Master of Science in Maritime and Naval Studies

Developing Leaders in the Maritime Industry
The Master of Science in Maritime and Naval Studies program at SUNY Maritime College is designed to provide a deeper knowledge and understanding of maritime and naval studies to professionals with an interest in the history, literature, and culture of the sea, who wish to enhance their career prospects by earning a graduate degree.

The curriculum of the program consists of core courses in maritime and naval history, literature, transportation and environmental policy. A large number of electives offer students the ability to tailor the Maritime and Naval Studies Program to explore individual areas of personal and professional interest.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Maritime and Naval Studies is a 31-credit hours program. Courses are offered entirely online, and can be completed in as few as 3 semesters. The core pillars of the curriculum are maritime and naval history, literature, transportation and environmental policy.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Core Requirements (10 credit hours)
- MNST 6001 Introduction to Academic Writing and Research Methods
- MNST 7101 American Commercial Maritime History: 1500 to Present
- MNST 7102 The History of American Sea Power
- MNST 9001 Capstone

Electives (21 credit hours)

Sample Elective Courses
- MNST 7103 The Last Great Hunt: Herman Melville, *Moby-Dick*, and American Culture
- MNST 8101 Music of the Sea
- MNST 8102 Ocean Politics and Law
- MNST 8103 The History of World Sea Power
- MNST 8104 Maritime Shakespeare
- MNST 8105 Literature of the Middle Passage
- MNST 8106 Maritime Piracy and Predation
- *TMGT 7100 Economics of International Trade
- *TMGT 7300 Transportation Management
- *TMGT 7500 International Business & Transportation
- *TMGT 8250 Government Transportation/Environmental Policy

* Students may take up to 3 courses in the Master of Science in International Transportation Management Program.

MEET THE FACULTY

Elissa DeFalco, Ph.D.

Dr. DeFalco’s love of literature led her to pursue degrees in the discipline at the University of Chicago (BA), McGill University (MA) and Roehampton University in London (Ph.D.). She studied some of the world’s greatest archives, searching for stories of everyday people who went to sea. Dr. DeFalco draws from her research and publications for the ‘Maritime Piracy and Predation’ course she will teach in the Maritime and Naval Studies program, in which she will share this revolutionary history and literature and how it still influences the world today.

John Rocco, Ph.D.

John Rocco is a Professor of Humanities at the State University of New York, Maritime College. He holds a Master’s degree from Queens College and a Ph.D. from the City University of New York Graduate Center. Dr. Rocco is widely published in popular magazines and academic journals and is a contributor to the *Dictionary of the Avant-Gardes* and *American Book Review*. He has published several books of rock criticism including *The Doors Companion*, *The Nirvana Companion*, *The Beastie Boys Companion*, and *Dead Reckonings: The Life and Times of the Grateful Dead*, all for Schirmer Books. Dr. Rocco’s interest in Herman Melville’s *Moby-Dick* focuses on the great experimental novel’s impact on American popular culture. In 2006, he received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.
How to Apply
Admission to the Master of Science in Maritime and Naval Studies is competitive. Each applicant is reviewed holistically on factors such as academic performance, communication skills, professional accomplishment and other relevant skills and abilities. To be considered for the program, applicants must submit the following:

- An online application at www.sunymaritime.edu/gradadmissions
- An application essay
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended

International Applicants
In addition to the aforementioned requirements, international applicants will be required to submit the following additional information:

- Transcript evaluation from a NACES accredited credential evaluator (www.naces.org)
- Official TOEFL (minimum score requirement of 79) or official IELTS scores (minimum score requirement of 6.5). International applicants who have graduated or earned a minimum of two semesters worth of credit (minimum 12 credit hours) with a B average from an institution at which instruction is in English are exempt from this requirement.

Financial Aid
SUNY Maritime College is widely recognized within the higher education community and by national media for providing students with an outstanding educational value. Students in the MS in Maritime and Naval Studies Program finance their education a number of ways:

- Federal Stafford and Plus Loans—For students who qualify, the Federal Stafford Loan program at the graduate level may provide up to $20,500 in loan monies to assist in covering the cost of attendance. Federal Plus Loans are credit-based and vary in rate and amount based on a number of factors. To determine your eligibility for federal loan programs, please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Our school code is 002853.
- Institutional Scholarships—Maritime College and the State University of New York offer a very limited number of small scholarships and fellowships each year. A list of institutional scholarships is available at www.sunymaritime.edu/gradadmissions.
- External Scholarships—There are a number of resources available for students to search for external scholarships, including Fastweb, scholarships.com and other resources.

For more information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at financialaid@sunymaritime.edu or 718.409.7400.
CAREER SUCCESS
Recent graduates of Maritime College have benefited from nearly 100% job placement. Maritime College graduates experience extraordinary career outcomes, a fact that has recently been formally recognized by a number of national news media. Career success can be attributed to the quality of Maritime College students, the institution’s prominent position within the maritime industry, government and other maritime focused organizations, and the support offered to students through the Office of Career Services. The Office of Career Services has relationships with hundreds of employers, hosts two career fairs per year and offers students career placement guidance.

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR
The Master’s degree in Maritime and Naval Studies (MNST) is designed for college graduates, ashore and at sea, who have a great appreciation for both the sea and the humanities. Created by a distinguished group of faculty, it combines literature, history, art, music, law, environmental studies, and business, all delivered in an online format.

The Maritime and Naval Studies Master’s is available to a select group of college graduates who can demonstrate an interest in the subjects of the degree and the ability to succeed in an online environment.

The State University of New York Maritime College has a long history of delivering quality education in both traditional and online formats. The MNST degree is the first of its kind. Students anywhere in the world can pursue a Master’s entirely online that enhances their careers or their passion for the sea in all its ramifications.

Dr. Karen E. Markoe, M.A., Ph.D., Columbia University Chair, Humanities Department SUNY Distinguished Professor

STEPHEN B. LUCE LIBRARY
The Stephen B. Luce Library houses a collection of print materials and electronic resources with an emphasis on maritime topics including many rare and highly specialized titles. The Library’s archives include the College’s institutional records as well as collections relating to the history of the Port of New York including the records of Sailors Snug Harbor and the Marine Society of the City of New York. The Stephen B. Luce Library provides access to an ever growing number of electronic resources including ebooks, online journals, and scholarly databases which students can access anywhere in the world.
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About Maritime College
SUNY Maritime College, founded in 1874, is the largest and oldest Maritime Academy in the country. The historic 55 acre campus is located on the Throggs Neck peninsula in the Bronx, New York City. Maritime College offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in the following areas: Engineering, Naval Architecture, Marine Transportation, Maritime Studies, Marine Environmental Science, Humanities, International Transportation and Trade, and International Transportation Management. The first maritime school in the country, Maritime College prepares students for careers in the maritime industry, government, military, and private industry.