

**Student Progress Report  
PhD with Concentration in Marine Policy**

**The School of Marine Science and Policy Milestones can be found at the following link**  
<https://www.udel.edu/content/dam/udelimages/ceoe/documents/grad-policies/SMSP-Milestones.pdf>

**Official statement of requirements and policies:**

[Program: Marine Studies - Marine Policy Concentration \(PhD\) - University of Delaware - Acalog ACMS™ \(udel.edu\)](http://www.ceoe.udel.edu/academics/for-current-graduate-students)  
<http://www.ceoe.udel.edu/academics/for-current-graduate-students>

**Step by Step guide to Graduation from the Graduate College**

<https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/grad/current-students/academic-support/steps-to-graduation/>

Please keep progress report filed with Sharon Wiegner (swiegner@udel.edu)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year of Matriculation: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor at Matriculation: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment (use space below to document a change of advisor, new advisor's signature required):

New Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of change: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Courses:**

**Enter Semester/Year Taken**

MAST660 International and National Ocean Policy (3cr.) \_\_\_\_\_

MAST663 Decision Tools for Policy Analysis (3cr.) \_\_\_\_\_

MAST675 or MAST676 Statistics for the Marine Sciences (3cr.) \_\_\_\_\_

MAST873 Marine Policy Seminar (1cr.) take 3 times \_\_\_\_\_

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**Science Elective**

One science course (3 cr. Hrs.) is required and must be approved by your Major Advisor and SMSP Graduate Committee. Typically a course from one of the other three program areas in SMSP satisfies the science requirement, but it may also be taken from outside SMSP if approved.

<b>Course#</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
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Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Research Method Elective #1**

There are 6 credit hours required in the area research methods. These are statistics, survey research, case study, research design, etc. courses. Your Major Advisor and SMSP Graduate Committee must approve your Research Methods elective.

<b>Course#</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
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Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Research Methods Elective #2**

<b>Course#</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____

Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Research Methods Elective #3 (optional)**

<b>Course#</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
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Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Policy/Science/Economics/Law (PSEL) Elective #1**

There are 12 credit hours required in the area of Policy/Science/Economics/Law (PSEL). Use these to form a coherent study plan with focus. Your Major Advisor and the Graduate Committee must approve your PSEL elective.

<b>Course#</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____

Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PSEL Elective #2**

<b>Course#</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
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Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PSEL Elective #3**

Course#	Course Title	Semester	Credit Hours
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Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PSEL Elective #4**

Course#	Course Title	Semester	Credit Hours
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Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PSEL Elective #5 (optional)**

Course#	Course Title	Semester	Credit Hours
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Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PSEL Elective #6 (optional)**

Course#	Course Title	Semester	Credit Hours
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Approval by Major Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by SMSP Graduate Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Required Research for Dissertation**

You must take 9 credit hours of Dissertation research. You do this during the semester(s) you are writing your Dissertation.

**MAST964 or MAST969 Research Credits for Dissertation (9 cr.)**

**Enter Semester/Year/Credits**

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**Advisory Committee**

The advisory committee should be formed **before the 4th semester**. The Committee is 4 to 6 members. The Major Advisor must be a core Marine Policy faculty member. Half of the committee must be SMSP faculty members (core or joint). One committee member must be external to SMSP. SMSP encourages members outside the University of Delaware. Work with your Major Advisor to form your committee.

Complete **Dissertation Committee Confirmation** found at [dissertation\\_committee\\_approval.pdf](http://dissertation_committee_approval.pdf) ([udel.edu](http://udel.edu))

**Submit signed form to Graduate College: Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email signed copy to Sharon Wiegner** ([swiegner@udel.edu](mailto:swiegner@udel.edu)): **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dissertation Proposal**

The Dissertation Proposal should be completed **by the 5th semester**. Get the “Guidelines for Dissertation Proposal” from your Major Advisor. The proposal must be approved by the entire committee. Your Major Advisor signs on behalf of the entire committee. Your Major Advisor may or may not require an oral defense. You should consider presenting your proposal in the Marine Policy Seminar.

**Approval by Major Advisor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(on behalf of Advisory Committee)*

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**Qualifying Exam and Recommendation for Candidacy**

The PhD Qualifying Exam should be completed **by the 5th semester**. A research proposal is ordinarily required before a student takes the qualifying examination. The exam includes an oral and written part. The exam is prepared and administered by the Advisor in consultation with the Advisory Committee. The Advisor will inform the student 60 days prior to the examination of the areas covered and the format of the exam. The student is informed of success or failure within two weeks of completion. Failure may be of all or part of the written and/or the oral examination. The student is entitled to one re-examination in the event of failure, which must be within six months of the first exam.

After forming your committee, defending your Dissertation Proposal and passing your Qualifying Exam, submit your **Recommendation for Candidacy** form. The form is found at

[https://www.udel.edu/content/dam/udelImages/grad-college/graduate-college-pdfs/Doctoral\\_Degree\\_Recommendation.pdf](https://www.udel.edu/content/dam/udelImages/grad-college/graduate-college-pdfs/Doctoral_Degree_Recommendation.pdf)

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**Dissertation**

The Dissertation is due the **8<sup>th</sup> semester** due the **10<sup>th</sup> semester** for students admitted to the PhD program without a M.S. degree). Get "Guidelines for Dissertation" from your Advisor and see Graduate College guidance at [UD Thesis and Dissertation Manual \(udel.edu\)](#). Dissertation must be defended orally before your Advisory Committee.

Complete the **Certification of Doctoral Defense** found at [certification doctoral dissertation.pdf \(udel.edu\)](#).

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**Application for Advanced Degree**

You must submit an Application for Advanced Degree. Complete in February for May graduation! Application form is found at [application-for-advanced-degree \(udel.edu\)](#).

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**Comments/Amendments/Notes**

Use this area to document any other amendments or changes to the above study plan. You can use this space to note courses taken beyond the 42 credit hours required, to note leaves you may take (e.g., internships during enrollment), course requirements that may have been waived or other special circumstances that should become part of your record. If you have selected to bypass the MMP for the PhD, use this space to note approvals. In all instances, please date your notes and get faculty signatures (see SMSP Graduate Committee Chair for guidance)

**DATE**

**COMMENT/AMENDMENT/NOTE**