

MSc Ocean Economy and Entrepreneurship (P/T) – OS505

1 Aim and Objectives

The Mauritian economy is undergoing a transition from dependence on trade preferences to open competition in the global economy. To achieve the necessary economic turnaround and to face rising unemployment, among graduates, the country needs to train, develop and nurture a critical mass of entrepreneurs with the right knowledge, skills and attitude to drive the economy forward.

As a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), Mauritius is limited in terms of terrestrial resources and the ocean provides a new avenue. The government policy has been to drive forward the ocean economy for the Republic of Mauritius and to position the country as a regional hub in ocean-based economies. This Part-time MSc Ocean Economy and Entrepreneurship prepares students to successfully and sustainably lead the ocean economy. The programme instills skills, knowledge and the know-how required in this new field.

The MSc in Ocean Economy and Entrepreneurship will provide graduates with the essential management skills and develop their entrepreneurial capabilities to enable them start a business successfully or act entrepreneurially as employees of organisations. The development of such sectors is prone to biodiversity damage, thus proper knowledge and capacity building is needed to successfully develop the ocean economy, both in terms of business creations and sustainability over long-term exploitations.

The flexible MSc Ocean Economy and Entrepreneurship programme adopts a blended learning approach comprising core modules that can be studied on a part time basis.

2 General Entry Requirements

Successful completion of an undergraduate degree with

- at least a Second Class or 50%, whichever is applicable or
- a GPA not less than 2.5 out of 4 or equivalent, from a recognised higher education institution.

OR alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius.

3 Programme Requirements

- A Bachelor`s Degree or equivalent qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius
- Preference will be given to candidates with two years` professional work experience or science background.
- The University reserves the right to call candidate for selection interview

4 General and Programme Requirements – Special Cases

The following may be deemed to have satisfied the General and Programme requirements for admission:

- (i) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 2 and 3 above but who submit satisfactory evidence of having passed examinations which are deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to any of those listed.
- (ii) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 2 and 3 above but who in the opinion of Senate submit satisfactory evidence of the capacity and attainments requisite to enable them to pursue the programme proposed.
- (iii) Applicants who hold a full practicing professional qualification obtained by examination.

5 Programme Duration

The Programme is offered on a part-time (P/T) basis only. The duration of the Postgraduate Programme should normally not exceed 4 years (8 semesters) for P/T.

	Normal	Maximum
Master’s Degree (P/T):	2 Years	4 Years
Postgraduate Diploma (P/T):	2 Years	4 Years

6 Credits per Semester: Minimum 3 credits subject to Regulation 5.

7 Minimum Credits Required for the Award of

Master’s Degree:	36
Postgraduate Diploma:	24
Postgraduate Certificate:	18

Breakdown as follows:

Modules	Core Taught	Business Plan	Electives (Minimum)
Master`s Degree:	24 credits	9 credits	3 credits

8 Assessment

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified):

- All 3- credit Modules will be assessed by a 2 hrs written exam paper
- All 6-credit Modules will be assessed by a 3 hrs written exam paper

The weighting will be 60% for examinations: 40% for Continuous assessment. Continuous assessment can be based on laboratory work, and/or assignments and **should include at least one 1 class test per module.**

An overall total of **40%** for combined assessment and written examination components would be required to pass the module, without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination.

All modules carry equal weighting.

The Business Plan carries 9 credits.

Submission Deadlines for Business Plan:

First Draft: End of July of Final Year.
 Final Copy: Last working day of August of Final Year.

9 Research Seminar

This includes mini-projects, oriented-discussion, coached group-work, presentations and other structured activities associated to enhancing the communication skills, interpersonal skills, teamwork, the professional and personal attributes of the students. Research seminars will be included in modules in which assignments form part of the coursework.

**10 List of Modules
 (L=Lectures; P=Practical)**

CORE MODULES		Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
MOE 5001	Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	3+0	3
MOE 5002	SME Management and Intrapreneurship	3+0	3
MOE 5003	Business Planning	3+0	3
MOE 5004	Business Support and Facilitation	2+1	3
MOE 5005	Marine Policy and Environmental Economics	3+0	3
MOE 5007	Business Plan	-	9
MOE 7001	Sustainable Exploitations of Non-Living Resources	3+0	3
MOE 7002	Marine Ecosystems and Functions	2+2	3
MOE 7003	Mariculture and Sustainable Management	2+2	3
ELECTIVE MODULES			
MOE 5006	Family Business Management	3+0	3
MOE 7004	Emerging Ocean Economies and Technologies	3+0	3

And/or any new modules offered by the Department

11 Programme Plan – MSc Ocean Economy and Sustainable Business Management

(Part Time)							
YEAR 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits	Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
MOE 5001	Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	3+0	3	MOE 5003	Business Planning	3+0	3
MOE 5002	SME Management and Intra preneurship	3+0	3	MOE 5004	Business Support and Facilitation	2+1	3
MOE 7002	Marine Ecosystems and Functions	2+2	3	MOE 5005	Marine Policy and Environmental Economics	2+2	3

MOE 7001	Sustainable Exploitations of Non-Living Resources	3+0	3	MOE 7003	Mariculture and Sustainable Management	2+2	3
YEAR 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits	Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
MOE 5006 or MOE 7004	Atleast 1 Elective	3+0	3	MOE 5007	Business Plan	-	9
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For the MSc Award, students have to complete ALL core modules and a SUBMIT a business plan.							