PHO-2 Physical Oceanography - Oceanic processes

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This course is shared with other OACOS specialities

Chapter IV- Physics of the surface mixed layer and coupling with sea ice Equation of state. Surface fluxes. Stratification & stability. Sources of mixing. Summary of sea-ice physics and observed cycle: formation, transport, melting from above / below.

Evolution of the mixed layer & seasonal cycle. Links with water mass formation.

Chapter V- Meridional overturning circulation energetic point of view, diabatic and adiabatic forcings, abyssal circulation, deep convection

Chapter VI- Ocean atmosphere interactions and variability

- Atmosphere -> Ocean : the ocean as a passive integrator of atmospheric fluxes
- Ocean -> Atmosphere : influence of SST on the atmospheric boundary layer
- Ocean- Atmosphere interaction : ENSO, (basin modes)

- large-scale coupling (meridional): Hadley cells,/ tropical cells, energy transport, Bjerkness compensation.

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