

MARITIME STUDIES (BA)

Water covers more than two-thirds of the Earth's surface and the majority of the human population lives within 50 miles of navigable waterways. The world's oceans and great riparian systems have provided the dominant medium for human economic and cultural exchange and the context for many of humanity's most dramatic stories, powerful technologies, and aesthetic and literary achievements.

Maritime Studies is an interdisciplinary major that embraces the liberal arts as the foundation for exploring humankind's critical and continually evolving connections with the world's waterways and watersheds. The Maritime Studies Program combines rigorous liberal arts training in recognized humanities and social science disciplines such as history, English, economics, political science, anthropology, and geography with specialized courses, interdisciplinary seminars, and research and internship opportunities that focus on issues, traditions, and problems that influence life in maritime regions. A complement to the Marine Sciences major, Maritime Studies highlights the social and cultural side of the human/water relationship, but recognizes and explores the links between human activities and the composition and the condition of the coastal and marine environments.

Maritime Studies is a flexible but focused major that students may shape to meet a wide range of occupational and educational goals. Depending upon the track of studies selected, Maritime Studies students may prepare for a range of careers including those in the maritime service and heritage tourism sectors as well as for graduate study in maritime and public history, English, journalism, marine policy and cultural resource management, planning and regulation, education, law, or business. The Maritime Studies Program takes advantage of the UConn-Avery Point campus's unique Long Island Sound location and its many coastal and maritime educational resources and research programs including the UConn Sea Grant Institute, the National Undersea Research Center, the Long Island Sound Resource Center, and Marine Sciences Department. Significant internship and research opportunities for students are also available through agreements with regional institutions that include Mystic Seaport Museum, one of the world's premier maritime museums and research centers.

Major Requirements

It is recommended that majors take MAST 1200 Introduction to Maritime Culture to satisfy General Education Content Area One and MAST 1300E People and Society in the Maritime Environment to satisfy Content Area Two and Content Area Four-International.

Core Courses

Course	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Course		
MARN 1001E	The Sea Around Us	3

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MAST 2101	Introduction to Maritime Studies	3
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Core Courses - Disciplines

Select five of the Core Courses listed below. Students must select these five courses from five different disciplines: 15-16

Anthropology

ANTH/MAST 3531 Maritime Archaeology of the Americas

ANTH/MAST 3532 Archaeology of the Age of Sail

Economics

ECON/MAST 2467E Economics of the Oceans

English

ENGL/
MAST 3652/
ENGL 3652W/
MAST 3652W

ENGL/
MAST 3653/
ENGL 3653W/
MAST 3653W Maritime Literature Since 1800

Geography

GEOG/CE 2500 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

GEOG/MAST 3600 Global Dynamics of the Shipping Industry

History

HIST/MAST 2210E History of the Ocean

HIST/MAST 3544 Atlantic Voyages: European Maritime Expansion, 1400-1650

HIST/AAAS 2225 The Pacific in World History

Political Science and Policy

POLS/MAST 3832 Maritime Law

MAST 2300E Marine Environmental Policy

Thematic Concentration

Students must declare a concentration in one of the following areas: Blue Humanities, Marine Policy, Maritime Archaeology, or Fisheries Policy. One of the five core courses elected by the student can also contribute to the thematic concentration. Furthermore, the student must complete an approved sequence of three additional courses in the concentration at the 2000 level or above. Choice of concentration and course sequence must be approved by the MAST director or the student's advisor.

The writing in the major requirement can be met with MAST 4994W Maritime Studies Capstone Seminar. Students will satisfy the information literacy requirement as they complete core courses.

Related Areas

Students must complete 12 credits in related areas. Courses are selected in conjunction with the MAST director or the student's advisor.

University General Education Requirements

Every student must meet a set of core requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree, in addition to those required by the student's major course of study and other requirements set by the student's school or college. For more information about these requirements, please see General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/gen-ed-requirements/>).

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements

Students must meet a set of requirements established by the college in addition to the University's General Education requirements. For more information, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

(<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) section of this catalog.