

***Week 13 - People, Safety and Insurance***

Participants learn about Ocean City's Risk Management Department, safety and self-insurance programs. The Human Resources Department discusses labor and employment issues.

***Week 14 - The Waterworks – History and Development of the Water and Wastewater Departments***

Participants learn how the Water and Wastewater Departments operate. Class includes a tour of both facilities, including the new bio-solids plant.

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***Week 15 - From Trash to Treasure***

Course explains the operation of the Solid Waste Transfer Station, trash collection and a discussion of waste-to-energy processing. Meeting Location: 65<sup>th</sup> Street Public Works Facility.

***Week 16 – Fun in the Sun***

Students learn about the Ocean City Convention Center and its role in promoting tourism. An overview of public relations provided by the Town is also included.

Ocean City University is sponsored by the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City, Maryland. Registration and classes are free.

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**OCEAN CITY UNIVERSITY**

- ☀ Once a week classes are two hours and offered in two 8-week semesters. One class hour equals one credit. Students can earn a total of 32 credits, which will earn them a Bachelor's Degree in Municipal Citizenship
- ☀ A Master's Degree in Municipal Citizenship can be obtained by completing the Citizen's Police Academy for an additional 33 credits.
- ☀ A Doctorate Degree in Municipal Citizenship can be earned by completing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

**Ocean City University**

**Founder:**

**Kathleen A. P. Mathias  
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**TOWN OF OCEAN CITY  
SPONSORED CIVIC  
EDUCATION PROGRAM  
FOR OCEAN CITY  
RESIDENTS**

**ESTABLISHED 2004**

## OCEAN CITY UNIVERSITY

☀ Ocean City University was developed to provide public education and information on government services, public policy, organizational structure and operations. The curriculum covers all facets of municipal government.

☀ Students enrolled in Ocean City University have a better understanding of the government's role and relationship with its citizens and gives them a sense of ownership in government actions.

☀ Citizens and government work together to improve the quality of life for Ocean City residents. These informed citizens make a difference in the community.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### ***Week 1 - Freshmen Orientation, History of Ocean City & Government Overview***

Offers an introduction to municipal government. Students learn about the council-manager form of government, organizational structure of departments and intergovernmental relationships. Volunteerism on town boards is discussed.

Students ride the Boardwalk Train to the Life-Saving Station Museum for a guided tour.

### ***Week 2 - Finance 101***

Students learn about the budget and budget process, how their tax dollars work and gain an understanding of the financial operations of Ocean City.

### ***Week 3 - Trains, Planes and Automobiles***

Learn about the operation of the town's municipal bus system and how it relates to traffic in Ocean City. Course also covers the municipal airport and includes a tour of the facility.

### ***Week 4 - Keeping the Records and Following the Law***

Studies the inner workings and duties of the City Clerk's office. The City Solicitor also provides an overview of his position and role in government.

### ***Week 5 - What Makes the City Run***

Course looks at the town's purchasing processes, procedures and fleet management. Students learn about Information Technology and what's behind the scenes making everything work. Program includes a tour of the service center and warehouse.

### ***Week 6 - Emergency Services***

Studies in this program include a look at Communications, Emergency Management and Radio Communications. Participants also tour the communications center.

### ***Week 7 - When you Call 911, 911 Calls Us***

A look at our fire responders, fire protection services and emergency medical services from 3 divisions of the Fire Department.

### ***Week 8 - REC 101 Studies in Recreation and Sports***

Course provides an overview of recreation programs and services. Students learn about all recreation operations including Eagle's Landing Golf Course, Ocean City Tennis Center and Special Events Programs

### ***Week 9 - Planning and Community Development 101***

Course covers general duties and responsibilities of Planning and Community Development, including GIS and zoning overview.

### ***Week 10 - Construction and Permits***

Students learn about the permit process for building and construction. How the department works and the role of the building inspectors are just some of the topics covered.

### ***Week 11 - Engineering and Environmental Services***

Curriculum covers operations of the Engineering Department and duties of the City Engineer. Included is engineering's role in protecting the environment of the Maryland Coastal Bays.

### ***Week 12 - Behind the Scenes - Public Works Operations***

Course covers the operations of the Public Works Department from Administration to Maintenance and Construction.