Ocean engineering (OE) offers programs leading to the master of science and doctor of philosophy degree in ocean engineering. Programs in OE are by definition interdisciplinary and require students to interact with the ocean science community, as well as the traditional engineering disciplines. Students are exposed to the broad-based issues of working engineering problems in the ocean environment, as well as discipline specifics. In these programs they will be trained to develop responsible solutions to problems that will lead to sustainable activity and life in the ocean.

A master of science in ocean engineering with an option in ocean mapping is available. This is a more structured path through the program, which is approved by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and incorporates all aspects of hydrography as required by the IHO. Focus is on the engineering aspects of hydrography. The general purpose of these programs is to prepare engineering students for professional careers in ocean-related fields.

Additionally, a graduate certificate in ocean mapping is offered.

### Admission Requirements

Applicants should have completed a baccalaureate degree in either chemical, civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering, or have an equivalent background.

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### Programs

- **Ocean Engineering (Ph.D.)**
- **Ocean Engineering (M.S.)**
- **Ocean Engineering: Ocean Mapping (M.S.)**
- **Ocean Mapping (Graduate Certificate)**

### Courses

**Ocean Engineering (OE)**

OE 810 - Ocean Measurements Laboratory

Credits: 4

Measurements of fundamental ocean processes and parameters. Emphasis on understanding typical offshore measurements, their applications, and the use of the acquired data. The latter is in terms of the effects on structures and processes in the ocean.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 credits. Cr/F.

OE 899 - Master's Thesis
Credits: 1-6
May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 credits. Cr/F.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

OE 865 - Underwater Acoustics
Credits: 3
An introduction to acoustics in the ocean. Fundamental acoustic concepts including the simple harmonic oscillator, waves on strings, and the acoustic wave equation; the sonar equation; sound generation and reception by underwater acoustic transducers and arrays; basics of sound propagation; reflection and scattering from ocean boundaries. Spring semester; offered every year; satisfies core course requirement in Ocean Engineering. Prereq: General physics and differential equations.

OE 871 - Geodesy and Positioning for Ocean Mapping
Credits: 4
The science and technology of acquiring, managing, and displaying geographically referenced information; the size and shape of the earth, datums and projections; determination of precise positioning of points on the earth and the sea, including classical terrestrial-based methods and satellite-based methods; shoreline mapping, nautical charting and electronic charts. Prereq: one year of calculus and one year of college physics. (Also listed as ESCI 871.)
Equivalent(s): ESCI 871

OE 874 - Integrated Seabed Mapping Systems
Credits: 4
Overview of typical applications that involve mapping the sediment-water interface in the ocean and adjacent waters. Emphasis on defining the task-specific resolution and accuracy requirements. Fundamentals of acoustics relevant to seabed mapping. Progressions through typical configurations involving single beam, sidescan, phase differencing and multibeam systems. Integration of asynchronous 3D position, orientation and sound speed measurements with sonar-relative acoustic travel times and angles. Analysis of impact offsets, mis-alignments and latency in all integrated sensors.
Equivalent(s): ESCI 874

OE 875 - Advanced Topics in Ocean Mapping
Credits: 4
The second of two courses covering the principles and practices of hydrography and ocean mapping. In this course the following topics are covered: Verification and Field QA/QC, Water Levels (Tides); Mapping Standards; Survey Planning, Execution and Reporting; Terrain Analysis; Optical Remote Sensing; Data Presentation; Seafloor Characterization; Electronic Navigational Charts; Hydrography for Nautical Charting, Product Liability and contracts; and the United Nations Common Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Prereq: OE874/ESCI 874, two terms each of college calculus and physics. Pre- or Co-req: MATH 831 or equivalent material.
Equivalent(s): ESCI 875

OE 895 - Special Topics
Credits: 1-4
New or specialized courses and/or independent study. May be repeated for credit.

OE 899 - Master's Thesis
Credits: 1-6
May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 credits. Cr/F.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

OE 965 - Advanced Underwater Acoustics
Credits: 3
Focused topics varying from year to year depending on student interests and need. Topics may include one or more of the following: sonar systems engineering; underwater acoustic transducers; volume and surface scattering; underwater acoustic propagation; fisheries acoustics. Spring semester; offered every other year. Prereq: Underwater acoustics or permission.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits.

OE 971 - Ocean Seminars I
Credits: 1
Various topics, including marine systems design, marine vehicle operation, data collecting and processing, and marine law. Cr/F.

OE 972 - Ocean Seminars II
Credits: 1
Various topics, including marine systems design, marine vehicle operation, data collecting and processing, and marine law. Cr/F.

OE 973 - Seafloor Characterization
Credits: 3
Remote characterization of seafloor properties using acoustic (echo sounders, sub-bottom profilers, side-scan, multi-beam and interferometric sonars) and optical (video and laser line-scanner) methods. Models of sound interaction with the seafloor will be explored as well as a range of possible geologic, geotechnical, morphologic, acoustic, and biologic descriptors. Prereq: permission. (Also listed as ESCI 973.)
Equivalent(s): ESCI 973

OE 974 - Hydrographic Field Course
Credits: 4
A lecture, lab, and field course on the methods and procedures for the acquisition and processing of hydrographic and ocean mapping data. Practical experience in planning and conducting hydrographic surveys. Includes significant time underway (day trips and possible multi-day cruises) aboard survey vessel(s). Prereq: Fundamentals of Ocean Mapping, Geodesy and Positioning for Ocean Mapping, or permission. (Also listed as ESCI 974.)
Equivalent(s): ESCI 972

OE 990 - Ocean Seminars I
Credits: 1
Various topics, including marine systems design, marine vehicle operation, data collecting and processing, and marine law. Cr/F.

OE 991 - Ocean Seminars II
Credits: 1
Various topics, including marine systems design, marine vehicle operation, data collecting and processing, and marine law. Cr/F.

OE 995 - Graduate Special Topics
Credits: 1-4
Investigation of graduate-level problems or topics in ocean engineering. Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.

OE 998 - Independent Study
Credits: 1-4
Independent theoretical and/or experimental investigation of an ocean engineering problem under the guidance of a faculty member.

OE 999 - Doctoral Research
Credits: 0
Cr/F.

Faculty

See https://ceps.unh.edu/ocean-engineering/faculty-staff-directory for faculty.