CURRENT INITIATIVES

In addition to Marine and Environmental Affairs’ traditional coursework and thesis track, graduate students now have the opportunity to choose a Professional Track, which matches them with practitioners to develop solutions to complex environmental challenges.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

Faculty and students alike are recognized leaders in the field of marine and environmental affairs. Recent achievements and awards include the first ever College of the Environment Community Diversity Commitment Award, and the Seattle Aquarium’s Conservation Research Award. New research from the school connects ocean acidification to global climate negotiations, helps secure sustainable seafood for developing countries, and uses environmental DNA to track sensitive marine species.

RESEARCH

- Ecosystem-based Management
- Coastal Zone, Ecosystem, and Resource Management
- Climate Change and Ocean Acidification
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Environmental Protection and Restoration
- Marine Tourism
- Policy Processes and Analysis
- Sustainability Science
- Maritime Commerce, Technology, and Security

DEGREES OFFERED

Master of Marine Affairs

BY THE NUMBERS

Faculty: 9
Graduate students: 50

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WALKING THE WALK: CONNECTING SCIENCE TO POLICY TO CREATE MEANINGFUL CHANGE

Marine and Environmental Affairs trains the next generation of ocean and coastal managers, planners, and decision-makers. Students and recent graduates have the opportunity to participate in programs like the Washington state-based Marc Hershman Marine Policy Fellowship and the Washington, D.C.-based John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, where they gain firsthand knowledge on how to create lasting and meaningful solutions to environmental problems. Graduates of the program go on to occupy positions of importance in state, federal, and international agencies and organizations.

SUPPORT

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