



# BA (Hons) Law, Blue Economy and Sustainable Fisheries Management

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**start a promising career :** fisheries is a promising sector that is poorly exploited in the South West Indian Ocean region. This sector needs more professionals to effectively achieve its potential



**contribute to the development of Africa :** the fisheries-sector can have an increased added value of up to US\$ 7.5 billion per year



**acquire knowledge relevant to the African context:** the programme has been tailored to meet the increasing demands for smart and talented professionals in the marine natural resources and environmental sectors



**study at your own pace and according to your needs:** students will be provided with opportunities to maximise their learning in a diverse range of learning environments so they can complete the course anytime and anywhere



**get an internationally recognized diploma:** the Open University of Mauritius (OU) is the first ISO-certified public university in Mauritius



“*Join us on this exciting journey towards a sustainable blue economy. We will ignite your imagination, and instill love and passion for the fisheries and related sectors!*”

**Dr Kaviraj Sharma Sukon, PFHEA,**

Director General  
Open University of Mauritius



## START A PROMISING CAREER

**Fisheries is a promising sector that is poorly exploited in the South West Indian Ocean region:** in 2015 the asset base of the fish stocks in the South-West Indian Ocean was estimated at US\$ 25 billion with an annual turnover of about US\$ 2.5 billion. According to the World Bank's "The Sunken Billions Revisited", the regional fisheries resources are an under-performing asset. This sub-sector could have an increased added value of up to US\$ 7.5 billion per year if it is well-managed.

**Fisheries sector needs professionals to effectively harness its potential:** there is an urgent need to professionalise the fisheries sector in order to ensure that the natural resources are managed in a sustainable way. This degree programme aims at empowering all the persons who are willing to join this promising sector. On top of it will contribute to increase the tertiary education enrolment rate in Africa which currently stands at an average of 12% as compared to a global average of 32%.

# Contribute to the development of Africa

The fisheries sector could have  
an increased added value of up to  
**US\$ 7.5 billion** per year



In 2017, Africa produced nearly  
**12 million tons** of fish  
representing 7% of the global catch  
of 173 million tons



In 2014, the  
per-capita  
**fish  
consumption**  
on the continent  
was about  
**9.7 kg**



The fisheries  
sector in Africa  
employs

**12.3  
million  
people**



The rate of pre and  
post-**harvest  
losses** in the  
small-scale fisheries  
is around

**40 to 70%**

## Acquire knowledge relevant to the African context

The programme has been tailored to meet the increasing demands for smart and talented professionals in the marine natural resources and environmental sectors, including the fisheries industry, integrated coastal management and the Blue Economy from Africa's perspective. A lack of skilled human resources and succession planning is a major challenge for unleashing the development potentials of the regional ocean economy as well as to further the UN Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 for Transforming Africa. Both public and private sectors, require technicians, managers and researchers with the necessary applied scientific knowledge, managerial skills, critical and analytical thinking to take this sector to greater heights.



## Study at your own pace and according to your needs

Students will be provided with opportunities to maximise their learning in a diverse range of learning environments. Thus, they can complete the course by learning at anytime and from anywhere. This is our effort to promote education for all.

For this programme, students will interact with their tutor and their fellow students mainly through the e-platform. Optional face-to-face sessions are also offered.

### Duration:

Minimum 3 years

Maximum 6 years

### Fees:

MUR 1000/ credit for Mauritian and SADC students

MUR 1500/ credit for international students



## Get an internationally recognized diploma

The Open University (OU) of Mauritius is the first ISO-certified public university in Mauritius since 2015 and the second-largest public university locally in terms of enrolment. The objective of OU is to provide quality professional and vocational education to learners irrespective of their backgrounds in order to unlock their intellectual, moral and creative capacities. Through the solid partnerships that OU has forged, it is promoting the use of open and distance learning resources for the delivery of quality and affordable educational programmes.



# Programme structure

Year 1 – Level 5 (NQ-MQA) – Short Cycle Introductory (QF-EHEA)				
All core modules are compulsory				
Code	Module Title	Type	Semester	Credits
OUba040111	Foundations of Law	C	S1	6
OUba040112	Fundamentals of Marine Science	C	S1	6
OUba040113	Academic Literacy & Communication Skills	C	S1	6
OUba040114	Fisheries Management Theories	C	S1	6
OUba040115	Introduction to Global Sustainability Concepts	C	S1	6
<b>Credit Total</b>				<b>60</b>
Year 2 – Level 6 (NQ-MQA) – Short Cycle Intermediate (QF-EHEA)				
All core modules are compulsory				
Code	Module Title	Type	Semester	Credits
OUba040211	International Environmental Law	C	S1	6
OUba040212	Ocean Resources, Blue Skills & Economic Growth	C	S1	6
OUba040213	AU Blue Economy Strategy & Action Plan	C	S1	6
OUba040214	Fish Processing & Marketing	C	S1	6
OUba040215	International Fisheries & Development Cooperation	C	S1	6
OUba040221	Public International Law	C	S2	6
OUba040222	Sustainable Management of the Blue Economy	C	S2	6
OUba040223	Fisheries Extension Services Management	C	S2	6
OUba040224	Fishery Entrepreneurship and Business Management	C	S2	6
OUba040225	Non-Food Fishery Activities	C	S2	6
<b>Credit Total</b>				<b>60</b>

Year 3 – Level 7/8 (NQ-MQA) – 1st Cycle Honours (QF-EHEA)				
All core modules are compulsory. For Year 3 Semester 1, only one elective module must be taken.				
Code	Module Title	Type	Semester	Credits
OUba040311	Shipping Law	C	S1	7.5
OUba040312	Fisheries Financing & Project Management	C	S1	7.5
OUba040313	Dissertation	E	S1	15
OUba040314	Major Project	E	S1	15
OUba040321	Law of the Sea & Exclusive Economic Zone	C	S2	7.5
OUba040322	Coastal Marine Fisheries and Climate Change	C	S2	7.5
OUba040323	Sustainable Blue Economy and Strategic Engagement	C	S2	7.5
OUba040324	Integrated Coastal Zone Management & Marine Spatial Planning	C	S2	7.5
<b>Credit Total</b>				<b>60</b>
<b>Overall Programme Credit Total</b>				<b>180</b>



# Admission conditions

Applicants should fulfill the following conditions:

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## OPTION 1:

School Certificate (O-Level) with at least five credits or equivalent

and

i) For fresh Higher School Certificate holders: three passes at Principal Level (A-Level) and two passes at Sub Level (inappropriate subjects as indicated in the specific programme requirements)

ii) For mature candidates: Either three credits (SC) and One pass at Principal Level (A-level), should be above 25 years old and possess at least five years of working experience.

or

An appropriate equivalent Foundation/Certificate/Diploma programme approved by the Open University of Mauritius (OU).

Learners who do not qualify under option 1 may register for Foundation Courses offered by OU. Learners must complete eight modules at the foundation level to be eligible to apply for undergraduate programmes.

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## OPTION 2:

Submission of a comprehensive portfolio for possible recognition of prior learning/experience (RPL/RPE) as an alternative to above along with evidence for the language/numeracy/ICT skills required for the programme of study with a minimum of University Cambridge SC and at least three credits or equivalent at the level of foundation in order to be eligible to apply for undergraduate programmes.

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# Application

Start: December 9, 2021  
End: January 20, 2022  
Course starting date: around mid-February, 2022

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## HOW TO?

You can apply online via our Online Admissions Application Portal. To create an application, you will need to register.

<https://www.open.ac.mu/blog-large/>

You can also download an application form from the website. Paper copies are also available. We can mail it to you or you can visit in person to collect one.

We are only able to accept applications via post or through the Online Admissions Application Portal. If you have any queries, please contact us.

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