



## MSc in Marine Science, Policy and Law<sup>(†)</sup>

This new 12 month taught postgraduate Masters degree programme will provide specialised training in the skills required for careers in international science-based policy in areas related to the protection and management of the marine environment.

Graduates will acquire a broad knowledge of the multi-disciplinary science that underpins environmental policy making and an introduction to international law particularly focussing on policy-related issues. Key skills in evidence based policy making will be developed through workshops and role play exercises underpinned by development of advanced level understanding of policy in specialist case studies.

Two pathways will be offered at the outset; *International boundaries and resources* and *Climate change and environmental protection*. The project work will involve a placement in a relevant area of policy making and a dissertation prepared under the supervision of a member of University staff.

### Entry Qualifications

A good honours degree (2.1 or equivalent preferred) in any discipline or a relevant career background which demonstrates the candidate's capacity to assimilate knowledge, to apply critical analysis to environmental issues and which provides evidence of numeracy skills and the ability to analyse scientific data.

### Placements & Research Projects

The research project will be undertaken in collaboration with stakeholders.

All students will have the opportunity to undertake a placement with one of our stakeholders including:

- DEFRA
- Foreign Office
- United Nations
- European Commission
- BP
- UN Environment Programme

- Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- Law of the Sea Division  
UK Hydrographic Office
- Department of Trade and Industry
- British Geological Survey

No previous specific training in ocean science is required.

### Course Structure

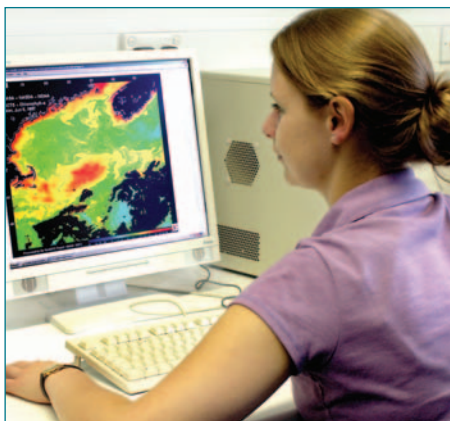
Compulsory modules are offered in relevant areas including:

1. International Maritime and Environmental Law
2. Environmental Management Systems
3. Introduction to Marine Geology
4. Contemporary Topics in Ocean Policy
5. MSc Key Skills

Specialisation within the course pathway is achieved through advanced level modules in:

### International boundaries and resources pathway

1. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
2. Coastal and Shelf Sea Oceanography
3. Seafloor Surveying or
4. High Resolution Geophysics



### Climate change and environmental protection pathway

1. Applied Biogeochemistry and Pollution
2. Climate Dynamics
3. Modelling in Environmental and Earth System Science

Further information on modules can be found at:

[http://www.soc.soton.ac.uk/soes/MSc/unit\\_courses/](http://www.soc.soton.ac.uk/soes/MSc/unit_courses/)

## How to Apply

Applications forms can be obtained from the MSc Secretary. Applications are considered throughout the year and most candidates will be invited to interview to discuss the programme in more detail. For further details please contact one of the following:

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