DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES

The Department of Liberal Studies at Texas A&M at Galveston offers four unique interdisciplinary undergraduate degrees:

1) Bachelor of Arts: Maritime Studies
   The past and present relationships between humans and the sea; nautical archaeology, cultural anthropology, world politics, maritime history, maritime literature, tall ship sail training, museum studies, tourism, domestic and international public service, environmental concerns

2) Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science: University Studies; concentration in Tourism and Coastal Community Development
   Sociology, tourism

3) Bachelor of Science: University Studies; concentration in Maritime Public Policy and Communication
   Communication, public policy, environmental concerns

4) Bachelor of Science: University Studies; concentration in Marine Environmental Law and Policy
   Law and business

The mission of the Department of Liberal Studies is to provide a robust intellectual foundation for students pursuing occupational and leadership roles in areas such as government, communication, business, non-governmental organizations, public policy, tourism policy, journalism and public relations, archaeology and anthropology, museums and archives, professional diving, and preparation for graduate studies and law school.

Liberal Studies students participate in a variety of state and national programs such as the Model United Nations, Student Conference on National Affairs, and the Bush School Public Service Institute. They are encouraged to avail themselves of the international educational opportunities available through courses offered in the Texas A&M University Study Abroad Programs Office (http://studyabroad.tamu.edu).

With faculty maintaining research agendas in a variety of disciplines including politics, history, mass media and communication, English, popular culture, archeology, philosophy, museum studies, anthropology, genocide studies, African-American studies, and mathematics, Liberal Studies builds within students enhanced critical thinking and strong communication skills, while emphasizing the critical nature of multicultural thinking and collaboration in a global economy.

The Department of Liberal Studies provides the skills necessary for students to:

- Lead others through critical thinking, multi-dimensional problem solving, and issue advocacy;
- Be competitive in a multicultural world increasingly interested in college graduates with interdisciplinary backgrounds;
- Inform public policy creation and decision-making from both the governmental and business perspectives;
- Earn internships in areas such as politics, law and legal affairs, communication, for-profit and non-profit organizations, artifact conservation and museum management;
- Prepare for graduate school and law school opportunities;
- Understand the inalienable connections between liberal education, freedom, and democracy.

Faculty

Acero-Schertzer, Carmen E, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Miami, 1996

Blomstedt, Larry W, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2008

Brooks, Stuart R, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MA, University of Houston Clear Lake, 2009

Brown, Philip R, Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2000

Capper, David W, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Baylor University, 2013

Cole, Collier M, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Houston, 1976

Coleman, Cheryl L, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
JD, Northwestern University School of Law, 1993

Curley, Stephen J, Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Rice University, 1974

Davis, Carol A, Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Southern California, 2007

Dimarco, Frank P, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MS, Long Island University, 1981

Domsky, Darren K, Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, York University, 2006

Echols, Katherine E, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Houston, 2015

Euresti, Vianne R, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
CERT, National Association of Underwater Instructors, 2014
Furth, Brett H, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2015

Galvan Mandujano, Martha C, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
PHD, The University of Oklahoma, 2015

Garza-Horne, Julie A, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
MA, University of Houston Clear Lake, 2010

Goodson, Joshua E, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas State University, 2012

Gracia, Pete A, Senior Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MS, University of Houston - Clear Lake, 1991

Haney, Adam D, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
MA, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2014

Henderson, Edmund L, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MA, Texas Southern University, 2015

Hufton, Amie J, Instructional Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
MMR, Texas A&M University, 2010

Josvoll, Kristin K, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
MA, Johns Hopkins University, 2015

Kang, Cong X, Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Texas, 1999

Kress, Lisa M, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MFA, University of Houston, 2001

Lamphere, Jenna A, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Tennessee Knoxville, 2016

Lawhon, David R, Instructional Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
MA, University of Houston at Clear Lake, 2000

Lutz, Joann A, Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of North Texas, 1993

Luxemburg, Leon A, Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 1987

Maceo, Debra A, Instructional Professor
Liberal Studies
MS, University of Houston, 1995

Mark, Samuel E, Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2000

Nyman, Elizabeth A, Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Florida State University, 2010

Oertling, Thomas J, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
MA, Texas A&M University, 1984

Pangemanan, Adelaide P, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
MS, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 2002

Pearl, Frederic B, Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2001

Presswood, Phillip H, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MA, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2011

Qiu, Lin, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Alabama, 2006

Ryan, James G, Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Notre Dame, 1981

Slatton, Katie J, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
MED, University of Montevallo, 2003

Suen, Ching-Yun, Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Houston, 1983

Theis, William D, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MA, University of Houston, 1988

Traber, Daniel S, Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Houston, 2000

Viser, Victor J, Instructional Assistant Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Temple University, 1995

Warren Jr, Jesse T, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MS, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2005

White, Laura G, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MS, University of Bradford, UK, 2011

Willett, Donald E, Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 1985
Williams, Sara S, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
CERT, National Association of Underwater Instructors, 2004

Wood, Gregory M, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
BS, Texas A&M University, 2003

Yi, Eunjeong, Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Houston, 2003

Majors

• Bachelor of Arts in Maritime Studies (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies-maritime-studies-ba)

• Bachelor of Science in University Studies, concentration in Marine Environmental Law and Policy (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/marine-environmental-law-policy-university-studies-bs)

• Bachelor of Science in University Studies, concentration in Maritime Public Policy and Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-public-policy-communication-university-studies-bs)

• Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in University Studies, concentration in Tourism and Coastal Community Development (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/tourism-coastal-community-development-university-studies-bs)

Minors

• Diving Technology and Methods Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/diving-technology-methods-minor)

• Maritime Studies Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-studies-minor)

Courses

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• Maritime Studies (MAST) (p. 3)

Diving Techniques and Methods

DIVE 250 SCUBA Diving I
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Fundamental academic knowledge and practical application of SCUBA diving practices and theory; introduction to diving tables and diving physiology.
Prerequisite: Must complete a medical statement showing no contraindications to diving, or have a recreational SCUBA diver’s physical examination.

DIVE 251 SCUBA Diving II
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Methods to promote safe, self-reliant diving and improve the diver’s comfort, coordination and strength in the water; to build competency in dive planning and organization.
Prerequisite: Must complete a medical statement showing no contraindications to diving, or have a recreational SCUBA diver’s physical examination; open water certification from a nationally recognized agency; Divers Alert Network (DAN) insurance or equivalent.

DIVE 330 Rescue Diving
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Relates skills necessary to perform basic life support, administer dive first aid, evacuate victim, assist and rescue other divers in water; illustrate proper dive planning; practice accident prevention and effective accident management.
Prerequisites: Must complete a medical statement showing no contraindications to diving, or have a recreational SCUBA diver’s physical examination; certification as a SDI SCUBA diver or equivalent; Divers Alert Network (DAN) diving accident insurance or equivalent.

DIVE 331 Alternative Diving Technology
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Illustrates the realities of operating in the scientific, public safety and military diving disciplines; practice real world training scenarios involving multiple aspects of each of the three fields.
Prerequisites: Must complete a medical statement showing no contraindications to diving, or have a recreational SCUBA diver’s physical examination (or AAUS physical if rating with AAUS); certification as an Advanced and Rescue Diver or equivalent; Divers Alert Network (DAN) diving accident insurance or equivalent; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

DIVE 357 Dive Leadership – Divemaster
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Examines divemaster-level dive knowledge, dive leadership theory and application, presentations skills, physical diving skills, logistics and planning, and operational execution; develops a multi-environment capable diving leader.
Prerequisites: Must complete a medical statement showing no contraindications to diving, or have a recreational SCUBA diver’s physical examination; certification as a SDI Advanced SCUBA Diver and SDI SCUBA Rescue Diver or equivalent; 60 varied dives logged; current certifications in First Aid, CPR and Emergency Oxygen Administration; Divers Alert Network (DAN) diving accident insurance (or equivalent); junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

DIVE 457 Dive Leadership – Instructor
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Apply effective methods to teach skin and SCUBA diving in compliance with training agency instructional standards; evaluate instructional level dive knowledge, water skills and presentation performance in accordance with training agency teaching standards.
Prerequisites: Recreational SCUBA diver’s medical evaluation; certification as a SCUBA divemaster or equivalent; 100 varied dives logged; current certification in First Aid, CPR and Emergency Oxygen Administration; Divers Alert Network (DAN) diving accident insurance or equivalent; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

DIVE 489 Special Topics In...
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.
Selected topics in an identified area of diving technology and methods.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

MAST 101 Connections
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
A first year experience seminar to explore the connections between academics disciplines to develop creative and critical thinking strategies which will increase abilities to implement solutions, refine information literacy skills, and identify the resources available for a successful transition from high school to the university environment. Prerequisites: None.
MAST 220 Introduction to Museums and Conservation
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to museums, cultural heritage and collections care; best practice for non-profit institutions, public engagement, and the collection, preservation and exhibition of material culture; emphasis on archaeological, ethnographic and historical collections, or other collections of cultural significance.

MAST 230 Maritime Folklore
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Maritime folklore tales and myths; monsters and mysteries of the sea.

MAST 240 Introduction to Maritime Studies
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
First year experience; exploration of Maritime Studies; interdisciplinary topics.

MAST 265 Elissa Sail Training I
Credits 3. 1 Lecture Hour. 6 Lab Hours.
Fundamentals of seamanship on a late 19th century square-rigged sailing vessel. Students will learn to both sail and care for the 1877 barque ELLISSA, operated by the Texas Seaport Museum. Lectures on maritime life supplement physical activity.
Prerequisite: Department approval.

MAST 266 Elissa Sail Training II
Credits 3. 1 Lecture Hour. 7 Lab Hours.
Sailing and crewmanship on the 1877 barque ELLISSA, operated by the Texas Seaport Museum. Includes sail training at sea.
Prerequisite: MAST 265.

MAST 285 Directed Studies
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.
Individually supervised research or advanced study on restricted area not covered in regular courses.

MAST 289 Special Topics
Credits 1 to 3. 1 to 3 Lecture Hours.
Credit Selected topics in a identified area of maritime studies. May be repeated for credit.

MAST 321 Industrial Diving Orientation
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Illustrates the realities of operating in the scientific, commercial and military diving disciplines; practice real world training scenarios involving multiple aspects of each of the three fields.

MAST 333 Viking Archaeology and Norse Mythology
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Overview of Viking Age (ca. 800 to 1100 C.E.) in Northern Europe; topics include Norse seafaring, world-view, society, archaeology, religion and cosmology as know from the archaeological and literary record.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

MAST 350 A History of Wooden Ship Construction
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
This course is designed to give undergraduate students an overview of ship construction and possible cultural factors that may influence how a shipwright builds a vessel.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and ANTH 316 or ANTH 318.

MAST 352 Crafts of the Maritime World
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
An exploration of various crafts, skills and aesthetic/design used in and supporting the maritime world; hands-on activities and practical experience of various skills and processes, using traditional tools required to put a ship to sea; from carpentry to rope-making, sewing canvas sails to making blocks.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification.

MAST 354 Ancient Egyptian Seafaring
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Archaeology, iconography and written records of ancient Egypt as they relate to local and international trade by land, river and sea, beginning in Neolithic times (c. 5000 B.C.) to the end of the New Kingdom (c. 1069 B.C.).
Prerequisites: ANTH 316; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

MAST 365 Material Culture
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Examination of material evidence of human life, from cradles to graves, churches to forts, teapots to landscapes; material culture artifacts, the processes and technologies used to create them and their use in everyday life; application to archaeology, museum studies and basic engineering.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

MAST 369 Collections Care and Management
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Managing collections in libraries, archives and museums; media and collections storage; digitization and metadata processes; use of writing styles and citations.
Prerequisites: MAST 220; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

MAST 371 Archaeology of the Pacific
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Overview of the archaeology, history and cultures of the Pacific Rim; emphasizing the cultures of Polynesia, Melanesia, and Micronesia.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

MAST 411 International Maritime Culture
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Strategies used in the exploitation of marine, coastal, and island habitats throughout human evolutionary history and the variety and complexity of adaptations in such environments; lectures and group discussions with occasional slide or movie presentations.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification.
MAST 425 Thesis and Technical Writing  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Rhetorical techniques for professional expository prose; intertextual argumentation and analysis.  
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification; ENGL 104 and ENGL 203 or ENGL 210.

MAST 441 Maritime Piracy  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Research of social, economic, political and cultural aspects of piracy from ancient to modern times; presentation of findings; understanding modern perception of pirates through modern art, literature and movies.  
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of instructor.

MAST 470 Advanced Museum Studies  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Exploration of advanced topics in museum programs; preservation, research, education, outreach; development and implementation; emphasis on historical contexts, disciplinary intersections, ethical obligations and professional responsibilities; service to community, state and national interest and advancement of sciences.  
Prerequisite: MAST 220; junior or senior classification.

MAST 480 Honors Seminar in Service Learning  
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.  
Opportunities for community service through active community participation; includes structured time for reflection; use of skills and knowledge in real-life situations; extend learning beyond the classroom; foster a sense of caring for others.  
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification or permission from the instructor and must be a member of the Honors Program.

MAST 481 Seminar in Maritime Studies  
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.  
This course is intended to provide students with the opportunity to conduct in-depth research on a particular issue, event, period, or people in maritime studies.  
Prerequisite: This one-credit hour course is open to senior maritime studies majors or approval of instructor.

MAST 484 Undergraduate Internship  
Credits 0 to 6. 0 to 6 Other Hours.  
Supervised study in a research or teaching laboratory remote from TAMUG. Student involvement is to consist of real-life learning or research, teaching, management, or a combination of these.  
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

MAST 485 Directed Studies  
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.  
Individually supervised research or advanced study on restricted area not covered in regular courses.  
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

MAST 489 Special Topics  
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.  
Selected topics in a identified area of maritime studies. May be repeated for credit.  
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

MAST 491 Research in Maritime Studies  
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.  
Research conducted under the direction of faculty member in Maritime Studies. May be repeated 2 times for credit. Please see academic advisor in department. Registration in multiple sections of this course is possible within a given semester provided that the per semester credit hour limit is not exceeded.  
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of instructor.

MAST 493 Maritime Studies Travel Experience  
Credits 1 to 6. 1 to 6 Lecture Hours.  
Combination of classroom and travel emphasizing cultural, archaeological, political and historical aspects of maritime humanities related topics. May be taken two times for credit.  
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.