Sea Education Association (SEA), is a leading non-profit, independent educational institution focused on environmental studies and the world’s oceans.

- SEA was founded in 1971 — 2016 marks our 45th year of operations!
- SEA is based in the oceanographic research community of Woods Hole, Massachusetts on Cape Cod and is one of six scientific research institutions in this vicinity.
- Full-time SEA faculty represent the disciplines of oceanography, history, anthropology, public policy, and nautical science.
- SEA is dedicated to educating the next generation of ocean scholars, stewards and leaders.

SEA Semester® is our flagship academic study abroad program.

- SEA Semester programs carry transferable course credit through Boston University, our longstanding school of record, and are open to U.S. and international undergraduates of all majors.
- SEA offers a variety of semester and summer programs, each addressing a unique ocean-related theme.
- Programs explore global destinations including the Caribbean, Europe, New Zealand, and Polynesia.
- Students engage in every aspect of our research voyages including sailing as full, working members of the ship’s crew and scientific team on board.
- Nearly 8,000 alumni, spanning a variety of career fields, have completed SEA Semester programs.

SEA Ships

- SSV stands for Sailing School Vessel, a particular U.S. Coast Guard certification that meets stringent safety standards that differ from those of a passenger vessel on a comparable route.
- Both ships are 134-foot brigantines designed and built especially for SEA Semester voyages and oceanographic research.
- Approximately 25 students and 10-14 professional crew join each voyage.

SEA Research

- SEA Semester faculty research interests include marine debris, coral reef ecology, biodiversity, climate dynamics, marine geology, maritime history and policy, human-environment interactions in island societies, microbial ecology, environmental history, meteorology, celestial navigation, and organizational leadership.
- Student-collected data from ocean voyages is used for their own projects and contributed to well-known scientific databases.
- Institutional and faculty funding comes from the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and others.

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