

AN OCEAN IN CRISIS: KEY GOVERNANCE ISSUES

14th April - 29th May 2025



OVERVIEW

This free, interdisciplinary course explores critical aspects of ocean and coastal governance in the context of the upcoming UN Ocean Conference in France. Through a combination of webinar-style lectures, discussions, assignments, videos and readings, the four modules examine key challenges and opportunities relating to: Law of the Sea and Ocean Governance; Ocean Threats and Solutions; Fisheries, Aquaculture and Food Security; and Human Security and the Ocean.

FORMAT

With options for both live participation and self-paced study, this online training consists of 21 hours of presentations and Q&A, as well as preparatory materials for each lecture plus short assignments. The 14 live sessions take place twice a week from 14th April to 29th May. Check out the detailed schedule here. A certificate is available for those who complete all the course requirements.

SPEAKERS

Participants will benefit from the knowledge and expertise of 15 ocean specialists from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines. These speakers include academics and practitioners with extensive experience in Canada and internationally. Check out the course website for the speaker list.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The training is aimed primarily at marine professionals around the world with: responsibility for some aspect of coastal and ocean management; proficiency in the English language; and an eagerness to step outside their area of specialisation and into an international, interdisciplinary forum where diverse participants learn together, share different perspectives and consider issues from varied viewpoints.

COURSE ORGANISER

The course is designed and delivered by IOI-Canada, a leading member of the International Ocean Institute network of centres and focal points. Based at Dalhousie University, it has over four decades of experience offering ocean governance programmes in Canada, with almost 740 alumni from over 100 countries, as well as scores more from recent online courses.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are now open for both synchronous and asynchronous participation. Full details and the link to the online form can be found at www.dal.ca/ioihfx. Space is limited, particularly as the live class is capped in size, so apply now! For more information, please contact ioi@dal.ca.