



## **Ocean Policy**

This course exposes the student to the community of people involved in marine affairs, describes the use of the sea and coast, discusses current technology and the major policy issues related to the technology trends, and identifies multiple sources of information available to students.

Building upon the Pew Commission Report and the US Commission on Ocean Policy Report, we will discuss various ocean policy issues, from climate change to coastal development to ecosystem based management. We will invite several guest speakers on current issues and will participate in Florida Oceans Day at the state Capitol and in Capitol Hill Ocean Week in Washington, DC. We will attempt to engage our Congressional delegation, governor, legislators, and state agency heads in discussions of ocean policy issues affecting Florida, the nation, and the globe. We will attend meetings of the Florida Oceans and Coastal Council, of the Florida Coastal Ocean Observing Systems Consortium, and of the Tampa Bay Agency on Bay Management as possible. Each student will write a paper on a policy issue and present it to the class. Grades will be determined by class participation and the paper and presentation.