The Department of Marine Sciences (http://www.tamug.edu/mars/) provides high quality undergraduate and graduate education and research in the physical sciences related to the coastal and marine environment as well as in management and policy decision-making for the utilization and preservation of marine resources. The department is located at Texas A&M University Galveston Campus, a special-purpose institution of higher education for undergraduate and graduate instruction in marine and maritime studies in science, engineering and business and for research and public service related to the general field of marine resources.

At the graduate level, the Department of Marine Sciences offers the Master of Marine Resources Management (MARM) degree for both research (thesis) and professional (non-thesis) track students. We also have a 3+2 Program in which the student can achieve the B.S. OCRE (Ocean and Coastal Resources) with the MARM degree in 5 years. The MARM degree provides students with a broad understanding of coastal and ocean policy and management. This degree program views marine natural resources management and policy development from both an ecological and policy perspective. The demand for graduates from this program in industry, government, academia and non-governmental organizations (NGO's) has never been stronger. The Masters tab above provides details of the program overview and requirements.

Our faculty members who have joint or graduate faculty appointments with other departments and programs at TAMU/TAMUG advise graduate students in diverse M.S. and Ph.D. graduate degrees on our campus such as the Interdisciplinary Program in Marine Biology (MARB IDP) and programs in conjunction with TAMU’s Departments such as Oceanography (OCNG), Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning (LAUP), and Geography (GEOG). 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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