Professional M.A. in Marine Science
The Virginia Institute of Marine Science at William & Mary

A degree designed to build your career

Through interdisciplinary coursework and training, the professional M.A. in marine science prepares students for careers in areas like policy, business, education, or outreach. Students will gain the knowledge, skills and experience needed to translate, integrate and apply marine science across a broad range of career paths and societal concerns.

A program that gives you the tools to chart your own course

"The M.A. program has given me the freedom to come up with my own ideas and pursue my interests in my internship and capstone project."

Claudia Moncada, M.A. '23

"My internship gave me the opportunity to gain experience, make connections, and travel to conferences where I walked out with job offers."

Will Shoup, M.A. '23

"The opportunity to take classes in public policy and law has allowed me to bring science into spaces where it is often underutilized."

Kacey Hirshfeld, M.A. '23

Degree Components

Foundational Courses - build a strong marine science foundation through coursework in multiple disciplines

Advanced Electives - choose courses based on your interests including opportunities at William & Mary

Internship - take your coursework into the workforce through experiences in policy, education, outreach and more

Capstone - work with an advisor and a professional mentor on a project in your interest area to culminate your degree

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