

## International Marine Science

Heriot-Watt University

### Venues

Edinburgh Campus  
Orkney Campus

### Content

This International Marine Science course offers students with a background in marine biology, geology or geography the opportunity to integrate their expertise in the wider marine science context.

The oceans do not exist in isolation but are in constant interaction with the atmosphere and underlying geology receiving energy from the sun and to a lesser extent from geothermal sources. The highly interdisciplinary field of Marine Science, the study of the oceans from the deep sea to shallow coastal seas, aims to understand the biology, chemistry, geology and physics of this dynamic system so central to all our lives.

The course has two core courses in Oceanography and GIS and offers a wide variety of options with maximum flexibility allowing students to pursue their studies either at our Orkney Campus or in Edinburgh. Furthermore the course offers an online study, through our Distance Learning option, with field work options in Malaysia and Orkney. Depending on the courses selected, Distance Learning students will be required to complete practical lab sessions in Edinburgh – students are responsible for meeting the costs of the travel and maintenance during these periods.

You can exit at the end of 21 months with PgDip International Marine Science.

### Start Date

September, January, April

### Qualification

Postgraduate Master's

### Study Method

Distance and Flexible learning  
Part time (day)

### Award Title

MSc

### Course Length

24 months (36-84 months distance)

## Faculty

School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society

## Department

Life Sciences

## Entry Requirements

Masters (MSc) level entry applicants must have:

Minimum of 2:2 honours degree or equivalent academic qualification in a related subject area; For postgraduate conversion courses, non-related degrees will be considered; Corporate (or chartered) membership of relevant professional institutions will also be considered.

PG Diploma level entry applicants must have:

An honours degree in a related subject area plus a minimum of 2 years of relevant experience post qualification.

Candidates who do not meet the above entry requirements or have no formal academic qualifications will be considered individually based on their CV and interview. Admission via this route will be at the discretion of the Director of Admissions and the number of successful applicants will be restricted.

## SCQF Level

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## Website

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