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.
- 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, & nautical science.
- In 2016, SEA was honored with the National Science Board’s Public Service Award for promoting public awareness of science and engineering.

SEA Semester® is our flagship undergraduate 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, as well as programs for gap-year students.
- Programs explore global destinations including the Caribbean, 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.
- More than 8,000 alumni, spanning many career fields, have completed SEA Semester programs.
- In addition to SEA Semester, SEA offers high school summer programs both on land and at sea.

Programs for high school & gap year students

- 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.
- 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 Semester 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.

SEA Social Media

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