

Graduate Programs

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Degree: Master of Science (M.S.)

Major: Marine Science and Oceanography

Important information about applying to Graduate School:

- ✓ **Transcripts:** Submit official transcripts in sealed envelopes from all schools attended.
NOTE: If you attended one of the Florida State University System institutions, transcripts may be requested electronically.
- ✓ **Supporting documentation:** Supplemental documents should be uploaded as separate files as part of the online graduate application. NOTE: You will not be able to submit your application until all the supplemental materials are uploaded.
- ✓ **Conduct:** A "yes" answer to either of the conduct questions on the online application will require a written explanation. Additional information may be requested when your application is under review. Applications will not be fully processed until all conduct issues are cleared.
- ✓ **Application status:** Once your application has been submitted, you can check your application status online to ensure transcripts and test scores have been received.
NOTE: Application status will say incomplete until an admission decision has been made.
- ✓ **Residency classification:** Your residency classification automatically defaults to non-Florida. After you are admitted, the residency officer will review your application and request additional documents by email if needed.

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Application Deadlines

Domestic Students

Fall: March 15
Spring: October 15

International Students

Fall: March 15
Spring: October 15

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Admission Requirements

Domestic Students

- Undergraduate GPA 3.0 (B or better average) on last 60 hours of undergraduate credits, or established graduate level proficiency
- GRE test score of 151 (verbal) and 151 (quantitative); scores must be no more than 5 years old upon submission of the application
- Two letters of recommendation
- Obtain a "sponsor" from within the faculty of the M.S. MSO program, who agrees to act as the student's advisor

International Students

- Undergraduate GPA 3.0 (B or better average) on last 60 hours of undergraduate credits, or established graduate level proficiency
- GRE test score of 151 (verbal) and 151 (quantitative); scores must be no more than 5 years old upon submission of the application
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- A general evaluation of international transcripts is required; FAU will do the evaluation or it must be done by a NACES member
- TOEFL score of 500 or IBT of 61; IELTS 6.0