantic coast and Coastal Plain, the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, and upland areas of the Piedmont and Appalachian Mountains. Additionally, there are many ongoing opportunities for research at a variety of locations around the world.

RESEARCH FACILITIES

Robinson Hall, on the UD main campus in Newark, is CMES's administrative base, housing two programs, Marine Policy and Physical Ocean Science and Engineering. It is also home to two of the college's five research centers. The Center for Remote Sensing gathers and analyzes satellite data to yield valuable information about oceanic properties and coastal resources, ranging from the dispersion of oil slicks to global change in plant production. The Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, the first of its kind to be established at an American university, conducts interdisciplinary research and education programs with a variety of local, national, and international partners.

The College of Marine and Earth Studies offers programs leading to master's and PhD degrees. The MS degrees are offered in Geology, Marine Policy, Marine Science, Ocean Engineering, and Oceanography. A non-thesis Master of Marine Management (M.M.M.) degree also is now available. The PhD degrees are offered in Geology, Marine Studies, Oceanography, and Ocean Engineering.

The college provides all the amenities for a thriving marine science initiatives. Also based in Newark, the Lammot du Pont Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Marine Studies Laboratory provides state-of-the-art, contamination-free, "clean-lab" facilities for the study of trace metals in marine waters and sediments. The nearby Delaware Biotechnology Institute, a partnership among government, academia, and industry to help establish Delaware as a center of excellence in biotechnology and the life sciences, supports leading-edge interdisciplinary research in genomics and proteomics, including marine science initiatives.

Another major coastal research facility available at UD is the College of Engineering's Ocean Engineering Lab in the Center for Applied Coastal Research. CMES students may use the lab's flumes and wave basins through a joint degree program offered by the College of Marine and Earth Studies and the College of Engineering. The lab contains such novel equipment as the directional wave basin -- a 66-foot-long, 66-foot-wide, 3.3-foot-deep apparatus equipped with 34 wave-generating paddles for simulating a realistic sea. Faculty and students use the device to study the physics of waves and the effectiveness of various coastal protection measures.

At the Hugh R. Sharp Campus in Lewes, on the shores of Delaware Bay, CMES provides all the amenities for a thriving marine research and teaching program, including offices, research and teaching laboratories, classrooms, computer facilities, and a library. Cannon and Smith laboratories are equipped with recirculating seawater systems and controlled-environment rooms for maintaining saltwater fish and plants. Cannon Lab also is home to two research programs.
centers: the Center for Marine Environmental Genomics focuses on deciphering the genetic code of marine organisms and determining the role that specific genes play, while the Ocean Information Center electronically archives a wide variety of marine data for use by scientists around the world.

Smith Lab includes a shellfish hatchery, algal culture facilities, fish aquaria, microbiology labs, and greenhouse space for halophyte (salt-tolerant plant) research. It also houses the Center for Halophyte Biotechnology, which is developing salt-tolerant plants for agricultural use and wetlands restoration in collaboration with local and international partners.

Two smaller laboratories in Lewes contain specialized research facilities. Henlopen Lab, adjacent to Cape Henlopen State Park, is home to one of the world’s only tilting wind-wave tanks for studying physical phenomena at the air-sea interface. The Pollution Ecology Laboratory serves as supplemental space for marine geological research.

The Adrian S. Hooper Marine Operations Building and harbor support the seagoing research activities of the college. The harbor is home port of the 146-foot Hugh R. Sharp research vessel. Several smaller vessels are available for scientific exploration and sampling in nearby Delaware Bay and coastal Atlantic waters.

**MARINE BIOSCIENCES**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Students in the Marine Biosciences Program at CMES are exposed to a broad spectrum of modern approaches to understand the organization and function of biological systems in marine environments. The M.B. Program is highly integrative and students are exposed to a wide range of subjects in their course work and research projects, from molecular biology and biochemistry to ecology and ecosystem studies. Areas of faculty interest within the program span the ecology, physiology, genetics, and molecular biology of plants, animals and microbes. Faculty research specializations are particularly concentrated in: microbial physiology and molecular ecology; larval ecology and molecular biology; chemical ecology; fisheries ecology; aquacultural genetics and genomics; wetland restoration. In addition to the sophisticated classroom and laboratory facilities available at CMES, students enjoy ready access to a variety of marine ecosystems near the Hugh R. Sharp Campus in Lewes: dunes, salt marshes, mudflats, estuaries, and the Atlantic Ocean. Field research takes place from the Arctic to the Antarctic, in environments ranging from coral reefs to deep-sea hydrothermal vents, to local salt marshes and coastal waters.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

Prospective students must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Applicants are encouraged to take the Biology Advanced test as well. Successful applicants typically have combined verbal and quantitative GRE scores above 1200 and grade-point averages above 3.0 (4.0 = A).

Applicants should also submit a letter of intent, stating specific interests and objectives for seeking graduate study. Early application for admission is advised. Please review the other requirements listed in the "Graduate Admissions" chapter in this catalog.

**FINANCIAL AID**

Please refer to the chapter “Graduate Fellowships and Assistantships” in this catalog.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREES**

All students in the master's program are required to complete 30 graduate credits. A course outside of the Marine Biosciences Program and the student's area of concentration is also required. All students must write a thesis. Students may bypass the master's degree and work directly toward the PhD upon petition. Written and oral qualifying examinations are required before students are admitted to candidacy for the PhD degree.

**MS IN MARINE STUDIES with a concentration in MARINE BIOSCIENCES**

**Required courses:**

- MAST 627 Marine Biology
- MAST 634 Marine Biochemistry
- MAST 821 Seminar (once each academic year)

**One course (minimum 3 credits) outside of the program.** This may be one of the specially designed introductory courses or a more advanced course.
**PHD IN MARINE STUDIES with a concentration in MARINE BIOSCIENCES**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Required courses:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MAST 621 Coastal Field Biology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAST 627 Marine Biology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAST 634 Marine Biochemistry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAST 821 Seminar (once each academic year)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Dissertation:** 9 credits

Additional graduate-level course work as determined by advisory committee.

**MARINE POLICY**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Marine Policy Program examines the economic, legal, political, and social aspects of the world ocean, the seabed, and the coastal zone. Students and faculty in the program analyze public issues regarding the law of the sea, ports and shipping, marine minerals, ocean and coastal zone management, fisheries, naval affairs, marine biotechnology, and the global environment, frequently making recommendations for policy at the regional, national, and international level.

The Master of Marine Policy prepares students for careers in research, management, and administration in marine-oriented government agencies, private associations, and business firms. For a few highly qualified students who already hold an advanced degree in marine policy or a related subject and who generally have some experience in policy research or management, the PhD in Marine (Policy) Studies is available.

The Master of Marine Management degree program is designed for individuals now active or employed in management or policy positions relevant to marine environments. The curriculum is a combination of courses in science and policy, and includes a methods course and an integrated case study course. No thesis is required.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

**Master of Marine Policy or Master of Marine Studies with a concentration in Marine Policy**

Prospective students must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Applicants are encouraged to take the Biology Advanced test as well. Successful applicants typically have combined verbal and quantitative GRE scores above 1100 and grade-point averages above 3.0 (4.0 = A).

Applicants should also submit a letter of intent, stating specific interests and objectives for seeking graduate study. Early application for admission is advised. Please review the other requirements listed in the "Graduate Admissions" chapter in this catalog.

Regarding Financial Aid, please refer to the chapter "Graduate Fellowships and Assistantships" in this catalog.

**Master of Marine Management**

The requirements for admission to this program include a Bachelor's degree in an appropriate natural or social science program, an undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 (out of a possible 4.0), GRE scores (verbal and quantitative combined) of at least 1050, and a TOEFL score (for international students) of at least 600 (paper-based test) or 250 (computer-based test).

Evidence of professional experience is encouraged and will be an important consideration for admission.

Regarding Financial Aid, it is expected that students matriculating in this program will not receive financial aid from university sources. Students will be either self-supporting or will be supported by outside funding sources.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREES**

All students in the master's of marine policy program are required to complete 39 graduate credits. A course outside of the Marine Policy Program and the student's area of concentration is also required. Students pursuing this degree must write a thesis. Students may bypass the master's degree and work directly toward the PhD upon petition. Requirements for the PhD degree are similar to those for the master's degree, but are more intensive. Written and oral qualifying examinations are required before students are admitted to candidacy for the PhD degree.

All students in the master's of marine management program are required to complete at least 31 graduate course credits over the period of fall, winter and spring semesters of one year. There is no thesis required for this degree.

**MASTER OF MARINE POLICY (M.M.P.) or MASTER OF MARINE STUDIES with a concentration in MARINE POLICY**

**Required courses:**

- MAST 670 U.S. Ocean & Coastal Policy
- MAST 873 Marine Policy Seminar taken three times
- MAST 675 Natural Resource Economics
- MAST 676 Environmental Economics
- MAST 677 International Ocean and Environmental Policy
- MAST 817 Research Design and Methods
- MAST 672 Applied Policy Analysis
- CMES course outside the marine policy program.

**Thesis:** 6 credits

**Elective courses** in policy and policy analysis approved by advisor (12 credits)

**MASTER OF MARINE MANAGEMENT (M.M.M.)**

**Required courses:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(Fall Term):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MAST 663 Decision Tools for Policy Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAST 670 U.S. Marine Policy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAST 677 International Marine Policy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Science Elective</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Policy Elective</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAST 821, 853, or 822 Science Seminar</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(Winter Term):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MAST 801 Environmental Measurement Tools</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(Spring Term):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MAST 802 Case Study in Coastal and Ocean Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Policy or Science Electives</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAST 873 Policy Seminar</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Students select Science and Policy electives from CMES courses and other courses offered at the University. These selections are reviewed by the M.M.M. Advisory Committee.
PHD IN MARINE STUDIES with a concentration in MARINE POLICY

Required courses:
- Completion of M.M.P. or equivalent work at another university or M.M.P. bypass.
- MAST 873 Marine Policy Seminar taken three times *

CMES course outside the Marine Policy Program. *

Disciplinary concentration approved by advisor [e.g., economics, political science]

Additional Research and Methodology course approved by advisor.

Dissertation: 9 credits

Additional graduate-level course work as determined by advisory committee.

*Does not apply to students who satisfied the requirement during M.M.P.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Oceanography Program faculty and students conduct research on physical, geological, biological, and chemical problems in estuarine, coastal, and marine environments. Historically, the program's focus has been estuarine, coastal, and continental shelf studies in the Mid-Atlantic region. CMES studies have made the nearby Delaware, Chesapeake, and Delmarva Coastal Bays some of the most extensively studied estuaries in the world. More recently, however, faculty and students have had increasing interests in issues related to global environmental change in a number of other regions of the world.

Estuarine waters, salt marshes, and sediments provide ideal sites for work on the cycling of particulate material, trace metals, nutrients, and organic matter. An integrated picture of contrasting estuarine behavior is emerging from studies of circulation, chemistry, sedimentary geology, and planktonic biology in these contrasting environments. Faculty and students investigate topics at scales as large as paleohistorical circulation patterns, and as small as chemical cycles in algal mats. Multidisciplinary studies of the hydrology and ecology of intertidal groundwater seepage and the controls of harmful and noxious algal blooms are also explored. Together with the Center for Remote Sensing, faculty and students study the impact of land-use changes on wetlands and estuarine waters and the effects of oceanic circulation on climate. The Oceanography Program fosters an environment where a diverse faculty and student body work together to understand marine and environmental processes in the interest of solving environmental and societal problems.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Prospective students must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Applicants are encouraged to take the Biology Advanced test as well. Successful applicants typically have combined verbal and quantitative GRE scores above 1200 and grade-point averages above 3.0 (4.0 = A).

Applicants should also submit a letter of intent, stating specific interests and objectives for seeking graduate study. Early application for admission is advised. Please review the other requirements listed in the "Graduate Admissions" chapter in this catalog.

FINANCIAL AID

Please refer to the chapter "Graduate Fellowships and Assistantships" in this catalog.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREES

All students in the master's program are required to complete 30 graduate credits. A course outside of the Oceanography program and the student's area of concentration is also required. All students must write a thesis. Students may bypass the master's degree and work directly toward the PhD upon petition. Requirements for the PhD degree are similar to those for the master's degree, but are more intensive. Written and oral qualifying examinations are required before students are admitted to candidacy for the PhD degree.

MS IN MARINE STUDIES with a concentration in OCEANOGRAPHY

Required courses:
- Any two of the following core courses:
  - MAST 602 Physical Oceanography or equivalent
  - MAST 646 Chemical Oceanography or equivalent
  - MAST 637 Geological Oceanography or equivalent
  - MAST 627 Marine Biology or equivalent
  - MAST 853 Oceanography Seminar or equivalent must be taken at least one semester during each year of residence.

At least three (3) credits of 800-level courses other than courses used to meet seminar and core required courses must be completed.

One three (3) credit course in Marine Policy or one three (3) credit course outside of the student's declared sub-discipline of interest [not including courses taken to meet the program core course requirement] as approved by the advisor and the program director must be completed.

Thesis or Research: 6 credits

Additional courses may be required by the student's advisory committee.

PHD IN OCEANOGRAPHY

PHD IN MARINE STUDIES with a concentration in OCEANOGRAPHY

Required courses:
- MAST 602 Physical Oceanography or equivalent
- MAST 646 Chemical Oceanography or equivalent
- MAST 637 Geological Oceanography or equivalent
- MAST 627 Marine Biology or equivalent
- MAST 853 Oceanography Seminar or equivalent must be taken at least one semester during each year of residence.

At least six (6) credits of 800-level courses other than courses used to meet seminar and core required courses must be taken.

One three (3) credit course in Marine Policy or one three (3) credit course outside of the student's declared sub-discipline of interest [not including courses taken to meet the program core course requirement] as approved by the advisor and the program director must be completed.

Thesis or Research: 9 credits

Additional courses may be required by the student's advisory committee.

PHYSICAL OCEAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Students in the Physical Ocean Science and Engineering Program apply basic physical principals in their research in coastal physical oceanography, ocean acoustics, nearshore processes, environmental fluid dynamics, estuarine dynamics, and ocean engineering. Two degree plans are offered. The Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Studies are offered through the College of Marine and Earth Studies. The Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Ocean Engineering are offered through a cross-disciplinary program operated jointly by the College of Marine and Earth Studies and the College of Engineering. (See the Ocean
Engineering section in the College of Engineering for specific degree.
This multidisciplinary academic program provides students with broad knowledge in physical oceanography as well as opportunities to focus on desired areas of expertise. The program is particularly appropriate for students with physics, mathematics, or engineering backgrounds.

Requirements for Admission

Prospective students must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Applicants are encouraged to take the Biology Advanced test as well. Successful applicants typically have combined verbal and quantitative GRE scores above 1200 and grade-point averages above 3.0 (4.0 = A).

Applicants should also submit a letter of intent, stating specific interests and objectives for seeking graduate study. Early application for admission is advised. Please review the other requirements listed in the "Graduate Admissions" chapter in this catalog.

Financial Aid

Please refer to the chapter “Graduate Fellowships and Assistantships” in this catalog.

Requirements for the Degrees

All students in the master's program are required to complete a minimum of 30 graduate credits. A course outside of the POSE program and the student's area of concentration is required. All students must write a thesis. Students may bypass the master's degree and work directly toward the PhD upon petition. Requirements for the PhD degree are similar to those for the master's degree, but are more intensive. Written and oral qualifying examinations are required before students are admitted to candidacy for the PhD degree.

MS in Marine Studies with a concentration in Physical Ocean Science and Engineering

Required courses:
- Minimum of 24 graduate course credits (including those listed below):
  - MEEG 690 Intermediate Engineering Mathematics
  - MAST 693 Waves in the Marine Environment
  - MAST 691 Ocean Fluid Dynamics
  - MASTS 882 POSE Seminar
  - MEEG 864 Engineering Analysis II
  - MAST 800 Dynamical Physical Oceanography

One of the following courses:
- MEEG 864 Engineering Analysis II
- MAST 800 Dynamical Physical Oceanography

One course outside of the student's home program (minimum of 3 credits). This may include one of the specially designed introductory courses or a more advanced course. Students may not test out of these classes.

Thesis or Research: 6 credits

Additional graduate-level course work as determined by advisory committee.

PhD in Marine Studies with a concentration in Physical Ocean Science and Engineering

Required courses:
- MEEG 690 Intermediate Engineering Mathematics
- MAST 693 Waves in the Marine Environment
- MAST 691 Ocean Fluid Dynamics
- MASTS 882 POSE Seminar
- MEEG 864 Engineering Analysis II
- MAST 800 Dynamical Physical Oceanography

One course outside of the student's home program (minimum of 3 credits). This may include one of the specially designed introductory courses or a more advanced course. Students may not test out of these classes.

Dissertation: 9 credits.

Additional graduate-level course work as determined by dissertation advisory committee.