An exciting new Master’s degree program in Marine and Environmental Science (MMES) is being offered on the St. Thomas campus of the University of the Virgin Islands.

Please visit us on the web for more information and application materials:
http://mmes.uvi.edu

Or contact:
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What type of training will the MMES Program provide?

• Two-year advanced degree program designed to prepare professionals for careers in marine and environmental science and resource management.
• Providing students with skills for planning, conducting, and evaluating scientific research, and using this research to manage natural resources.
• Providing background in communicating and interpreting scientific results to diverse groups.
• Producing a growing cadre of professionals capable of addressing environmental issues within the social, political, and economic context of the greater Caribbean.

The admissions deadline is March 1 of every year for Fall matriculation.

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**PROGRAM OUTLINE**

Requirements to earn the MMES degree:
- A total of 36 graduate credits
- Four two-semester core courses
- Comprehensive examination
- A minimum of two elective courses
- Thesis

Choice of two tracks:
- The science track—preparing graduates for careers in research, marine and environmental fieldwork
- The natural resource management track—preparing graduates for careers in resource management and environmental policy

**CURRICULUM**

Core Courses:
- Physical & Ecological Processes along a Land-Sea Gradient
- Research Methodologies and Tools
- Natural Resource Management
- Professional Development

Additional Courses:
- Marine Ecology
- GIS and Spatial Analysis
- Coral Reef Biology
- Aquatic Plant Biology
- Evolution
- Selected Topics in Marine and Environmental Science
- Directed Independent Research
- Internship
- Thesis

Other courses are currently being developed.

**PROGRAM ADVANTAGES**

- Unparalleled field sites for marine, island ecosystem, and coastal zone research
- Laboratory, small boat, and dive facilities available to support research through the Center for Marine and Environmental Studies
- Innovative, interdisciplinary curriculum
- Small class size and individual attention
- Training applicable to a wide array of careers in research, teaching, and management
- Career opportunities with territorial and federal government, non-profit and private employers who are eager to hire local graduates

**COSTS**

Please consult the program website for current cost of tuition.

A limited number of Research and Teaching Assistantships may be available to qualified students; see program website or contact MMES Graduate Program Coordinator for current opportunities.