Immerse yourself
OUT THERE
Nothing on earth is as vast as the ocean — including your opportunities to explore, understand and sustain it.

DIVE IN.
Marine studies doesn’t just happen on a boat or in a laboratory. It happens in the boardroom, at the engineer’s desk, in the artist’s studio.

The ocean covers more than 70 percent of the Earth’s surface and impacts all of its physical, biological, chemical and geological processes. Yet for all the ocean’s power, there are equally daunting challenges.

Climate change, ocean acidification, pollution, variable fish stocks and rising sea levels are just some of the pressures facing marine habitats, nearshore ecosystems and coastal communities. To preserve its beauty and power, the ocean needs people in every discipline to show up — to take their place as an advocate for marine flourishing.

The good news is Oregon State University has been a leading force in marine studies for decades — and you can join in. You’ll learn from faculty who are experts in their fields and can spend part of your college career in an unparalleled living-learning laboratory: the spectacular Oregon Coast.

Because the issues facing the ocean are multifaceted, Oregon State takes an interdisciplinary approach, combining teaching from multiple colleges to give you the comprehensive skills needed to solve complex problems.

Are you ready for the challenge? Dive in.
The path to a better world starts here.

Your first year at Oregon State will be spent building a foundation for a well-rounded education. You’ll develop your critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills through courses from Oregon State’s Baccalaureate Core — the physical and biological sciences, mathematics, writing, fitness, cultural diversity — along with some beginning courses in your particular area of interest. You can also choose from first-year experience and weekend introduction courses that take you to the coast.
Launch a rewarding career in virtually any direction.

You can incorporate your love for the ocean into just about any career field, whether you’re studying engineering, anthropology, digital communication, marine biology, animal science, education, earth sciences or anything else. Plus, the growth of the “blue” economy — with its focus on sustainable use of ocean resources — means job opportunities expand with it. And since the ocean and its influence is truly global, you can work in the United States and abroad, in a federal, state or local government agency, a university, nonprofit or other community organization.

Get ready for what’s next.

In marine-related career fields, you need a wide range of skills, and that starts early with a well-balanced college preparatory curriculum, including English and mathematics. Classes in speech and fundamental computer skills will sharpen your writing and communication abilities. And because ocean issues involve people, volunteer work and other extracurricular activities can help you develop social and leadership skills during your high school career.
Immerse yourself in the Marine Studies Initiative (MSI). Explore Oregon and the world.

Oregon State’s Marine Studies Initiative (MSI) is a university-wide effort to create a healthy future for our oceans and all who depend on them. As a student, you can pursue transdisciplinary academic programs and research that emphasizes collaboration, experiential learning, public engagement and hands-on problem solving.

Whatever your major, you can take classes, conduct research or complete an internship on Oregon State’s main campus in Corvallis or at our top-notch facilities on the Oregon Coast:

**Hatfield Marine Science Center (HMSC)**
Over the past 50 years, the HMSC in Newport has built its reputation as one of the world’s leading marine laboratories, known for collaborative research and a vast array of experiential learning opportunities including courses and a thriving summer internship program. A new Marine Studies building (in 2020) will be a hub for students, faculty and partners. The space will feature a state-of-the-art innovation lab and studio, designed to enable students, researchers and entrepreneurs to design, build, test and market new technologies, as well as promote creative artistic projects.

**Port Orford Field Station**
Located just south of Cape Blanco on Oregon’s southern coast, the field station provides access to the region’s unique marine and terrestrial ecosystem for teaching and research, particularly in the areas of coastal stewardship and sustainability.

**OSU Seafood Lab**
The Seafood Research and Education Center in Astoria helps fishermen add value to their catch and processors develop innovative seafood products. Since 1940, the lab’s ongoing research has advanced seafood science, safety and technology.
OCEAN AND COASTS

We offer a variety of degree programs for those who are excited to go deep into marine sciences. Have a different focus? You can add ocean-related minors to any of Oregon State’s 200+ degree programs — no problem.

Choose one of our many marine-specific majors:
(Selected minors, options and certificates in small type)

**College of Agricultural Sciences**
Bioresource Research
Water Resources
Fisheries and Wildlife Science
Marine Conservation and Management

**College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences**
Earth Sciences
Ocean Science
Environmental Sciences
Aquatic Biology

**College of Liberal Arts**
Marine Studies

**College of Science**
Biology
Marine Biology
Microbiology
Aquatic Microbiology
Zoology

Put the Ocean in Your Major.

You can incorporate your love for the ocean into any major by pairing it with one of the following marine-focused minors.

- Marine Conservation and Management
- Marine Biology and Ecology
- Marine Studies
- Oceanography
Pursue that next big breakthrough.

Every year, more than 2,000 undergraduates participate in research with professors and graduate students. Not only do these research projects prepare you for graduate school or a career in research, they examine real issues impacting not just earth and life sciences, but social sciences, the humanities and other disciplines. Ready to dive in? Check with the professors in your major about available research opportunities.

Give your career a head start.

Many programs require or encourage on-the-job experience to prepare you for what’s next. Increasingly, graduate and professional schools prefer students who have experience working in the field. Your professors, department and college, as well as the Oregon State Career Development Center, can help you apply for an internship.

Depending on your internship, you can choose to take a term or two off from classes, take classes while completing your internship or do one over the summer. Internship opportunities are available at locations along the Oregon Coast, across the U.S. and abroad. You might even spend part of an internship out on the ocean.
Explore beyond the classroom.
Oregon State offers a resource-rich environment that encourages you to combine your interest in marine studies with opportunities like the Honors College and study abroad programs. You’ll find challenging, unique experiences that support your academic, professional and personal growth — and have fun, too.

Connect with peers and mentors.
We have a number of marine-oriented clubs and student organizations, as well as professional groups that might peak your interest. This is a great way to connect with friends and colleagues who have common interests. Who knows what could come of it!

Scholarships can give you a boost toward your goals. Be sure to apply.
Scholarships to help you pay for college are available at the university level, as well as from individual colleges and departments. Most scholarships are awarded based on information in the Oregon State scholarship application submitted with your application for admission, but others require separate applications. The deadline for applying for university scholarships is Feb. 1. Be sure to check with your college and department on the deadlines for other scholarships.

In addition, scholarships, fellowships and awards based on a students’ unique research interests and individual need are available to study at Oregon State’s Hatfield Marine Science Center. Learn more at hmsc.oregonstate.edu.
The best way to see yourself as an Oregon State student is to come visit. Set up a campus tour and arrange to talk with people in your area of academic interest. Call the Office of Admissions at 800-291-4192 or go to visitosu.oregonstate.edu.

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