

Week 9 – The Waterworks

Course discusses the history and development of the Water and Wastewater Departments. Participants learn how the water and wastewater departments operate and the course includes a tour of both facilities.

Week 10 – Fun in the Sun

Students learn about the operation of the Eagle's Landing Golf Course, the Ocean Tennis Center, Special Events and Beach Patrol. In addition, students will learn about the Ocean City Convention Center and its operations. An overview of the Tourism Department's marketing programs will also be provided by the Tourism Director and marketing staff.

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☀️ Classes are once a week for 10 weeks, and each class is three hours long. One class hour equals one credit. Students earn a total of 30 credits to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Municipal Citizenship. One class (or a total of three credit hours) may be missed.

☀️ 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.

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Founder:

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

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

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COURSE OFFERINGS

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

Week 1 - Freshmen Orientation and Ocean City Overview

This class is an introduction to municipal government. Students learn about the Council-Manager form of government, the organizational structure of departments and the many intergovernmental relationships. Class will also cover the inner workings and duties of the City Clerk's office.

Week 2 - Finance 101

Learn about the budget and budget process, how your tax dollars work, and gain an understanding of the financial operations of Ocean City. This class also looks at the Town's purchasing process and provides information on grants and grant management.

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 students learn about fleet maintenance and the service center.

Week 4 - Law, Order and Emergency Operations

This class offers an overview of the law, enforcement and emergency operations. The City Solicitor provides an overview of his position and role in government. The Chief of Police gives an overview of the police department. Students learn about Emergency Services with a look at Communications, Emergency Management and Radio Communications.

Week 5 - Staff, Safety and Use of Technology

Students receive a review of the Human Resources Department. Learn about the Risk Management Department, safety and self-insurance programs. Lastly, students learn about the Information Technology Department and what's behind the scenes making everything work.

Week 6 - Planning, Building and Engineering

Course covers the building and permitting process in Ocean City. Students learn about the planning process, comprehensive plan, GIS mapping, and zoning regulations. Participants also learn about the Engineering Department, including their role in protecting the environment and the beach.

Week 7 - United to Serve: the Ocean City Fire Department

This class gives students an overview of three divisions that comprise the Ocean City Fire Department: the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Fire Marshal's Office and the Career Division. Participants receive a closer look at the Town's fire responders, emergency medical services and fire protection services.

Week 8 - Behind the Scenes: the Ocean City Public Works Department

The class covers the operations of the Public Works Department from administration to maintenance, construction and solid waste.