Bachelor of Science
Ocean and Earth Science with a Major in Marine Science Technology (BS)

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Students in the Ocean and Earth Science program focus on global systems that control environmental conditions on the planet. They also learn to develop solutions to complex environmental problems by working in interdisciplinary teams. All majors in the department complete courses in the basic sciences and mathematics and core courses in Earth systems science. Students majoring in Biological Oceanography, Chemical Oceanography, Physical Oceanography, and Geology complete a capstone field research experience. In addition, students complete a suite of specialty courses specified in each major. A minimum grade of C or higher in all major and prerequisite courses is required for graduation.

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The marine science technology major is designed for students interested in the more practical and technical side of oceanography. Students in this major will gain practical skills in data acquisition and processing, field operations, and instrument design, assembly, operation, and maintenance. Whereas other majors in ocean and earth science emphasize more theoretical aspects of these fields, this major focuses on hands-on skills. Upon graduation, students in this major will be able to work closely with scientists, researchers, and engineers on wide ranging projects in the environmental science and technology fields. For example, these include potential job opportunities associated with Virginia's offshore wind resource development, which involve collecting and analyzing meteorological, oceanographic and environmental data, upgrading port and logistics facilities, and ensuring this development is compatible with other ocean uses.

Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written) 6
Oral Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral) 3
Mathematics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math) 3
Language and Culture (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language) 0-6
Information Literacy and Research (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#research) 3
Human Behavior (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior) 3
Human Creativity (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity) 3
Interpreting the Past (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret) 3
Literature (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature) 3
Philosophy and Ethics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy) 3
The Nature of Science (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature) 8
Impact of Technology (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact) 3

Upper-Division General Education

- Option A. Approved Disciplinary Minor (a minimum of 12 hours determined by the department), or second degree or second major.
- Option B: Interdisciplinary Minor (specifically 12 hours, 3 of which may be in the major)
- Option C: An approved Certification Program such as teaching licensure
- Option D: Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Sciences and not required by the major (6 hours)

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

Marine Science Technology Major

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements 32-39
Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credit hours) 6

Marine Science Technology

OEAS 111N Physical Geology 4
OEAS 130G Research Skills and Information Literacy for the Natural Sciences 3
BIOL 121N General Biology I & BIOL 122N General Biology I Lab 4
BIOL 123N General Biology II & BIOL 124N General Biology II Lab 4
PHYS 111N Introductory General Physics 4 or PHYS 231N University Physics I 4
PHYS 112N Introductory General Physics 4 or PHYS 232N University Physics II 4
BIOL 291 Ecology 3 or OEAS 320 Sedimentology and Stratigraphy 3
OEAS 220T Introduction to Meteorology 3
OEAS 306 Oceanography 3
OEAS 307 Oceanography Laboratory 1
OEAS 310 Global Earth Systems 4
STAT 310 Introductory Data Analysis 3
OEAS 406 Matlab 1
OEAS 416  Electronics and Oceanographic Instrumentation  3
OEAS 444  Communicating Ocean Science to Informal Audiences (meets Oral Communication)  3
GEOG 402  Geographic Information Systems  3

Upper-Division OEAS Electives*  17
BIOL 402  Scientific Diving Methods for Marine Research
OEAS 303  Paleontology
OEAS 315  Minerals and Rocks
OEAS 320  Sedimentology and Stratigraphy (can be used as an elective only if BIOL 291 is used to satisfy the concentration requirement)
OEAS 344W  Geomorphology
OEAS 350  Where Rivers Meet the Sea: Ecology and Climate
OEAS 403W  Limnology: Biogeochemistry of Lakes
OEAS 425  Marine Geology
OEAS 451W  Data Collection and Analysis in Oceanography
OEAS 490  Paleoclimatology

Total Credit Hours  105-113

* For these upper-division courses please pay careful attention to prerequisites that may not necessarily also be required courses in the major. Up to 4 credits of 200-level courses may be used to satisfy this upper-division requirement. Up to six credit hours of electives from departments outside of Ocean and Earth Sciences can be used to satisfy this requirement (see the Chief Departmental Advisor for the list of these approved electives). At least one writing-intensive "W" course must be taken within the major.

Elective Credit
Elective credit may be needed to meet the minimum requirement of 120 credit hours.

Honors Program in Ocean and Earth Science
Students admitted by the faculty to the Ocean and Earth science honors program engage in supervised individual study in areas of their interest. Honors students must complete all courses required by the department with a minimum grade point average of 3.50 and a total of at least three credits in one of the following courses:

OEAS 487  Honors Research in Ocean and Earth Sciences  1-3
OEAS 497  Special Problems and Research  1-3

Degree Program Guide
The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.
Upper-Division OEAS Elective 3
Human Creativity 3

Credit Hours 15

Senior

Fall
Upper-Division OEAS Elective 4
GEOG 402 Geographic Information Systems 3
Upper-Division General Education Course (Option D) 3
Elective 3

Credit Hours 13

Spring
OEAS 416 Electronics and Oceanographic Instrumentation 3
Upper-Division OEAS Elective 3
Upper-Division OEAS Elective 4
Upper-Division General Education Course (Option D) 3
Elective (if needed) 2

Credit Hours 15

Total Credit Hours 120-121

BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master's degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student's senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.