

OCEANOGRAPHY - BS, OCEAN CLIMATE TRACK - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND MASTER OF OCEAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Oceanography offers a 5-year (3+2) combined degree program that allows a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography major with a track in Ocean Climate to enter the Master of Ocean Science and Technology at the start of their senior year (typically year four) at Texas A&M University. This enables students to receive their Oceanography undergraduate degree (BS) and a Master of Ocean Science and Technology (MOS) graduate degree in five years. For additional information, please visit <https://ocean.tamu.edu/>.

Program Requirements

First Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
CHEM 119	Fundamentals of Chemistry I	4
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
GEOS 101	Introduction to the Geosciences	1
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I ¹	4
OCNG 251	Oceanography	3
OCNG 252	Oceanography Laboratory	1
Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

CHEM 120	Fundamentals of Chemistry II	4
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II ¹	4
PHYS 206	Newtonian Mechanics for Engineering and Science	3
PHYS 226	Physics of Motion Laboratory for the Sciences	1
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Second Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
BIOL 111	Introductory Biology I	4
OCNG 203	Communicating Oceanography	1
STAT 211	Principles of Statistics I	3
MATH 251	Engineering Mathematics III	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Semester Credit Hours		14

Spring

BIOL 112	Introductory Biology II	4
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COMM 203 or COMM 205	Public Speaking or Communication for Technical Professions	3
MATH 308	Differential Equations	3
PHYS 207	Electricity and Magnetism for Engineering and Science	3
PHYS 227	Electricity and Magnetism Laboratory for the Sciences	1
Technical Elective ³		2
Semester Credit Hours		16

Third Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
OCNG 420 or OCNG 440	Biological Oceanography or Chemical Oceanography	3
OCNG 456 or OCNG 469	MATLAB Programming for Ocean Sciences or Python for Geosciences	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Technical elective ³		3
Track elective ²		3
Semester Credit Hours		18

Spring

GEOS 470	Data Analysis Methods in Geosciences	4
OCNG 430	Geological Oceanography	3
OCNG 481	Seminar	1
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3
Track elective ²		3
Semester Credit Hours		17

Fourth Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
OCNG 303	Professional Communication in Oceanography	3
OCNG 443	Oceanographic Field and Laboratory Methods	3
OCNG 608	Physical Oceanography ⁴	3
OCNG 655	Experimental Design and Analysis in Oceanography	3
Track elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

OCNG 461	Advanced Oceanographic Data Analysis and Communication	3
OCNG 620 or OCNG 640	Biological Oceanography ⁴ or Chemical Oceanography	3
OCNG 657	Data Methods and Graphical Representation in Oceanography	3

Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3
Track elective ²	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Fifth Year	
Fall	
OCNG 656 MATLAB Programming for Ocean Sciences or OCNG 669 or Python for Geosciences	3
OCNG 604 Ocean Observing Systems	3
Advanced specialized OCNG graduate course	3
Advanced specialized OCNG graduate course	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Spring	
OCNG 603 Communicating Ocean Science	3
OCNG 661 Advanced Oceanographic Data Analysis and Communication	3
Advanced specialized OCNG graduate course	3
Advanced specialized OCNG graduate course	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Semester Credit Hours	150

¹ A grade of C or better is required.

² Select from ATMO 363; BIOL 213, BIOL 214, BIOL 351; CHEM 315, CHEM 362, CHEM 383, CHEM 415; GENE 302; OCNG 350, OCNG 425, OCNG 453, OCNG 456, OCNG 469.

³ Select from OCNG 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ocng/>), ATMO 201, ATMO 203, ATMO 251, ATMO 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/atmo/>); BIOL 213, BIOL 214, BIOL 300-399 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/biol/>); BICH 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/bich/>); CHEM 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/chem/>); CVEN 221; GENE 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/gene/>); GEOG 442/GEOS 442, GEOG 361, GEOG 370/MARS 370, GEOG 390; GEOS 442/GEOS 442, GEOS 444; MATH 251; MATH 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/math/>); PHYS 221; PHYS 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/phys/>); OCEN 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ocen/>); STAT 212, STAT 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/stat/>).

⁴ Applied toward both the Bachelor of Science in Oceanography and the Master of Ocean Science and Technology.

Any of the required courses may be taken during the Summer Sessions to diminish the heavy semester loads during Years 2 and 3.

Students will not be permitted to receive credit for both the 400- and 600-level versions of certain courses because the content and learning outcomes are too similar (OCNG 440/ OCNG 640; GEOS 470/OCNG 655)

The program includes a total of 156 hours with 6 hours being applied toward both the Bachelor of Science in Oceanography and the Master of Ocean Science and Technology.