

CAREER PATH

MARINE MAMMAL SCIENCE



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As a faculty member at the University of Maine, Dr. Kristina Cammen hopes to share her love of the ocean, her desire to protect marine life and her goal to inspire future generations with her students. Growing up near the coast of Maine, Dr. Cammen began her journey into marine sciences with the career goals to, as she explained, “train dolphins and bake cookies.”

DISCOVERING MARINE BIOLOGY

“As an elementary student in love with dolphins, I really wanted to be a dolphin trainer.

I don't think it was until late high school or college that I came to see the ocean through more of a scientific lens and discovered what research is.”

Dr. Cammen went to college at the University of Maryland to study biology and psychology. Later, Dr. Cammen studied at Cambridge University and Duke University, where she was able to combine her love of biology, genetics, marine mammals and the ocean into the career she has today as a researcher and professor.

While Dr. Cammen doesn't get to see the ocean everyday, she gets to work with it through her research and she hopes to focus on the “conservation of marine mammals, engagement with students and solving larger problems affecting the ocean.” As she continues her career, Dr. Cammen plans to follow the advice she gives to others interested in marine science by trying everything and always believing that you can do it.

