

School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering- *Education and Curriculum Committee - Charter*

The School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering is the University of New Hampshire's first 'interdisciplinary school', designed to address today's highly complex ocean and coastal challenges through integrated graduate education, research and engagement. As such, it serves as an interdisciplinary nexus for marine science and ocean engineering teaching across the University. UNH is in a prime position to increase its current marine-related education capacity, while enhancing its present reputation through growth in the SMSOE. The overall mission of the Education and Curriculum Committee is to oversee the evolution of formal graduate education aligned with the research programs of the School, with a primary focus on the three graduate programs that are affiliated with the school: Marine Biology, Ocean Engineering and Oceanography.

Membership

The Education and Curriculum Committee will consist of the Coordinators of the Oceanography, Ocean Engineering and Marine Biology Graduate Programs that are affiliated with the School, as well as 1-2 representatives from each of these programs. Each Coordinator will be responsible for choosing the faculty that will serve on the committee and represent the interests of their particular Graduate Program.

Goals:

1. Foster integrated marine science and ocean engineering education on campus.
2. Support the graduate programs related to marine science and ocean engineering.
3. Enhance teaching collaboration among faculty across the broad spectrum of marine-related disciplines including the social sciences and humanities.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. Promote interdisciplinary collaboration through aligning the activities and procedures of Marine Biology, Ocean Engineering and Oceanography graduate program and others that fall within the SMSOE.
 - a. Establish a mechanism for participating in the admissions process for graduate students, if appropriate.
 - b. Provide input concerning faculty hires to ensure that all the necessary courses for each of the graduate programs are offered in a timely manner.
 - c. Work with the UNH Foundation to raise funds for graduate student support.
 - d. Work with other SMSOE members to seek graduate student support.
 - e. Co-coordinate with the SMSEO Outreach Committee, and other interested faculty, the Annual Graduate Research Symposium.
2. Coordinate (with Graduate Programs) a Seminar Series for graduate students, faculty, and other members of SMSOE.
3. Participate in the development of a formal policy for support of SMSOE Research Faculty who contribute to teaching activities within the School.
4. Review and approve proposals for new courses offered through the School by SMSOE Faculty members (excluding the Shoals Marine Laboratory).
5. Support and advise undergraduate marine education in and outside of SMSOE, including Shoals Marine Laboratory.