

ESM 257 Coastal Marine Policy and Management Fall 2024

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00-6:15 pm

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Course Description: ESM 257, Coastal Marine Policy and Management, provides an overview of approaches and governance tools used in coastal and marine policy and management. This course will examine relevant state and federal agencies, policies, and programs to provide a balanced understanding of the complexities of coastal and marine policy and management. Students will learn directly from professionals in government, academia, and non-government organizations.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all lectures and the field trip. Students who are unable to attend a lecture due to another compulsory activity or illness should email the instructor **prior** to class. The breadth of learning throughout this course will occur in lectures and attendance should be considered a top priority.

Discussion: Students will be expected to complete required readings prior to the lecture and engage in discussion with the instructor, other students, and guest lecturers. Students will be assigned to lead at least one in class discussion with the lecturers. Students are expected to complete all in class or take home short assignments.

Reading: Limited required reading will be made available one week prior to the lecture. Reading materials will be provided via direct links or PDFs.

Assignments: All assignments shall be submitted electronically directly to Canvas prior to the start of lecture on the due date, unless otherwise noted. Assignments should be typed, 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Pages should be numbered, and a header should be used to identify the assignment, brief descriptive title, and the student's name and date. Guidelines for the number of pages assume single-spaced text with one line between paragraphs.

Grade:

Assignment	Description	Percent of total grade
Class Attendance	Participation, reading assignments, and in-class assignments	20%
Field Trip	Coastal walk to discuss sea level rise, marine protected areas, and more. Attendance is in lieu of two classes.*	10%
Sea Level Rise Memo	Compose a 2-3 page memo on policy and management solutions to sea level rise	20%
Comment Letter	Compose a 3-5 page comment letter to an agency on a relevant and timely topic.	30% (2% extra credit for submitting to the agency)
Attend Public Meeting/Hearing	Attend a meeting and compose a 2-page memo describing the process, outcomes, and key takeaways. Attendance is in lieu of one class.	20%

*This field trip will include walking on the beach/along coastal bluffs for approximately 1.5-2 miles over 3 hours. If you have mobility concerns, please contact Kristen to arrange accommodations.