
Is the Coastal Science & Policy Masters Program Right for You?

We train rising leaders to develop interdisciplinary solutions to global challenges facing coastal communities and ecosystems.

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TRADITIONAL MASTERS OF SCIENCE



- Interdisciplinary, solutions-driven curriculum
- Intensive collaborations with practitioners in business, government and non-profits
- Designed to advance a broad range of coastal sustainability fields

- Narrow research and skill building focus
- Academic and publication focus
- Focused career application

Highlights

- Students are not embedded in a faculty lab, rather students co-design and implement individual capstone projects with faculty and partner organizations that develop solutions for real problems
- Significant one-on-one mentoring
- Leadership, communication, and innovation skills

- Research advances work of one university research lab
- Disciplinary research-based thesis
- Designed for deep subject matter expertise

Career

- Graduates work across all sectors, implementing innovative solutions to global challenges

- Graduates often pursue doctoral degrees or research-based positions