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earth sciences
environmental earth science
global environmental science

undergraduate programs
Who We Are
The School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) brings together four academic departments (Atmospheric Sciences, Earth Sciences, Ocean and Resources Engineering, and Oceanography), research units, federal programs, and support facilities of the highest quality in the nation to meet challenges in the ocean, atmosphere, environment, Earth and planetary sciences and technologies.

Our Vision
SOEST is dedicated to serving society through acquiring and disseminating new knowledge about the Earth, and planets, and to enhancing the quality of life in the state of Hawai‘i and in the nation by providing world-class education, contributing to a high-tech economy, and promoting sustainable use of the environment.

Why Choose SOEST
• World class research
• Small class size and student-to-faculty ratio
• Strong academics
• Career opportunities
• Location

Services and Support

Academic Advising: Students meet with advisors at least each semester to discuss academic progress, extra-curricular opportunities, and career plans.

Maile Mentoring: Undergraduates are paired with graduate students to learn about research, internship, and career opportunities, to support students for college success.

Scholarships: Numerous scholarships are available to SOEST majors. Visit www.hawaii.edu/fas/info/scholarships.php

Tutoring: Students may receive tutoring services from SOEST Tutors, the university’s Learning Emporium, Learning Assistance Center, and the Online Learning Academy.

Lounges: Each department has its own common area for undergraduates equipped with computers, printers, and furniture for studying and meetings.
Opportunities in SOEST

Research & Internships for Students

Internships are excellent ways to enhance and connect academic experiences with career interests. At SOEST we provide majors with research and internship opportunities offered in the fields of Atmospheric Sciences, Earth Sciences, and Environmental Science on and off campus.

Jacqueline Waters interning at the National Weather Center in Norman, OK.

McKenna Lewis participating in an expedition to Antarctica as part of FjordEco, a research project to study the Western Antarctic Peninsula ecosystem.

Caleb Hsu (right) participating in a research cruise with the Schmidt Ocean Institute.

Jason Tremblay interning with the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston.
The Value of Internships

Internships are bridges between academic achievements and professional employment. They provide students with valuable experiences to explore and compare professions. While experience does not guarantee employment after graduation, students discover that their internship provides an edge with locating future employment opportunities and establishes a foundation for networking.

Past internships include:

- Hawaii News Now (HI)
- National Weather Service Forecasting Offices; Honolulu (HI), Oxnard (CA)
- Organization for Tropical Studies (Costa Rica)
- U.S. Geological Survey Pacific Islands Water Science Center (HI)
- U.S. Geological Survey Hawaiian Volcano Observatory (HI)
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA (CA)
- Lunar and Planetary Institute, NASA (TX)
- U.S. Natural Park Services, Cleveland (OH)
- The American Natural History Museum (NY)
- Oceanic Institute (HI)
- Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (HI)
- Oceanic Analytical Laboratory (HI)
- State Department of Health (HI)

Our Graduates

SOEST graduates can be found around the world working from the bottom of the oceans to monitoring volcanoes, managing water resources, tracking weather systems, and remotely on other planets through space missions to study planets, moons, asteroids, and other planetary bodies.

Our graduates have gone on to work as seagoing technicians, weather forecasters, geologists, marine scientists, environmental consultants, educators, policy makers, and are pursuing graduate degrees in a variety of fields.

Many of our undergraduate alumni have applied transferable skills from their geoscience degrees and expanded their educational and occupational horizons to become high school teachers, college professors, business managers, medical doctors, environmental lawyers, urban planners, engineers, educational administrators, government officials, entrepreneurial leaders, and active supporters of the community.
Facilities & Technology

With access to two large deep-ocean and several coastal research vessels, two submersibles, a deep-ocean cabled observatory, a satellite fabrication facility, a private island devoted to marine biological research, and dozens of other specialized laboratories, SOEST students are trained in state of the art facilities and mentored by leading researchers and educators both in the field and in the classroom.

From right: Hawai‘i Institute of Marine Biology on Moku o Lo‘e (Coconut Island); Research Vessel Kilo Moana; Daniel K. Inouye Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (C-MORE) Hale

Information for High School Students

Interested in transitioning to SOEST? Please see www.soest.hawaii.edu/soestwp/education/undergraduate/for-high-school-students/

Admission Requirements

Please see manoa.hawaii.edu/admissions/ for current admission requirements.

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines for freshman, transfers, and international students:

Fall  January 5 (Priority)  Spring  September 1 (Priority)
      March 1 (Final)         October 1 (Final)

Financial Aid

Find a sample listing of financial aid at www.soest.hawaii.edu/soestwp/education/undergraduate/scholarships-undergrad/
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