New in 2013  
Fifth-year Master of Oceanography  
Graduate School of Oceanography, URI

The fifth-year Master of Oceanography (MO) program is designed for URI students who want to enter GSO’s MO program while still an undergraduate and complete the degree in the year following completion of the BS.

The MO degree is for those who want to earn a graduate degree in oceanography and who are working, or intend to work, in ocean environmental management and assessment, ocean industry, science writing, ocean policy and law, education and training or for those who want to go on to earn a Ph.D. Students who earn the MO degree will have a competitive advantage in the job market compared to students emerging from bachelor’s only programs. For more information about the MO program, http://www.gso.uri.edu/academics/academic-programs, or contact the GSO Academic Affairs Office (874-6246, mclark@gso.uri.edu).

Who is Eligible?
The program is open to URI undergraduates in the natural sciences or engineering who have completed 60 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.2 and have earned a grade of “B” or better in the following (or equivalent or AP credit),

- General physics, PHY 111 or 203
- General chemistry, CHM 112 or 192
- Calculus, MTH 132 or 142
- General biology, BIO 101

How to Apply
- Apply through URI’s online Graduate School Application, http://www.uri.edu/gsadmis/gs_apply.html.
- Complete a REQUIRED interview at GSO. Contact GSO Academic Affairs (874-6246, mclark@gso.uri.edu) to arrange an interview.
- The GRE is NOT required. Three letters of recommendation are required.
- Apply anytime after completing the required classes and 60 credits. Rolling admissions.

MO Graduation Requirements
- 30 credits including the following,
  - Core Classes: OCG 501, Physical Oceanography; OCG 521, Chemical Oceanography; OCG 540, Geological Oceanography; and OCG 561, Biological Oceanography
  - 3 credits in statistics, data analysis or scientific writing at the graduate level; 6 additional credits in oceanography or in related courses from other science departments
  - Participation in the GSO-wide student seminar series (2 credits) OCG 695
  - 3 credits of individual study resulting in a major paper
  - Successful completion of a written Master’s examination
  - Students in the fifth-year program are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2 in their undergraduate classes and a 3.0 in graduate courses.

Program of Study
In general, students will take one of the OCG core courses required for the MO degree in the fall of their fourth year and two in the spring. This leaves either 20 or 21 credits (depending on which core class is taken) to be taken over two semesters during the fifth year. This does not require students in most science majors to attend summer school since the pre-requisites are basic courses in math, physics, biology and chemistry which many of these students already take to fulfill the requirements of their major. Visit our website for example curricula, http://www.gso.uri.edu/academics/academic-programs.