

## Trend of ocean education in Taiwan: a statistic study of the number of students enrolled in ocean-related departments

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The numbers of students enrolled in ocean-related departments are statistically studied in this paper. Data of three academic years, 2001, 2005 and 2010, are analyzed and compared. All of these departments are classified into four groups: marine science, ocean engineering, marine navigation and other related departments. It is found that the total number of students increases quickly from 2001 to 2010 at all level of academic degrees. Moreover, some new departments which include ocean tourism, ocean culture and general marine affairs are established in recent years as more applications and job opportunities of ocean affairs appear.

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