



South African Master of Ocean Sciences

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**Commencement Date:** February 2026

Apply now to join the Applied Ocean Sciences (AOS) Masters course which will be the pilot course for the South African Master in Ocean Sciences (SAMOS) programme – a joint programme led by nine South African universities, the NRF, and five European partners, supported by the EU ERASMUS+ CBHE (2025–2028).

This two-year Master's includes coursework and a minor dissertation, equipping students for careers in the blue bio-economy, marine research, and conservation of South Africa's coastal and offshore ecosystems. In 2026, students will register and receive the degree from the University of Cape Town (UCT), with coursework hosted at Nelson Mandela University's Ocean Sciences Campus in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), Eastern Cape. The research year will be spent with one of the 9 South African universities. The AOS-SAMOS course commences in February 2026.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE | 31 AUGUST 2025**

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