FACT SHEET

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, and is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary.
- SEA is dedicated to educating the next generation of ocean scholars, stewards, and leaders.
- SEA owns and operates two state-of-the-art tall ship ocean research vessels, the SSV Corwith Cramer and the SSV Robert C. Seamans. (SSV stands for Sailing School Vessel.)
- 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 community.
- Full-time SEA faculty represent the disciplines of oceanography, history, anthropology, public policy, and nautical science.
- In 2016, SEA was honored with the National Science Board’s Public Service Award for promoting public awareness of science and engineering. In 2018, the National Maritime Historical Society presented Sea Education Association with the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Maritime Education.

Undergraduate Programs

- SEA’s undergraduate 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.
- SEA offers partner programs with numerous institutions including Stanford, University of Chicago, MIT, Wharton, and Williams College/Mystic Seaport Museum.
- SEA brigantines operate in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
- 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.
- More than 10,000 alumni, spanning many career fields, have completed SEA programs.

Programs for High School & gap year students

- SEA offers programs for gap-year and high school students. High school programs range from sea-based to shore-based in Woods Hole, as well as virtual online programs.
- SEA offers two summer programs for high school students: SEASCape, a shore-based program at the SEA campus in Woods Hole, and SEA Expedition, a voyage aboard the SSV Corwith Cramer with a focus on oceanographic research under sail.
- SEA Quest is a virtual online summer program for high school students.
- Atlantic Odyssey is an experiential learning program for gap year and winter-start students beginning on shore in Woods Hole and continuing at sea aboard the SSV Corwith Cramer as it sails from Woods Hole to the Caribbean.

SEA Research

- SEA faculty research interests include marine debris, coral reef ecology, biodiversity, climate dynamics, marine geology, maritime history and policy, and organizational leadership, to name just a few.
- Student-collected data from ocean voyages is used for student 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.