Studies in Oceanography

Oceanography is an interdisciplinary science that focuses on the oceans, their contents and their boundaries. Degree programs include BS in Oceanography, MS (thesis option) in Oceanography, PhD in Oceanography and a Master of Ocean Science and Technology (MOST) a non-thesis professional degree. In addition, qualified undergraduate students may participate in a 15-credit minor in Oceanography.

The BS in Oceanography provides students with an interdisciplinary education and training in one of three areas of ocean science: Ocean Observing Systems and Technology (OOST), Ocean Climate (OC) and Marine Ecosystem Science and Health (MESH). All students will gain skill in handling, evaluating and analyzing large datasets.

The Department of Oceanography also has Fast Track 5 year Bachelor’s/MOST Programs in conjunction with Environmental Geosciences, Atmospheric Sciences and Geology. These Fast Track Programs offer motivated and exceptional students the opportunity to achieve aspirations in an efficient program at Texas A&M, completing a Bachelor’s degree in one of these majors: Environmental Geosciences (B.S.), Meteorology (B.S.), Geology (B.S. or B.A.) and the Master of Ocean Science and Technology degree in 5 years. There are only two courses used for dual credit in this program. There is a total of 150 hours of coursework. The concurrent degree program enables these motivated students to coordinate the required B.S coursework (114 undergraduate credit hours plus 6 dual credit graduate courses) and MOST coursework (36 credit hours including the 6 dual credit graduate courses) to complete the required credit hours for each degree without diminishing scope or quality of work within 5 years.

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- Bachelor of Science in Oceanography, [Ocean Observing Science and Technology Track](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/geosciences/oceanography/oceanography-bs-ocean-observing-science-and-technology)

**Minors**

- Oceanography Minor ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/geosciences/oceanography/minor](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/geosciences/oceanography/minor))