

UNIVERSITY STUDIES - BS, MARITIME PUBLIC POLICY AND COMMUNICATION CONCENTRATION

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Students must submit a Proposed Course Form that lists the courses for the individual degree plan the student hopes to complete to the University Studies admissions committee. The application includes a required 2-3 page essay in which the student can explain how the degree will help the student meet the desired educational and personal goals. Once it is determined that the Proposed Course Form has been completed with appropriate information, it will be reviewed by the department that offers the concentration. Students must be in good academic standing, and they must have good academic standing in previous courses that count toward the area of concentration or minors.

A University Studies major will be considered a student in the department that offers the concentration; the Maritime Public Policy and Communication concentration is housed in the Liberal Studies department. The student's diploma will list Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in the same place it is currently listed, and University Studies will be listed in the place the major is currently listed. The student's area of concentration and the two minors will be indicated on the student's transcript.

The concentration in Maritime Public Policy and Communication requires 21-24 hours of major coursework and links two important fields of professional opportunity – Public Policy and Communication. It uniquely synthesizes the study of maritime public policy/policymaking with the study of international and intercultural communication methods, laws and regulations, and activism. Students will focus their plan of study within the Texas A&M University Galveston campus Department of Liberal Studies (LIST), taking significant LIST coursework in public policy, political science, and communication. In addition, the course selection pool includes relevant curricula found in Maritime Administration and Marine Sciences.

The student must complete a minimum of 6 hours at the 400-level and 36 hours of 300-400 level coursework in residence at Texas A&M University Galveston campus.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Core Courses		
COMM 307/ JOUR 301	Communication Law and Policy	3

COMM 365/ JOUR 365	International Communication	3
POLS 232	Introduction to Public Policy ¹	3
POLS 340	Introduction to Public Administration	3
Select from:		12
COMM 449		
PHIL 314	Environmental Ethics	
POLS 231	Introduction to World Politics	
POLS 347	Politics of Energy and the Environment	
MARA 435	Labor Law and Policy	
MARA 440	Global Economy and Enterprise Management	
MARA 470	Environmental Law	
MARS 432	Peak Oil, Global Warming and Resource Scarcity	
MAST 336	Maritime Foreign Policy	
MAST 441	Maritime Piracy	
MAST 484	Undergraduate Internship	
University and College Requirements		
COMM 203	Public Speaking	3
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)		3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)		6
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		9
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		6
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		6
Minor 1		15-18
Minor 2		15-18
General electives		18-24
Total Semester Credit Hours		120

¹ Required the first semester in the MPC Program

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