



MEM

Master of Environmental Management (MEM) @ DUKE

VS



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

HALLMARKS

MEM DEGREE

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