ACADEMIC COOPERATION
Consortium of 4 universities:
› University of the Basque Country, Spain (coordinator institution)
› University of Southampton, U.K.
› University of Bordeaux, France
› Université de Liège, Belgium

LEVEL
Multiple Master of Science degree in “Marine Environment” awarded by the three consortium universities where the student has studied.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must have:
› A Bachelor degree or equivalent from a European or third country university in the field of biosciences, chemical sciences, geosciences, physical sciences or engineering.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
The teaching language is 100% English. Proof of proficiency in English is essential.
› The minimum requirements for non-native speakers are an IELTS score of 6.5 or TOEFL 570/227, or an equivalent approved by the Joint Program Board of the Consortium (JPB).

PROGRAM DURATION
2 years (120 ECTS).

TUITION FEES
Annual fees:
› Irrespective of the chosen study track:
  › Third country students*: 9,000€/year
  › European students / assimilated as European*: 4,500€/year
*according to Erasmus Mundus rules

Scholarships:
Irrespective of the chosen study track:
› Erasmus Mundus scholarships
› Erasmus mobility grants
› Mobility grants funded by the Spanish Government and the Basque Government

Students choosing to study in Bordeaux:
› Mobility grants available according to excellence criteria funded by the Initiatives of Excellence in Bordeaux and Bilbao (i.e. the Excellence programs of the Universities of the Basque Country and of Bordeaux: Euskampus, IdEx - International Master, www.aquimob.fr).
› Mobility grants available according to excellence / social criteria funded by the partner institutions and by regional governments (e.g. Conseil Regional Aquitaine for Bordeaux: www.aquimob.fr).

Program outline
The MER+ Master program provides high quality teaching in general oceanography with a specialization in Marine Environment (ecology, ecotoxicology, biochemistry, geochemistry, sedimentology, paleo-oceanography) and living or non-living marine resources. The MER+ program benefits from a consortium of four EU universities (Bilbao - Spain, Bordeaux-France, Southampton-UK and Liège-Belgium) and a worldwide network of associated partners.
Coursework is organized according to seven mandatory and optional modules (total: 90 ECTS):

- **Module 1**
  Fundamental: Ocean Science
- **Module 2**
  Framework: Ocean Physical Environment
- **Module 3**
  Ocean Biological Environment
- **Module 4**
  Anthropogenic Impact on Marine Ecosystems
- **Module 5**
  Ocean Observatories and Environmental Monitoring Systems
- **Module 6**
  Valorization of the Marine Environment
- **Module 7**
  Marine Environmental Careers

The MSc thesis research is carried out during Semester 4 (30 ECTS) at any Marine Research Institute worldwide.

→ And after?

Successful completion of this program will prepare students for a leadership role in various marine sectors such as conservation and environmental management, fisheries, non-governmental organizations and all levels of government positions from local to global. Students benefit from a worldwide network of partner institutions.

From its beginning (2007), the MER program has trained more than 100 students. More than 50% of graduates continue with a PhD. Other graduates integrate public or private organizations in their field of expertise.

How to apply?

Online application: http://merplus.merconsortium.eu

Deadlines:
- Application for Erasmus Mundus scholarship: mid-March
- For European self-funded students: mid-May

Contact

MER+ program and application procedure:
- Master Secretariat at the coordinating University: http://merplus.merconsortium.eu

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