

MARITIME BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND MASTER OF MARITIME BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

This program allows Maritime Business Administration (MBAU) majors to enter the graduate program for a Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics at the beginning of their senior year, enabling students to receive their Bachelor of Science in Maritime Business Administration (MBAU) undergraduate degree and a Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics (MBAA) graduate degree in five years.

Students admitted to the 5-year combined degree program will have completed coursework required to receive a bachelor's degree. These courses must include the specific prerequisites for a Bachelor of Science degree in Maritime Business Administration, as well as the required Texas A&M University core curriculum courses.

Maritime Business Administration majors who have at least a 3.00 GPA and who have taken all of their prerequisite courses and otherwise completed 90 hours by the spring of their third year will be eligible to apply for the 5-year combined program during their junior year. Applicants to the 5-year program must submit their application to MARA graduate Admissions Committee, as per instructions on the MARA website. The 5-year combined degree applicants will be judged competitively by the same admission criteria as for other MBAA applicants.

Students who choose not to finish the MBAA degree after being admitted to the 5-year combined program may exit the program at any time. Completed MBAA courses will be applied to their bachelor's degree in Maritime Business Administration, as appropriate. Failure to complete the MBAA program will in no way impede their ability to attain a bachelor's degree in Maritime Business Administration when the requirements for that degree are completed. Those who pursue the combined program will receive both degrees upon completion of the entire 5-year combined program. Students will not graduate with a bachelor's degree in year four, but rather will earn both their Bachelor of Science in Maritime Business Administration and Master of Maritime Business Administration and Logistics at the end of year five.

Students will be required to complete graduate hours that include core courses in economics, management, operations and logistics. The electives will be chosen according to the interest of the student in consultation with an academic adviser.

All undergraduate courses are offered on the Galveston Campus. Graduate level courses may be offered as traditional format courses on the Galveston Campus or via asynchronous distance education technology.

Program Requirements

First Year		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
MARA 205	Introduction to Ships and Shipping ^{1,2}	3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences ^{3,4}	3
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)		3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
General elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
ECON 202	Principles of Economics ^{1,3}	3
ISTM 210	Fundamentals of Information Systems ^{1,5}	3
MATH 142	Business Calculus ^{3,6}	3
POLS 206	American National Government	3
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
ACCT 229	Introductory Accounting ^{1,3}	3
BUSN 203	Statistical Methods for Business ^{1,5}	3
ECON 203	Principles of Economics ^{1,3}	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
ACCT 230	Introductory Accounting ^{1,5}	3
MARA 212	Business Law ¹	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) ⁷		5
Semester Credit Hours		14
Total Semester Credit Hours		59

¹ Indicates required courses in the Maritime Business Administration major. These courses will be used to compute the major GPA. At the time of graduation, a MBAU major must have a GPA of at least 2.25 in their major. A MBAU major must achieve a grade of C or better in ACCT 229, ACCT 230, ECON 202, and ECON 203 as a graduation requirement. These courses may be repeated as necessary to meet this requirement, and the requirement applies to courses taken at

Texas A&M University Galveston Campus or offered for transfer from other institutions.

² Students must register for MARA 205 their first semester at Texas A&M University Galveston Campus.

³ Students must satisfactorily complete ACCT 229, ECON 202, ECON 203, MATH 140, and MATH 142 prior to admission to upper-level BS-MBAU.

⁴ MATH 148, MATH 152, MATH 168, and MATH 172 will be accepted in lieu of MATH 140.

⁵ Students must complete ACCT 230, ISTM 210, and BUSN 203 during their first upper-level semester, unless satisfactorily completed prior to upper-level admission.

⁶ MATH 147, MATH 151, and MATH 171 will be accepted in lieu of MATH 142.

⁷ Students may satisfy the 9-credit hours of Life and Physical Science requirement through any combination of one, three or four credit hour courses.

Third Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
MARA 301	Ocean Transportation I ¹	3
MARA 363	The Management Process ¹	3
MARA 373	Personnel Management ^{1,8}	3
MGMT 311	Legal and Social Environment of Business ¹	3
MARA elective ^{1,9}		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring		Semester Credit Hours
MARA 304	Marine Insurance ¹	3
MARA 416	Port Operations, Administration and Economics ^{1,10}	3
MARA 440	Global Economy and Enterprise Management ^{1,10,11}	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
MARA elective ^{1,9}		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
MARA 421	Admiralty Law ¹	3
MARA 612	Strategic Human Resource Management	3
MARA 627	Marketing of Maritime Services	3
MARA electives ^{1,9}		6
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring		Semester Credit Hours
MARA 623	Maritime Economics Theory and Applications ¹²	3
MARA 641	Maritime Financial Management ¹²	3
MARA 664	Maritime Production, Operations and Logistics Management	3
MARA elective ^{1,9}		6
Semester Credit Hours		15

Fifth Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
MARA 625	Maritime Law and Policy	3

Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) ⁷	4
Graduate MMAL elective ¹³	6
General elective	3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Spring		Semester Credit Hours
MARA 466	Strategic Management ^{1,14}	3
MARA 610	Maritime Strategic Management	3
Graduate MMAL elective ¹³		9

Semester Credit Hours 15

Total Semester Credit Hours 91

⁸ Satisfies the 3 credit hour Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) (CD) requirement.

⁹ Students are required to complete 18 credit hours of MARA electives. Students should choose from the following courses: ECON 311, ECON 323, ECON 452, MARA 201, MARA 342, MARA 345, MARA 346, MARA 347, MARA 348, MARA 350, MARA 360, MARA 401, MARA 402, MARA 403, MARA 424, MARA 435, MARA 445, MARA 446, MARA 450, MARA 461, MARA 470, MARA 475, MARA 484, MARA 485, MARA 489, MARA 490, MARA 491, MARA 493, SCMT 336.

¹⁰ Satisfies the writing intensive (W) requirement.

¹¹ Satisfies the 3 credit hour International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) (ICD) requirement.

¹² Courses to be used to meet both undergraduate and graduate requirements.

¹³ Select 15 credit hours from the following graduate level MMAL elective courses: MARA 604, MARA 616, MARA 624, MARA 636, MARA 640, MARA 645, MARA 660, MARA 665, MARA 670, MARA 672, MARA 673, MARA 675, MARA 678, MARA 684, MARA 685, MARA 689, MARA 690, MARA 691.

¹⁴ Credit by examination given for MARA 466.

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 156

All electives must be chosen in consultation with, and approved by, the student's academic advisor. Unless courses are specifically listed, see University Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/>) for a listing of course options for Communication; Mathematics; Life and Physical Sciences; Language, Philosophy and Culture; Creative Arts; American History; Government and Political Sciences; and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The total hours may be increased if the student is required to take remedial math, remedial English, or foreign language courses.

To earn the economics minor, the student's elective hours must include ECON 311, ECON 323, and ECON 452. For additional requirements of the economics minor, please see the Economics - Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/economics/minor/>).