ONLINE MASTER’S PROGRAM IN COASTAL AND OCEAN MANAGEMENT
LATIN AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PROTECTED AREAS

Working with national and international institutions in Latin America, the USA, and Canada including the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, this professional master’s degree program is entirely online and is tailored for working professionals.

Since 1997, LASPA has provided high quality undergraduate and graduate online programs in environmental science and policy disciplines from the parent UCI campus in San José, Costa Rica.

Graduate Program in Coastal and Ocean Management
This professional master’s degree program is entirely online and in Spanish. It is tailored for working professionals and consists of two courses per 11 week term, over 6 terms. The Masters program is 14 courses total, 12 standard content courses (above) plus seminar and final project. Projects can involve a wide array of applied on-the-ground issues and are developed by the students with their graduate committees.

Course List
- Introduction to Coastal Management
- Climate Change Science and Policy
- Geographic Information Systems - 1
- Coastal and Ocean Ecology
- Coastal and Marine Protected Areas
- Marine Economics
- Mangroves and Wetlands
- Geographic Information Systems – 2
- Coastal Law
- Coastal Anthropology
- Planning and Zoning

The perspectives in this academic program span the hemisphere and are based on the experiences of faculty and students. A partnership with UNU-INWEH provides graduates with an internationally recognized UNU certificate.

Financing and Scholarship Information:
Scholarships worth 50 to 100% tuition will be made available when possible, either through agreements or internships with national or regional agencies, NGOs and businesses.

Post-graduate Level Course on Mangrove Ecosystems
Institute for Water, Environment and Health, United Nations University (UNU-INWEH)
This 11 week distance course aims to build knowledge and expertise in mangrove ecosystem biology, ecology, assessment and management. The course will be piloted in the Caribbean and Latin America region (in 2013) and will be targeted at young academics and professionals working in agencies and other entities with management responsibility for coastal waters. Students will enroll with the regional academic institution, and receive course credits from that institution as well a graduate diploma from the United Nations University. The course on mangroves will be part of a Professional Master’s Degree Program on Coastal Management being designed by LASPA. It will fill a critical gap in the need to build educational capacity in professionals without requiring that they take leave or lose their positions in order to attend classes.

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