Considering conducting research in environmental or marine sciences or getting a doctoral degree and think the path requires pursuing a Master of Science (MS)? You might be surprised to learn that the Master of Environmental Management (MEM) degree might be a great fit for you!

**WHICH DEGREE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?**

**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 eight 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**
- MEM DEGREE: 4 SEMESTERS
- MS DEGREE: 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 involves 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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