

SEA Semester

Field Programs in Marine & Environmental Studies



SEA Semester: Ocean Exploration

Take an interdisciplinary approach to studying the marine environment by combining natural sciences, humanities, and social sciences with practical skills in seamanship. Designed for students from all academic majors.



SEA Semester: Documenting Change in the Caribbean

Study the legacy of European colonialism in the history, culture, and marine environment of the Caribbean. Designed for students interested in the humanities and social sciences.



SEA Semester: Oceans & Climate

Study the role of the oceans in one of the most significant scientific dilemmas of our time: global climate change. An oceanography-focused program designed for upper-level science students.



SEA Semester: Sustainability in Polynesian Island Cultures and Ecosystems

Study the dilemma of environmental and cultural sustainability in French Polynesia. Designed for students interested in environmental studies, humanities, and social sciences.

Sea Education Association (SEA)

For nearly 40 years and more than 1,000,000 nautical miles, SEA has educated students about the world's oceans through a fully accredited off-campus study program that combines elements of oceanography, maritime history and culture, environmental studies, public policy, and nautical science. Our undergraduate SEA Semester programs combine academic work at SEA's campus in the oceanographic research center of Woods Hole, Massachusetts, with practical application of newfound knowledge at sea aboard one of our sailing research vessels.

The SEA Difference

SEA Semester is the only program in the world that brings students from all disciplines to the deep ocean, under sail, to study the science and culture of the sea. You may first be captivated by the opportunity to visit exotic ports like Tahiti, the Marquesas, or St. Croix. However, many SEA Semester alumni will tell you that the most captivating destination of all is the sea itself. While there is no one typical SEA student, we do find that certain qualities help people make the most of our programs. We look for motivated students who are passionate about learning, academically capable, willing to seek out new challenges, and eager to become part of a community unlike any other they've experienced.

SEA Sailing Vessels

Since 1971, SEA has educated over 7,000 students about our world's oceans. We are the only ocean education organization that utilizes custom designed and built sail training vessels. The SSV *Corwith Cramer* and SSV *Robert C. Seamans*, both 134' brigantines, are inspected and certified by the U.S. Coast Guard as Sailing School Vessels (SSV). They are maintained and staffed to the highest standard, and meet or exceed the Coast Guard safety requirements for their class.

SEA Admissions and Financial Aid

Admission Counselors are ready to help you through the process of applying to the SEA Semester that's right for you. Application instructions can be found on our website or you may email admission@sea.edu to get started. SEA offers generous merit and need-based aid packages, a range of scholarships, and is able to process aid that may be transferred from your home institution. We remain committed to making SEA Semester programs affordable for all qualified and motivated students.

SEA Mission Statement

SEA is an educational institution dedicated to the exploration, understanding, and stewardship of the oceans, and to the study of humanity's relationship with the oceans. SEA offers students an interdisciplinary curriculum, on shore and at sea aboard tall ships, that provides challenging voyages of scientific discovery, academic rigor, and personal growth.