

Degree Requirements for the PhD in Marine Policy

Effective 2012

Area	Requirement (42 credit hours)
Law and Institutions	Credits: 3 MAST 667 <i>International and National Ocean Policy</i>
Decision Analytics	Credits: 3 MAST 663 <i>Decision Tools for Policy Analysis</i>
Economics	Credits: 3 <u>Take one of the following:</u> MAST 675 <i>Natural Resource Economics</i> MAST 676 <i>Environmental Economics</i>
Seminar	Credits: 3 MAST 873 <i>MP Seminar</i> taken 3 times
Research Methods	Credits: 6 Statistics, survey research, case study, research design courses etc. approved by major advisor and Associate Director of Marine Policy
Policy/Science/ Economics/Law Electives	Credits: 12 Courses approved by major advisor and Associate Director of Marine Policy
Science Elective	Credits: 3 Course approved by major advisor and Associate Director of Marine Policy. Typically a course from one of the other three program areas in SMSP satisfies the science requirement but it may also be taken from outside SMSP if approved.
Dissertation	Credits: 9 Research credits for the dissertation. (i) Proposal for dissertation approved by advisory committee. (ii) Dissertation defended before and approved by the advisory committee. The dissertation is book-length and is original research publishable at the level of leading policy research journals.
Advisory Committee	Form advisory committee. Committee is 4 to 6 members. Major advisor must be a core Marine Policy faculty member. At least half of the committee must be core SMSP faculty members. One committee member must be external to SMSP. We encourage members outside the University of Delaware. Student works with major advisor to form committee.
Qualifying Exam	Pass qualifying exam. Exam includes oral and written parts. Exam is prepared and administered by the advisor in consultation with the advisory committee. The advisor must inform the student 60 days prior to examination of the areas covered and the format of the exam. Student is informed of success or failure within two weeks of completion. Student is entitled to one re-examination in the event of failure and that must be within six months of the first exam.
Time Line (3-4 years)	Semesters 1 - 4: Complete course work Semester 5: Complete dissertation proposal and qualifying exam Semesters 6 - 8: Complete dissertation
Paperwork	Complete PhD student progress report as you progress through the program.
Official College and University Statement of Requirements	http://www.ceoe.udel.edu/academics/smsp/marinepolicy/degree.shtml http://www.ceoe.udel.edu/academics/policies/index.shtml