

Ocean Optics Summer Class

Calibration and Validation of Ocean Color Remote Sensing

10 July – 5 August 2017, at the Darling Marine Center in Maine, USA

An intensive four-week, cross-disciplinary, graduate-level course in Optical Oceanography will be offered at the University of Maine's Ira C. Darling Marine Center in summer 2017. This class is a continuation of the Optical Oceanography course first offered at the Friday Harbor Laboratories in 1985 and more recently at the Darling Marine Center. Past graduates are many of today's leaders in oceanography.

The major theme of the course is calibration and validation of ocean color remote sensing. The course will provide students with a fundamental knowledge of ocean optics and optical sensor technology that will enable them to make quality measurements, be able to assess the uncertainties associated with the measurements, and compare these data with remotely sensed ocean color measurements and derived products. The course is sponsored by NASA and the University of Maine, with the goal of preparing a new generation of oceanographers trained in the use of optics to study the oceans.

Course elements include:

- lectures on the basic theory of the light interaction with matter in aquatic environments; ocean color remote sensing and its inversion; optical sensor design and function; ocean biogeochemistry; computation and propagation of measurement uncertainties;
- laboratory sessions using optical instrumentation and radiative transfer software;
- field sampling of optical and biogeochemical variables in the environmentally diverse waters of coastal Maine;
- analysis of optical and biogeochemical data sets; and
- collaborative student projects.

See: <https://sites.google.com/site/oceanopticsclass/> for previous class content and activities.

Instructors: Emmanuel Boss (coordinator), Ivona Cetinic, Curt Mobley, Collin Roesler, Ken Voss, and Jeremy Werdell.

Dates: 10 July – 5 August 2017.

Costs: University of Maine tuition, room and board will be covered through a grant for qualified participants.

Registration: Apply by 1 March 2017, with notification by 1 April 2017.

Application at: <https://dmc.umaine.edu/ocean-optics-2017-application-form/>

Acceptance criteria: Likely impact of the class on the individual's career, transcripts, letter from the academic advisor/supervisor, and diversity. Twenty students will be accepted. While the majority of the class will likely be composed of early career graduate students, advanced graduate students and post-doctoral fellows will be considered for admission.

For more information about the Ira C. Darling Marine Center, see: <http://dmc.umaine.edu>