The Department of Marine and Coastal Environmental Science educates undergraduate and graduate students to be future leaders in coastal and marine science as well as in management and policy decision-making for the utilization and preservation of marine resources. We recognize today's professional careers demand strong interdisciplinary as well as interpersonal skills and have designed our educational programs to provide a core education in the physical, chemical and geological sciences and the necessary training for applying this knowledge to the maintenance and improvement of our marine resources. Our faculty conducts cutting-edge research in coastal marine geology, physical oceanography, marine geochemistry, and coastal resources management that emphasize and support our degrees and course curricula. Our strength is the diversity of our faculty who utilize their experience from private, governmental, and academic careers to create extraordinary learning opportunities for students through “hands on” and “on the water” field and laboratory research as well as internships that give our students a competitive advantage for employment after graduation.

We offer a variety of majors and minors in subjects centered on the coastal and marine environment. We offer a BS in Marine Sciences (MARS) and a BS in Ocean and Coastal Resources (OCRE). Students enrolled in the MARS degree have the opportunity to select a track in physical, chemical, or geological marine sciences or an integrated track. The License Option Program (MARS-LO) is also available to MARS majors to obtain a third mate's license in the Merchant Marine upon graduation. We offer a minor in OCRE, as well as minors in Geology, Oceanography, and Geography through the respective departments in College Station. Graduate programs offer a Master of Marine Resources Management (MARM) and a PhD program in Marine and Coastal Management and Science (MCMS). We also offer a 3+2 Program in which the student can attain a BS OCRE with a MARM degree in 5 years. Our faculty advise students in diverse Master and PhD graduate degrees on our campus such as the Marine Biology (MARB) program and programs in conjunction with departments in College Station such as Oceanography (OCNG) and Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning (LAUP). The departmental website (http://www.tamug.edu/mars/faculty/index.html) provides more information of our faculty's fields of expertise and appointments with other departments and programs.

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- Master of Marine Resources Management in Marine Resources Management (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-and-coastal-environmental-science/mmmr/)
Doctoral

- Doctor of Philosophy in Marine and Coastal Management and Science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-and-coastal-environmental-science/phd-mcms/)