MASTER OF MARITIME BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS (MBAA) AND JURIS DOCTOR (JDLW) COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM

The Maritime industry is a highly regulated area that often requires a broad understanding of the legal system. This combined degree program, offered by the School of Law and the Department of Maritime Business Administration, would permit qualified students to satisfy the requirements for both the Juris Doctor (JD) and Masters in Maritime Business Administration and Logistics (MBAA) degrees concurrently in four years.

Under the combined degree program, students would earn a minimum of 90 credit hours to satisfy the requirements of the Juris Doctor (JD) degree and 36 credit hours to satisfy the requirements of the MBAA degree. For students in the combined MBAA/JD program, the Department of Maritime Business Administration will accept up to 9 hours of credit in professional law courses toward the MBAA degree. The School of Law will accept up to 15 hours of credit from graduate courses in maritime business administration toward the JD degree. However, in combination, a student may double count no more than 15 credits in both degrees.

Students who enroll in the JD/MBAA combined degree program complete their first two academic years at the School of Law in Fort Worth, Texas and the JD degree will be the primary degree program. Upon the conclusion of the spring semester of the second year, students begin coursework in the MBAA degree program (offered in Galveston, Texas), and the third academic year is completed within the MBAA degree program, with the MBAA program designated the primary degree program. For the fourth and final year, students will be based at the School of Law in Fort Worth, Texas and the JD degree will again be the primary degree program, with the potential for some coursework, including practical training, also taken with the Maritime Business Administration program. Students must complete the core curriculum requirements and all additional graduation requirements published in the applicable graduate catalogs for the JD degree and the MBAA degree.

The MBAA degree program is also approved for delivery via synchronous and asynchronous distance education technology.

Scholastic Requirements

Students must be in good academic standing and conduct throughout the entirety of the combined degree program. Students who are in good academic standing with one degree program but not the other may be eligible to earn a degree from the program at which they remain in good standing only. The degree for each program will be awarded concurrently when the degree requirements for both programs are completed.

Students may choose which of the approved courses will concurrently count toward the other degree. However, students may not count a course taken at the School of Law toward the MBAA degree if the effect of counting that course would lower the student's total MBAA GPA below 3.00. Similarly, students may not count a course taken at Maritime Business Administration toward the JD degree if the effect of counting that course would lower the student's total JD GPA below 2.33.

Admission

Candidates for the JD/MBAA combined degree program must apply separately to the School of Law and the Maritime Business Administration graduate programs and are required to meet both programs' admission requirements. The decision to admit any particular candidate rests entirely with each program.

Steps to Fulfill a Master's Program (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#stepstofulfillagraduateprogramtext)

Program Requirements

Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#master-of-maritime-business-administration-and-logistics)

Juris Doctor (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#juris-doctor)

Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics

Program Requirements

- Student's Advisory Committee (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-students-advisory-committee)
- Degree Plan (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-degree-plan)
- Credit Requirements (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-credit-requirement)
- Limitations on Credits and Coursework (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-limitations)
- Research Proposal (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-proposal)
- Final Examination (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-final-examination)
  - Eligibility (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-final-exam-eligibility)
  - Scheduling (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-final-exam-scheduling)
  - Format (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-final-exam-format)
  - Grading (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-final-exam-grading)

  - Expiration (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-final-exam-expiration)
- Thesis (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-thesis)

Student's Advisory Committee

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

After receiving admission to graduate studies, students will consult with the graduate program concerning selection of a chair and members (if applicable) for an advisory committee representative of the student's field(s) of study and research.

A thesis option Master of Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics student's advisory committee will consist of no fewer than three members, where the chair or co-chair must be from the student's major department. For all thesis option master's degrees, at least one or more of the members must have a primary appointment with an academic unit external to the student's major department. The chair, in consultation with the student, will select the remainder of the advisory committee.

A non-thesis option degree student's advisory committee will consist of no fewer than one member where the chair must be from the student's major department. Typically, the departmental graduate advisor for the Master of Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics program or the Maritime Business Administration Department Head will serve in that role.

Only members of the Graduate Committee Faculty located on Texas A&M University campuses may serve as chair of a student's advisory committee. Other members of the Graduate Committee Faculty – including those located off-campus or outside the university (if permitted by program, department, and college/school policy) – may serve as a co-chair or member, but not as chair.

The advisory committee as a group – and as individual members – are responsible for advising students on academic matters. These duties include the responsibility for approving a student's proposed degree plan; research proposal (if applicable); thesis, dissertation, or record of study (if applicable); and conducting examinations (if required). The advisory committee members' approval of a degree plan indicates their willingness to accept the responsibility for guiding and directing a student's entire academic program and for initiating all academic actions concerning a student. Additionally, in cases of academic deficiency, the advisory committee is responsible for initiating recommendations to the academic unit and the Graduate and Professional School.

The chair of an advisory committee, who usually has immediate supervision of a student's degree program, has the responsibility for calling meetings at any time considered desirable.

If the chair of a student's advisory committee is unavailable for an extended period of time in any academic period during which the student is involved in activities relating to an internship, thesis, or professional paper – and is registered for courses such as 684 (Professional Internship), 691 (Research), 692 (Professional Study), or 693 (Professional Study) – the Department Head or interdisciplinary degree Program Chair (if applicable) may appoint an alternate advisory committee chair during the interim period.

If a student's advisory committee chair is on an approved leave of absence – and the student wants the chair to continue to serve in this role – a written request must be submitted by the Department Head, or interdisciplinary degree Program Chair (if applicable), to the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School, for the faculty member who is on an approved leave of absence to be allowed to continue serving as chair of the advisory committee – without a co-chair – for up to one year. The request must confirm that the faculty member is able to engage in the required duties as chair during the leave of absence. Extensions beyond the one-year period (if necessary) may be granted with additional approval of the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School.

If a student's advisory committee chair voluntarily separates from the university, and the student is nearing completion of the degree, the chair may continue to serve in this role – at the student's request – for up to one year. Two options are available:

1. The chair may continue, with a co-chair, without additional approval by the Graduate and Professional School. The student must select a current member of the Graduate Committee Faculty – from the student's academic program and located near the Texas A&M University campus site – to serve as co-chair of the advisory committee.
2. The chair may continue, without a co-chair, with approval by the Graduate and Professional School. A written request must be submitted through the Graduate Committee Faculty Office to the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School by the Department Head or interdisciplinary degree Program Chair to allow the faculty member to continue as chair, without a co-chair, of the advisory committee.

For both options, extensions beyond the one-year period (if necessary) may be granted with approval of the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School.

Although individual members may be replaced by petition for valid reasons, all members of a student's advisory committee cannot resign *en masse*.

Degree Plan

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Upon commencement of graduate studies, an advisory committee will evaluate the student's previous education, and outline a program of study and/or research topics(s) based upon the student's degree objectives. Graduate students, in consultation with the advisory committee, will then develop a degree plan which includes those courses to be applied toward a particular degree and formally establish the advisory committee.

The degree plan must be created, submitted, and approved through the online Document Processing Submission System (https://ogsdpss.tamu.edu/) (DPSS). The degree plan must be submitted prior to the deadline imposed by the student's college or school and approved by the Graduate and Professional School no later than 90 days prior to the last day for completion of a Final Examination. Students must select the appropriate program option(s) when submitting a proposed degree plan.

Coursework included on the degree plan is subject to the requirements and restrictions detailed in the Credit Requirements and Limitations on Credits and Coursework sections in each degree program page, or as required by the student's advisory committee and/or academic unit. Coursework included on the degree plan may not satisfy requirements

for more than one degree, except for approved combination degree programs.

Changes to an approved degree plan, if deemed necessary by the advisory committee, may be made through a petition to the Graduate and Professional School. No changes can be made to a degree plan once a student's Final Examination Request or Final Examination Exemption Request is approved by the Graduate and Professional School.

Degree program time limits apply to courses listed on a degree plan. For additional information, students should check the Time Limits section under Additional Requirements.

Credit Requirements

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

All graduate students must complete sufficient semester credit hours to satisfy their degree requirements.

A minimum of 36 semester credit hours of approved courses and research is required for the thesis option Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics.

A minimum of 36 semester credit hours of approved coursework is required for the non-thesis option.

Coursework may be completed in one or a combination of academic units. Ordinarily, students will devote the major portion of their time on work in one or two closely related fields of study; but other work may be required in supporting areas of interest. The Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics curriculum is structured with 27 hours of required courses and 9 hours of electives. Thesis option students may use up to 6 hours of their elective coursework as MARA 691 (Research) hours. Students should consult with their Graduate Advisor or advisory committee regarding required and elective coursework. Additional flexibility to replace required courses targeted to their area of research is available to thesis-option students upon recommendation and approval by their advisory committees and the Maritime Business Administration Department Head.

Limitations on Credits and Coursework

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Credit hour requirements for all graduate degrees at Texas A&M University are subject to the following limitations:

1. To receive a graduate degree, students must earn one-third or more of the credits through the institution's own direct instruction. These limitations also apply to joint degree programs.
2. Transfer credits may be used to meet the credit hour requirements under the following limitations:
   a. The maximum number of credit hours which may be considered for transfer credit is the greater of 12 credit hours or one-third (1/3) of the total hours of a degree plan.
   b. Graduate and/or upper-level undergraduate courses (400-level only) taken in residence at an accredited United States or international institution (recognized by the Office of Admissions), with a final grade of B or greater, may be considered for transfer credit if – at the time the courses were completed – the courses would be accepted for credit toward a similar degree for a student in degree-seeking status at the host institution.
   c. An official transcript from the institution at which the transfer coursework was taken must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions. Coursework credit submitted for transfer from any institution must be shown in semester credit hours or equated to semester credit hours.
   d. Up to 1 hour of credit may be obtained for each five-day week of coursework for graduate courses of three weeks' duration or less taken at other institutions. Each week of coursework must include at least 15 contact hours.
   e. Grades for courses completed at other institutions are not included in computing the GPA.
   f. Coursework in which no formal grades were given, or in which grades other than A or B were earned (for example, CR, P, S, U, H, etc.), is not accepted for transfer credit.
   g. Courses completed at Texas A&M University and appearing on the degree plan with grades of D, F, or U may not be absolved by transfer work.
   h. Except for officially approved cooperative doctoral programs, credit for thesis or dissertation research – or the equivalent – is not transferrable.
   i. Courses used toward a degree at another institution may not be applied for transferred graduate credit.
   j. Courses used toward a certificate, but not applied to an awarded degree, may be considered for transfer. If the course to be transferred was taken for a certificate or prior to the conferral of a degree at the transfer institution, a letter from the registrar at that institution stating that the course was not applied for credit toward the degree must be submitted to the Graduate and Professional School.
   k. Credit for internship coursework in any form, or taken by extension, is not transferable.
   l. Courses for which transfer credits are sought must be approved by the student's advisory committee and the Graduate and Professional School.
   m. A student who has earned 12 credit hours of graduate credit in residence at Texas A&M University may be authorized to transfer courses in excess of the limits upon the advice of the advisory committee and with the approval of the Graduate and Professional School.
3. The maximum number of credit hours taken in post-baccalaureate non-degree (G6) classification at Texas A&M University which may be considered for application to the degree plan is 12.
4. Only grades of A, B, C, and S are acceptable for graduate credit.
5. Graduate courses on a degree plan may not be taken on an S/U basis except for 681 (Seminar), 684 (Professional Internship), 690 (Theory of Research), 691 (Research), 692 (Professional Study), 693 (Professional Study), 695 (Frontiers in Research), 697 (Methods), 791 (Doctoral Capstone), or SOPH 680 (Public Health Capstone).
6. Approval to enroll in any professional course should be obtained from the Department Head or interdisciplinary degree Program Chair (if applicable) in which the course will be offered before including such a course on a degree plan.
7. No more than 50 percent of the non-research coursework required for an in-person degree program may be completed through distance education courses.

8. No graduate credit may be obtained by continuing education, correspondence study, extension, or for any course of fewer than three weeks duration.

Some academic units may have additional or more restrictive requirements.

The foregoing limitations apply to all graduate programs. Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases, when petitioned through the student's advisory committee, and approved by the Graduate and Professional School.

Credit hour requirements for master's degrees are subject to the following additional limitations:

Thesis Option Students

1. A maximum of 12 credit hours may be used, in any combination of the following, on a thesis master's degree plan:
   a. No more than 8 credit hours in any combination of the following:
      i. no more than 8 credit hours of 684 (Professional Internship) and
      ii. no more than 8 credit hours of 691 (Research).
   b. No more than 8 credit hours of 685 (Directed Studies).
   c. No more than 3 credit hours of 690 (Theory of Research).
   d. No more than 3 credit hours of 695 (Frontiers in Research).
2. Certain zero-credit courses may be allowed on a thesis master's degree plan:
   a. A zero-credit 681 (Seminar) course may be used.
   b. Other courses – including 684 (Professional Internship), 685 (Directed Studies), and 691 (Research) hours – are not eligible for zero credit.
3. A maximum of 9 credit hours of advanced undergraduate courses (300- or 400-level only) may be considered for application to a master's degree plan.

Non-Thesis Option Students

1. A student pursuing a non-thesis option master's degree may not enroll in 691 (Research) courses for any reason.
2. A maximum of 12 credit hours may be used, in any combination of the following, on a non-thesis master's degree plan:
   a. No more than 4 credit hours in any combination of the following:
      i. no more than 2 credit hours of 681 (Seminar),
      ii. no more than 4 credit hours of 684 (Professional Internship), and
      iii. no more than 3 credit hours of 685 (Directed Studies).
   b. No more than 8 credit hours in any combination of the following:
      i. no more than 4 credit hours 684 (Professional Internship),
      ii. no more than 3 credit hours of 685 (Directed Studies), and
      iii. no more than 8 credit hours of 691 (Research), if permitted.
   c. No more than 3 credit hours of 690 (Theory of Research).
   d. No more than 3 credit hours of 695 (Frontiers in Research).
3. Certain zero-credit courses may be allowed on a non-thesis master's degree plan:
   a. A zero-credit 681 (Seminar), 684 (Professional Internship), or 685 (Directed Studies) course may be used.
   b. Other courses – including 691 (Research) hours, if permitted – are not eligible for zero credit.
4. A maximum of 9 credit hours of advanced undergraduate courses (300- or 400-level only) may be considered for application to a master's degree plan.

Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases, when petitioned through the student's advisory committee, and approved by the Graduate and Professional School.

Research Proposal

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Candidates for all thesis option master's degrees must submit a Research Proposal.

The general field of research to be used for a thesis should be agreed on by the student and the advisory committee as a basis for selecting the proper courses to support the proposed research. Once the research project can be outlined in reasonable detail, the Research Proposal should be completed.

Compliance issues must be addressed before completion of a Research Proposal if a graduate student is performing research involving human subjects, animals, infectious biohazards, or recombinant DNA. Students engaged in these types of research should check with the Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety to address questions about all research compliance responsibilities before the proposal is submitted to the Graduate and Professional School. Additional information may be obtained at the Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety website (https://vpr.tamu.edu/research-compliance-and-biosafety/).

The Research Proposal should be finalized at a meeting of the student's advisory committee, at which time the feasibility of the proposed research and the adequacy of available facilities should be reviewed. Once completed, the Research Proposal must be submitted to the Graduate and Professional School *via* the Academic Requirements Completion System (ARCS).

For thesis option master's degrees, a Research Proposal must be submitted to the Graduate and Professional School *via* ARCS at least 20 working days prior to the submission of a Final Examination Request, or by the date established in the Graduate and Professional School Dates and Deadlines calendar (https://grad.tamu.edu/knowledge-center/dates-and-deadlines/dates-and-deadlines) – whichever comes first.

Final Examination

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Candidates for all thesis-option and certain non-thesis option master's degrees must pass a Final Examination by deadlines announced through the Graduate and Professional School Dates and Deadlines Calendar (https://grad.tamu.edu/knowledge-center/dates-and-deadlines/dates-and-deadlines).

Master's students may be given only one opportunity to repeat a Final Examination, and that must be within a time period that does not extend beyond the conclusion of the next regular semester (Summer terms excluded).

Eligibility

For master's degree students, eligibility to schedule a Final Examination requires that

1. a student's cumulative and degree plan GPA must be at least 3.00;
2. no unabsolved grades of D, F, or U for any course may be listed on a degree plan (to absolve a deficient grade, the student must repeat the course at Texas A&M University and achieve a grade of C or better); and
3. all coursework on the degree plan must be completed, with the exception of those hours for which the student is registered.

Master's students may be given only one opportunity to repeat a Final Examination, and that must be within a time period that does not extend beyond the conclusion of the next regular semester (Summer terms excluded).

Thesis Option Degrees

For thesis option students, a Final Examination is required.

The Final Examination may not be administered until the thesis is available in substantially final form to all members of a student's advisory committee and all members have had adequate time to review the manuscript. The examination may cover the thesis and all work taken on a Degree Plan.

Thesis option students must be registered at the university in the Fall, Spring, or Summer term in which the Final Examination is taken.

An academic unit may have stricter requirements provided there is consistency among all degree programs within the college/school or department.

Non-Thesis Option Degrees

For non-thesis option students, a Final Examination is not required for the Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics.

Final Examination Exemptions

Thesis option candidates may petition to be exempt from the Final Examination – provided the Degree Plan GPA is 3.50 or greater – with approval of the advisory committee, the academic unit, and the Graduate and Professional School. Requests for exemption from the Final Examination must be submitted the same semester the student intends to graduate.

Scheduling

The Final Examination request must be submitted to the Graduate and Professional School *via* the Academic Requirements Completion System (ARCS) a minimum of ten (10) working days in advance of the requested examination date, or the deadline listed on the Graduate and Professional School Dates and Deadlines Calendar (https://grad.tamu.edu/knowledge-center/dates-and-deadlines/dates-and-deadlines) – whichever comes first. Any changes to the Degree Plan must be approved by the Graduate and Professional School prior to submission of the request.

Any cancellations will be notated in ARCS.

Format

The Final Examination shall be conducted by the student's advisory committee as approved on a graduate degree plan, and the format shall be determined by the student's academic unit and/or advisory committee and communicated to the student in advance of the examination. The Final Examination may consist of a written component, oral component, or combination of both.

The examination may cover the broad field of the candidate's training and closely related topics. For doctoral and thesis master's students, it is presumed that the major portion of the time will be devoted to the thesis, dissertation, or record of study (as applicable).

Only one committee member substitution is allowed – with prior approval of the Graduate and Professional School – to provide an evaluation decision for a student's Final Examination. The advisory committee Chair may not be replaced by a substitute. If the degree program requires the advisory committee to include at least one External Member, and the substitution is for the sole external member of the advisory committee, then the substitute must also be external to the student's academic unit. In extenuating circumstances, with approval of the Graduate and Professional School, an exception to this requirement may be granted.

Persons other than members of the advisory committee may – with mutual consent of the candidate and the advisory committee chair – attend Final Examinations. Upon completion of a candidate's questioning, all visitors must excuse themselves from the proceedings.

Grading

A positive evaluation of the Final Examination by the members of a student's advisory committee – with at most one dissension – is required to pass a student on the examination. If the chair is the sole member of the student's advisory committee, a positive vote is required to pass a student on the Final Examination. Academic units may have stricter requirements provided there is consistency in all degree programs within a given department or interdisciplinary degree program.

Final Examination results must be reported to the Graduate and Professional School *via* ARCS within ten (10) working days of completion of the examination.

Expiration

For restrictions on Final Examination validity, please see the Time Limits section under Additional Requirements.

Thesis

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Candidates for all thesis option master's degrees must complete an acceptable thesis.

A master's thesis must reflect a comprehensive understanding of the pertinent literature and express in clear language the problem(s) for study, method, significance, and results of the student's original research.

Manuscript formatting must be acceptable to the Graduate and Professional School as outlined in the *Guidelines for Theses, Dissertations, and Records of Study*.

After a successful Final Examination/defense (or Final Examination Exemption for thesis option master's students, if permitted), and approval of the student's advisory committee and the Department Head (or interdisciplinary degree Program Chair, if applicable), the student must submit the manuscript in electronic format as a single PDF file to the Thesis and Dissertation Submission System (https://etd.tamu.edu/) (Vireo).

A manuscript determined by the Graduate and Professional School to require corrections will be returned to the student. The student must

make all necessary corrections and resubmit a revised version of the manuscript, which will be re-reviewed. All original submittal deadlines must be met during the resubmittal process to clear for graduation.

Additionally, a Written Thesis/Dissertation Approval Form must be submitted through the Academic Requirements Completion System (ARCS). Both the PDF file of the manuscript in Vireo, and the completed ARCS approval form, must be received by the Graduate and Professional School by the deadlines announced each semester or Summer term in the Graduate and Professional School Dates and Deadlines Calendar (https://grad.tamu.edu/knowledge-center/dates-and-deadlines/dates-and-deadlines). Please see the Time Limits section in the Graduate and Professional Catalog.

Each student who submits a manuscript for review is assessed a one-time thesis/dissertation/record of study processing fee through Student Business Services for the review services provided. After commencement, manuscripts are digitally stored and made available through the Texas A&M Libraries.

Juris Doctor

Program Requirements

The JD degree is conferred on students who satisfactorily complete a minimum of 90 credit hours with a cumulative grade point of 2.33 or better. In addition, each student must complete an upper-level rigorous writing requirement, a six-hour experiential requirement, and a 30-hour *pro bono* requirement. Students must complete their degree requirements within 72 months of starting law school.

Credit Requirements

The combined degree program includes a total of 126 hours without duplication of credits. The Department of Maritime Business Administration will accept up to 9 hours of credit in professional law courses toward the Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics (MBAA) degree. The School of Law will accept up to 15 hours of credits in maritime business administration graduate courses toward the Juris Doctor (JD) degree. However, in combination, a student may not apply more than 15 hours to both degrees. All courses in the MBAA degree program are offered as distance education courses. Students in the JD program may take up to 30 hours of distance educations credits towards the JD degree.

Below is the degree plan for the combined Juris Doctor/Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics degree program.

First Year		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
LAW 7001	Legal Analysis, Research and Writing I	3
LAW 7005	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 7042	Torts	4
LAW 7110	Professional Identity	.5
LAW 7418	Legislation and Regulation	3
	Semester Credit Hours	**14.5**
Spring		
LAW 7007	Alternative Dispute Resolution Survey	1
LAW 7002	Legal Analysis, Research and Writing II	3
LAW 7017	Contracts	4
LAW 7021	Criminal Law	3
LAW 7032	Property	4
LAW 7110	Professional Identity	.5
	Semester Credit Hours	**15.5**
Second Year		
LAW 7010	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 7091	Professional Responsibility	3
Upper level electives [1,2,3]		23
	Semester Credit Hours	**30**
Third Year		
Fall		
MARA 612	Maritime Human Resource Management	3
MARA 627	Maritime Marketing Services	3
MBAA Electives [3]		6
	Semester Credit Hours	**12**
Spring		
MARA 610	Maritime Strategic Management	3
MARA 623	Maritime Economics Theory and Applications	3
MARA 625	Maritime Law and Policy	3
MARA 641	Maritime Financial Management	3
MARA 664	Maritime Operations Management	3
	Semester Credit Hours	**15**
Fourth Year		
Upper level electives [1,2,3]		24
	Semester Credit Hours	**24**
	Total Semester Credit Hours	**111**

1. Students must successfully complete a minimum of six credit hours in one or more upper-level experiential courses. As part of the six credit hours, the student must successfully complete an approved externship or a clinic that involves advising or representing one or more actual clients or serving as a third-party neutral. An experiential course must be a simulation course, a law clinic, or a field placement.
2. One LARW III course is required.
3. Courses satisfying learning objectives for both degrees can count toward the completion of both degrees provided that (1) the Department of Maritime Business Administration will accept up to 9 hours of credit in professional law courses toward the MBAA degree; (2) the School of Law will accept up to 15 hours of credits in maritime business administration graduate courses toward the JD degree; and (3) in combination, a student may not apply more than 15 hours to both degrees. The initial list of courses that will count towards both the JD degree and the MBAA degree include LAW 7056, LAW 7339, LAW 7707S, LAW 7835 (if satisfies MBAA requirements for practical experience) and other LAW electives with MBAA Advisor approval; MARA 625, MARA 604, MARA 645, and MARA 675 (if it satisfies JD requirements for practice experience).

Additional Requirements

Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics

Additional Requirements

- Continuous Registration (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-continuous-registration)
- Residence (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-residence)
- Scholastic Requirements (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-scholastic-requirements)
- Licensing Option (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-internship)
  - Texas A&M Maritime Academy Third Mate Licensing Programs (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-tamu-maritime-academy-third-mate-licensi)
  - Course Requirements (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-course-requirements)
  - Texas A&M University Maritime Academy Corps of Cadets (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-tamu-maritime-academy-corps-of-cadets)
- Foreign Languages (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-languages)
- Time Limits (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-time-limit)
- Graduation (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/maritime-business-administration/mmb-jd/#mmb-graduation)

Continuous Registration

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Students in master's degree programs must satisfy Continuous Registration Requirements until completion of all degree requirements. Students in degree programs requiring a thesis who have completed all coursework on an approved degree plan – other than 684 (Professional Internship), 691/791 (Research), or 692 (Professional Study) – are required to maintain continuous registration until completion of all requirements for a degree. Registration for zero-credit courses does not satisfy the Continuous Registration Requirement. For more information, please see Continuous Registration Requirements under the Registration and Academic Status (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#registrationandacademicstatustext) tab on the Academic Expectations and Program Requirements page in the Graduate and Professional Catalog.

Residence

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

There is no Residence Requirement for the Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics.

Scholastic Requirements

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Students in graduate degree programs must maintain good academic standing and meet minimum university scholastic requirements throughout the duration of their graduate studies. Academic units may have additional or higher requirements. For more information, please see the Scholastic Requirements section under the Academic Expectations (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/) tab on the Academic Expectations and Program Requirements page in the Graduate and Professional Catalog.

Licensing Option

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Texas A&M Maritime Academy Third Mate Licensing Programs

Through the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, TAMUG offers license training for Midshipmen leading to a Third Mates' License (Unlimited Tonnage, Unlimited Oceans). The curriculum for Marine Biology - LO, Marine Sciences - LO and Marine Transportation include this training. All graduate programs offered by TAMUG may include this license training as an option.

Course Requirements

Each degree candidate will be required to fulfill the existing university degree requirements plus all U.S. Coast Guard License Option additional requirements to complete STCW Training Record Book:

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Shoreside Courses:		
MART 103	Basic Safety and Lifeboatman Training	3
MART 115	Seamanship I	3
MART 130	Introduction to Maritime Law	1
MART 201	Vessel Structure and Ship Knowledge	3
MART 202	Ship Stability and Trim	3
MART 204	Terrestrial Navigation I	3
MART 208	Maritime Meteorology	3
MART 210	Integrated Navigation I: RADAR/ ARPA/ECDIS	4
MART 212	Marine Dry Cargo Operations	3
MART 215	Seamanship II	3
MART 225	Terrestrial Navigation II	3
MART 303	Celestial Navigation	3
MART 307	Global Maritime Distress Safety System	3
MART 310	Integrated Navigation II: Electronic Navigation	3
MART 313	Marine Liquid Cargo Operations	3
MART 315	Integrated Navigation III - Shiphandling for the Mariner	2

MART 321	Navigation Rules - International and Inland	2
MART 401	Maritime Security	3
MART 404	The Navigator	2
MART 410	Bridge Resource Management	2
MART 498	Maritime Medical Care Provider	2
Cruise Coursework:		
MART 200	Deck Sea Training I - Basic Communications, Navigation and Seamanship	4
MART 300	Deck Sea Training II - Intermediate Communications, Navigation and Seamanship	4
or MART 350 or Deck Sea Training II – Commercial Internship		
MART 400	Deck Sea Training III - Advanced Communications, Navigation and Seamanship	4

Courses complete a Training Record Book which includes USCG required Basic Safety Training, Ratings Performing a Navigational Watch, First Aid Provider, and Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch. All STCW related courses must be completed with a C or better to meet license standards. Furthermore, the Midshipmen are required to complete mandatory sea service, participate in the USCG approved Corps of Midshipmen License Option Program, complete a degree, and pass license examination administered by the USCG. Candidates will also have to follow all regulations set forth in 46 CFR l 1.910 and 46 CFR 310, STCW as amended, and USCG Texas A&M Maritime Academy approved Standard Operating Procedure and any other regulations required by Texas A&M Maritime Academy License Option programs.

Texas A&M University Maritime Academy Corps of Cadets

This degree requires full participation in the Texas A&M University Maritime Academy Corps of Cadets as a qualified License Option cadet. Refer to the University catalog section for the Texas A&M Maritime Academy for detailed requirements. In addition to the academic requirements outlined here, the cadet must also complete the following requirements to receive the degree:

- Successfully complete required sea service and minimum training cruise requirements.
- Pass a comprehensive professional examination (either the Third Mate Unlimited- Oceans or Third Assistant Engineering Unlimited) administered by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).
- Successfully complete all competencies required by the International Convention on Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW).

Note: STCW competency certifications expire 5 years after completion. If the cadet does not complete the degree within that time period, the cadet will be required to revalidate the expired competency prior to graduation.

This program prepares students for the opportunity to pursue an occupational license. Please refer to the Notification for Students Pursuing an Occupational License in our catalog for additional information.

Foreign Languages

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Foreign language requirements for graduate programs are administered and monitored by the individual academic units overseeing graduate studies.

For the Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics degree, a foreign language is not required.

Time Limits

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

All requirements for master's degree programs must be completed within a period of seven consecutive calendar years for the degree to be granted.

A course will be considered valid until seven (7) years after the end of the semester in which it is taken. Students in thesis option master's degree programs must have a final corrected version of the thesis manuscript cleared by the Graduate and Professional School within one (1) year of the semester in which a Final Examination was taken. Students in non-thesis option master's degree programs must complete all other degree requirements within one (1) year of the semester in which a Final Examination (if required) was taken. Failure to do so will result in the degree not being awarded.

For more information, please see the Time Limits section under the Degree Requirements (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext) tab on the Academic Expectations and Program Requirements page in the Graduate and Professional Catalog.

Graduation

On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

Candidates for an advanced degree who expect to complete their work at the end of a given semester may apply for graduation. For more information, please see the Graduation section under the Degree Requirements (https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext) tab on the Academic Expectations and Program Requirements page in the Graduate and Professional Catalog.