



MEM

Master of Environmental Management (MEM) @ DUKE



MS

Master of Science @ another school

WHICH DEGREE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Considering conducting research in environmental or marine sciences, or getting a doctoral degree and think the path requires pursuing a Master of Science (MS)?

A Master of Environmental Management (MEM) degree might be a great fit for you!



THE BASICS

MEM DEGREE

Broadly based. Emphasizes **core natural and social sciences** and **analytic** as well as **practical professional skills** needed in the workplace.

Students have the option of pursuing **one of many concentrations**.

They can develop **critical research skills** and **conduct original research** as part of their Master's Project.



MS DEGREE

More **narrowly focused**, intensive exploration into a **research topic** in which the student intends to lay a personal claim of expertise.

COMPLETION TIME

4 SEMESTERS

1-3 YEARS



HALLMARK ELEMENTS

MEM DEGREE

- Bridges Science and Policy
 - Flexible Curriculum
- Analytic, Problem-Solving Skills
 - Team Building and Communication Skills
- Specialization Opportunities



MS DEGREE

- Disciplinary Deep Dive Into a Particular Subject Area or Topic
 - Focused, Research-Based Curriculum



GRAD PROJECTS

MASTER'S PROJECT

A well-formulated and defensible analysis of a management-related problem, often involving collaboration with nonprofits, government agencies, or private sector companies. It requires research translation and science communication skills.

MASTER'S THESIS

Original research published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal focusing on answering a very specific scientific question.



LIFE AFTER THE DEGREE



MEM DEGREE

Graduates are employed in **careers focused on solving complex environmental problems** that transcend disciplinary boundaries. A pathway to advanced study including a PhD exists for the more research-oriented student.



MS DEGREE

Often leads to a doctoral degree or research-based careers.

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MORE THAN A DEGREE, A PURPOSE