The Coastal Environmental Management (CEM) program leverages our research leadership and internationally recognized Duke Marine Laboratory to educate students about the complex interactions between people and our oceans.

VISION
With a dual emphasis on science and policy, students gain the knowledge needed to lead and work collaboratively toward sustainable solutions in coastal policy and management, research, and advocacy.

CURRICULUM
With your advisor you will select a curriculum and specialization based on your career goals. Most students spend their first year in Durham gaining essential analytical skills while studying ecology, natural resource economics, and environmental policy. In year two, students typically continue their study of the coastal and marine environments at Beaufort.

YOUR FUTURE
CEM alumni find fulfilling positions in federal and state agencies, industry, consulting firms and nonprofit organizations. Example employers include The Nature Conservancy, National Estuarine Research Reserves, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service and the Environmental Defense Fund.
"With the multi-disciplinary nature of the MEM/MF programs, and the diversity of people the programs attract, I learned just as much from my peers as I did from classes. They pushed me to think creatively, to work with purpose, and to have fun while doing it. I realized that even though we all come from different places and have different passions, we are all ultimately working toward the same end goal – protecting the environment."

**NOAA Coastal Management Fellow**
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

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"The Nicholas School taught me how to translate complex science into digestible knowledge to inform ocean policy and resource management. Duke’s coursework, professors and classmates, combined with world-class field studies that showed firsthand the challenge and successes of resource management, have provided me the diversified skill set necessary to succeed in ocean conservation."

**Director, Trash Free Seas Program at Ocean Conservancy**

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"The education and career training I received at the Nicholas School of the Environment is second to none. I received a world-class education that thoroughly prepared me to further advance my career in the dynamic field of coastal and marine management."

**Director, Belize Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute**

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