Maritime Administration (MARA)

MARA 201 Foundations of Maritime Cyber Security
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Basic terminology, concepts, technology and trends of maritime cybersecurity; foundations of maritime cybersecurity to include cryptography, public key infrastructure, standards and protocols, physical security, network fundamentals; workings of systems, networks, infrastructure; legal and ethical issues in maritime cybersecurity.
Prerequisite: Sophomore classification.
MARA 205 Introduction to Ships and Shipping
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduction to the maritime industry and ships used in transportation of goods and services. Shipboard nomenclature, types and missions of merchant ships, shipbuilding nomenclature and dimensions, shipbuilding materials and methods, modes of cargo handling and their impact on ship design.
MARA 212 Business Law
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Legal principles of business, legal reasoning, dispute resolution and procedure, contract law, bankruptcy law, property law. Uniform Commercial Code sections concerning contracts, security interests, negotiable instruments and sales.
Prerequisite: Sophomore classification.
MARA 250 Management Information Systems
Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to the concepts and applications of management information systems, including information technology concepts, computer hardware, common business software, software selection and development, management information systems (MIS), decision support systems (DSS), and working in a digital world.
MARA 281 Seminar in Undergraduate Research Methods
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
An introduction to necessary undergraduate research methods in economics and business; preparation for investigative writing requirements in upper division courses in maritime business administration.
MARA 285 Directed Studies
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.
Directed study on selected problems in the area of maritime administration not covered in other courses.
Prerequisite: Approval of MARA department head.
MARA 289 Special Topics
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.
Study of selected topics in an identified area of maritime administration.
Prerequisite: Approval of MARA department head.
MARA 301 Ocean Transportation I
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Examination of theory and practice in the management of transportation logistics, labor, rate-making, role of government, international conventions and treaties; exposure to current trends and developments in shipping.
Prerequisites: MARA majors - MARA 205; MGMT 311, ACCT 230, and MARA 250, or concurrent enrollment; admission to upper division in Maritime Administration; MART majors - MART 103; ECON 202 or ECON 203.

MARA 304 Marine Insurance
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Marine insurance problems and cases and how they relate directly to a ship’s officer; hull, cargo, and personal injury cases are examined from the officers’ and insurers’ points of view; introduction to Admiralty Law and the court process for seamen’s rights and ship owners’ privileges; actual hearings and trials are observed to complete the background.
Prerequisite: MARA 301 for MART and MARA students.
MARA 342 Managerial Maritime Finance
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Continuation of topics introduced in Business Finance (FINC 341) including risk and return, investment valuation, the selection of risky investment projects, capital structure, dividend policy, and methods of raising long-term capital; applications to the maritime industry are made where appropriate.
Prerequisite: FINC 341.
MARA 345 Maritime and Marine Entrepreneurship Ventures
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
The attributes that enable entrepreneurs to pursue opportunities in maritime business development; formation of teams to experience each step of entrepreneurial process; exposure to real entrepreneurial operations and businesses.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in MARA 301; junior or senior classification; approval of department head.
MARA 346 Maritime and Marine Business Plans
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Overview of the steps for entrepreneurs to start creating and developing a business plan to launch.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in both MARA 345 and one of the following: MARA 201, MARA 346, MARA 401, MARA 402, MARA 403, MARA 416, MARA 424, MARA 435, MARA 450, MARA 460, MARA 470, MARA 475, MARA 484, MARA 485, MARA 489, MARA 491, or MARA 493; junior or senior classification or approval of department head.
MARA 347 Launch a Startup
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Overview of the steps for entrepreneurs to start creating and developing a business plan to launch.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in both MARA 345 and one of the following: MARA 201, MARA 346, MARA 401, MARA 402, MARA 403, MARA 416, MARA 424, MARA 435, MARA 450, MARA 460, MARA 470, MARA 475, MARA 484, MARA 485, MARA 489, MARA 491, or MARA 493; junior or senior classification or approval of department head.
MARA 348 Maritime and Marine Business Plans
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Planning described as a mechanism to guide entrepreneurial intentions and behavior; development of formal written plans that allow investors to anticipate future outcomes; discussion of firms from the perspective of nascent entrepreneurs and potential investors.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in MARA 345; junior or senior classification; approval of department head.
MARA 350 Maritime Business Computer Programming and Security
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Classical service operations management and contemporary case-by-case problem-solving in the maritime service sector.
MARA 355 Maritime Business Computer Programming and Security
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Concepts of computer programming and security utilizing Visual Basic for Applications with emphasis to business and maritime area specifically; includes basic programming logic, programming in VBA, computer security principles and techniques for enhancing computer security.
Prerequisites: MARA 250 and junior or senior classification.
MARA 360 Maritime Cybersecurity Issues
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Discussion of risks and cyber incidents; exploration of computer systems architecture and the framework of computer security on vessels.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in MARA 201.
MARA 301 Personnel Management
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Strategic issues in managing human resources; shared responsibilities of line managers and human resource staff for developing and implementing human resource policies and procedures; human resource planning; job design, analysis and evaluation; staffing; compensation; performance appraisal; training and development career management; labor relations; legal, ethical and international issues.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

MARA 401 Brokerage and Chartering
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Operational and legal environment of ship brokerage and chartering; responsibilities of owner and charterer under various charter forms; American, British and Canadian acts governing charters and bills of lading; rules and regulations concerning loading and discharging.
Prerequisites: MARA 301 and senior classification.

MARA 402 Inland Waterways
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Development of inland waterways of the U.S. and federal policies relating to them; port and terminal development, competition with other transportation forms, manpower, rates, environmental concerns and the impact of waterway systems on regional economies.
Prerequisites: MARA 301; ECON 202 or ECON 203; junior or senior classification.

MARA 403 Law and Policy in Cybersecurity
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Examination of law and policy issues related to cybersecurity for the spectrum of cybersecurity jobs; includes procurement, operations and maintenance, governance and oversight, protection and defense, analysis, intelligence collection and operation and investigation cybersecurity jobs.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification; MARA 403 taught at Galveston campus.
Cross Listing: CSCE 402 and CYBR 402.

MARA 404 Global Economy and Enterprise Management
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Economic, political, social and ethical environments of international business including the determinants of trade and investment patterns and the logic of government interventions in both trade and capital markets; structure, strategy and operations of the international firm.
Prerequisites: MARA majors - MARA 281; MGMT 311, ACCT 230, and MARA 250, or concurrent enrollment; admission to upper division in Maritime Administration and senior classification; MPPC majors - POLS 232; ECON 203 and senior classification.

MARA 440 Intermodal Transportation
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Examination of law and policy issues related to maritime shipping.
Prerequisites: MARA majors - MGMT 311, ACCT 230, and MARA 250, or concurrent enrollment; admission to upper division in Maritime Administration and senior classification; MART majors - MART 200, ECON 203 and junior or senior classification.

MARA 441 Entrepreneurship Greenhouse
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Project-based hands-on experience; validation of business ideas with an emphasis on the operations aspects of entrepreneurship; focus on advances in globalization and outsourcing.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in MARA 345, MARA 346, and MARA 445; junior or senior classification or approval of department head.
MARA 450 Maritime Supply Chain Management  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Introduction to the concepts involved in supply chain management (SCM); SCM encompasses the functional areas of procurement, operations management, inbound/outbound transportation, customer service, and information technologies; emphasizes how these functional areas are integrated to achieve the firm's overall objectives.  
Prerequisites: BUSN 203 and SCMT 364.

MARA 461 Disciplined Entrepreneurship  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Maritime business startup process and fine-tuning of ideas through project-based hands-on entrepreneurship experiences and a project management approach.

MARA 466 Strategic Management  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Strategic issues facing organizations, including top management decision making and social responsibility; environmental and industry analysis; establishing organizational mission and objectives; corporate, business and functional level strategy formulation; global and multidomestic strategies; strategic implementation and control; integrating operations, finance, marketing and human resource strategies; case analysis.  
Prerequisites: MARA 281, MARA 363, MKTG 321, SCMT 364, and FINC 341; senior classification.

MARA 470 Environmental Law  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Broad background of basic statutes, regulations and cases dealing with the major issues in international and federal environmental law; focus on pragmatic training in statutory, regulatory and treaty reading and interpretation; analysis of administrative and legislative intent for law.  
Prerequisites: MARA majors - MGMT 311, ACCT 230, and MARA 250, or concurrent enrollment; admission to upper division in Maritime Administration; MART and other majors - junior or senior classification.

MARA 475 Business Leadership  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Focus on theory and practice of leadership; familiarize with components, theory and models of leadership; compare/contrast styles; review leadership/followership relationship as a collaborative activity resulting in achieved goals; analyze cultural and global components and ethical issues associated with leadership.  
Prerequisite: MGMT 311, ACCT 230, and MARA 250, or concurrent enrollment; admission to upper division in Maritime Administration; junior or senior classification.

MARA 484 Management Internship  
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.  
Internship in management; staffing, planning, organizing, leading and controlling. Enrollment is limited to those who have managerial responsibilities for the resources used by a business, non-profit, or other organization.  
Prerequisites: ACCT 229, ACCT 230, FINC 341, MKTG 321, MARA 363. Approval of department head.

MARA 485 Directed Studies  
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.  
Directed study on selected problems in the area of maritime administration not covered in other courses.  
Prerequisites: MGMT 311, ACCT 230, and MARA 250, or concurrent enrollment; admission to upper division in Maritime Administration; cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

MARA 489 Special Topics in...  
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.  
Study of selected topics in an identified area of maritime administration.  
Prerequisite: MARA majors - MGMT 311, ACCT 230, and MARA 250, or concurrent enrollment; admission to upper division in Maritime Administration; approval of instructor.

MARA 490 Maritime Interdisciplinary Studies - Business, Law and Policy  
Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.  
Emphasis on cultural, economic, political, social and historical aspects of the maritime industry; coverage of different management styles, business practices and regulatory focus.

MARA 491 Research In Maritime Administration  
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.  
Research in Maritime Administration. Research conducted under the direction of faculty member in Maritime Administration. 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.

MARA 493 International Maritime Management Experience  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Combination of classroom and two week international travel emphasizing cultural and historic aspects of maritime industry; direct contact with managers and regulators in the international maritime industry; examination of different management styles, business practices and regulatory approaches.