

DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES

The Department of Liberal Studies in the College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Studies offers the Bachelor of Arts in Maritime Studies. The degree encompasses the past and present relationships between humans and the sea including nautical archaeology, cultural anthropology, world politics, maritime history, maritime literature, tall ship sail training, museum studies, tourism, domestic and international public service, and environmental concerns.

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 Education Abroad Programs Office (<http://abroad.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

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MLS, University of North Texas, 2012

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Majors

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

Minors

- Diving Technology and Methods Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/liberal-studies/diving-technology-methods-minor/>)
- Maritime Environmental Law and Policy Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/liberal-studies/maritime-environmental-law-policy-minor/>)
- Maritime Studies Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/marine-sciences-maritime-studies/liberal-studies/maritime-studies-minor/>)