

Postgraduate Programmes in Maritime Affairs

Academic Handbook

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WMU’s vision is to inspire leadership and innovation for a sustainable maritime and oceans future.

WMU’s mission is to be the world centre of excellence in postgraduate maritime and oceans education, professional training and research, while building global capacity and promoting sustainable development.

WMU is committed to building a diverse and inclusive community of future maritime and ocean leaders. The University strongly encourages applications from qualified women, who continue to be under-represented in many areas of the maritime and ocean sectors, and is committed to advancing gender equality through education, research and capacity development.

The MSc in Maritime Affairs and the PhD in Maritime Affairs are accredited by the Government of Sweden, following assessment by the Swedish Higher Education Authority (UKÄ).

The University’s official name in Swedish is Världssjöfartsuniversitetet. The degree certificates, diploma supplements and transcripts issued by WMU for the Malmö-based MSc (magisterexamen) and the PhD (doktorsexamen) must by law carry the name in Swedish of the University and the qualification awarded. The Swedish is followed by the English on each item of documentation.

The degrees are also accredited by ZEvA (Zentrale Evaluations- und Akkreditierungsagentur Hannover/ Central Evaluation and Accreditation Agency Hanover, Germany).

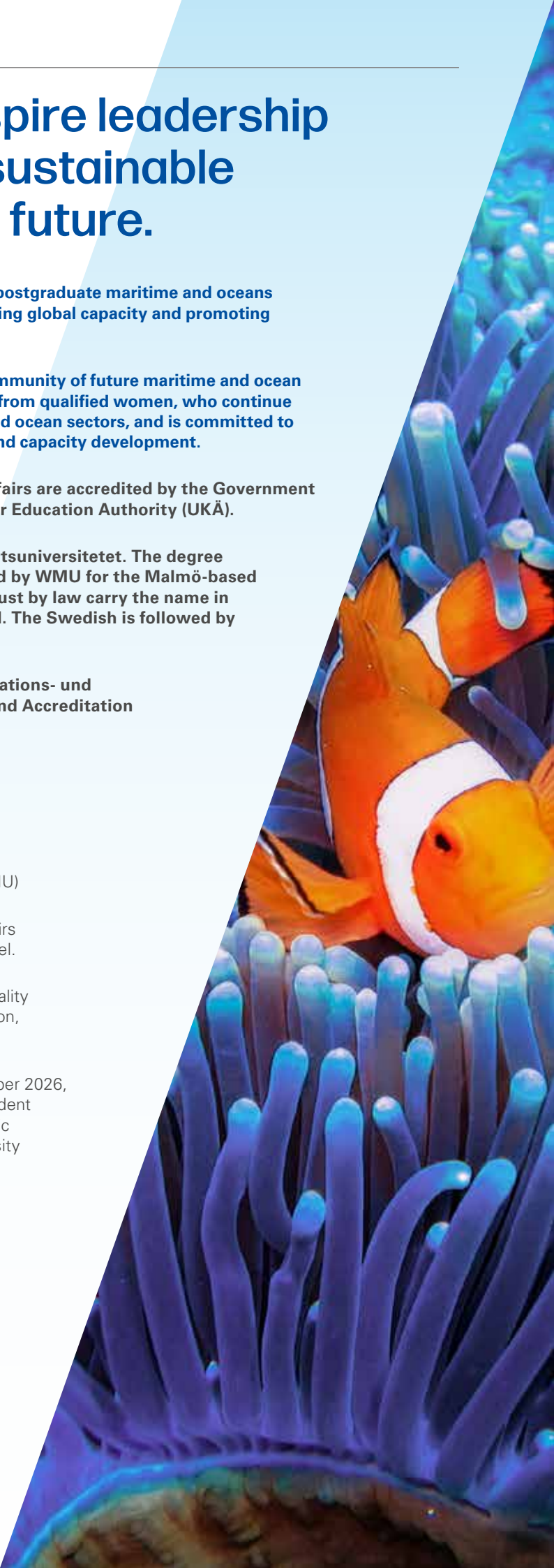
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- the European University Association (EUA)
- the International Association of Universities (IAU)
- the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU)

WMU is recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs with Yellow Ribbon status for study at both MSc and PhD level.

The World Maritime University is committed to a policy of quality in the management, control and delivery of its higher education, research and support systems.

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A Global Classroom for a Global Industry

Every student arrives at WMU with something to contribute. They bring professional experience, knowledge shaped by the contexts in which they have worked, and perspectives developed throughout their careers. They also arrive ready to learn – not only from our Faculty, but from one another.

This exchange is central to the WMU education. A question discussed in class may be familiar to students from many countries, but the way it is understood – and the possibilities for addressing it – may be very different. Encountering varied perspectives challenges assumptions as students view their own work in a wider context. Everyone contributes to this exchange, and everyone benefits from it.

Many of our students come to WMU with the support of their employers, governments or international donors, while others finance their studies independently. Whatever path brings them here, they join a community where everyone has something to contribute and something new to discover.

Established within the framework of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), WMU serves as the IMO's centre of excellence for postgraduate and professional maritime and oceans education, training, and research. The University occupies a unique position at the intersection of the United Nations system, academia, governments and industry, bringing academic study and research into close contact with professional practice.

Many of the challenges addressed at WMU extend beyond national, institutional and sectoral boundaries. International cooperation depends on people who can bring knowledge and experience to international discussions, listen to different positions and work towards common aims. At WMU, students develop these abilities through their studies with colleagues from around the world.

Being an alumnus myself, I can personally attest to the transformative value of a WMU education. The academic knowledge you gain, together with the global perspective and lifelong professional relationships you develop, will shape not only your own career but also the organizations and communities you serve. WMU alumni carry these qualities into leadership roles around the world, sharing knowledge, strengthening institutions and helping address the complex challenges facing the maritime and ocean sectors. In this way, the influence of a WMU education extends far beyond any individual graduate.

On behalf of my colleagues across the University, I warmly invite you to explore the programmes and opportunities presented in this Academic Handbook. I hope you will consider joining our global community, where the depth of learning and breadth of exchange build the professional confidence and judgement to help shape maritime policy and practice across institutions and borders.

I look forward to welcoming you to WMU.

Professor Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr.
President
Class of 1994

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About WMU

The World Maritime University (WMU) is a highly specialized postgraduate university dedicated to advancing global maritime and ocean leadership through education, research and capacity development. Established in 1983 within the framework of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, WMU prepares experienced maritime professionals to address the complex challenges facing the maritime and ocean sectors.



WMU’s Vision

To inspire leadership and innovation for a sustainable maritime and oceans future.

WMU’s Mission

WMU’s mission is to be the world centre of excellence in postgraduate maritime and oceans education, professional training and research, while building global capacity and promoting sustainable development.

WMU’s Strategic Directions

The University is pursuing four strategic directions, designed to enable WMU to pursue its mission objectives in the years ahead:

1. Educating and Fostering Maritime and Ocean Leaders
2. Enhancing Maritime and Ocean Research
3. Enhancing Strategic Collaboration and Partnerships
4. Strengthening Financial and Institutional Sustainability

The University delivers distinctive postgraduate and professional education programmes, conducts research that informs international maritime policy and practice, and strengthens global maritime capacity. Bringing together experienced maritime professionals, internationally recognized faculty and a global network of partners, WMU provides a unique global learning environment unlike any other in the maritime sector that bridges the United Nations system, academia, governments and industry.

A Diverse Student Body

WMU brings together a highly diverse community of maritime professionals from around the world, creating an international learning environment that reflects the global nature of the maritime sector. The wide range of countries, cultures and maritime backgrounds fosters cross-cultural understanding, international cooperation and invaluable professional networks.

The University is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible environment. The Malmö MSc Class of 2026 marked an important gender parity milestone, which has also been reached by the MSc specializations in Dalian and Shanghai, China. Students with accessibility needs are supported through adapted accommodation, specialist equipment and individualized assistance as required.

WMU’s Core Values

- **Academic Excellence:** achieving the highest possible standards in teaching, learning and research
- **Innovation:** developing innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to all areas of activity
- **A Caring Community:** the creation of a diverse, caring and supportive environment, where every student and member of staff can reach their full potential
- **Sustainable Development:** providing the research and teaching to give communities around the world the knowledge and skills necessary for sustainable economic development and growth
- **Gender Equality:** working towards gender equality in every aspect of our activities in support of women in the maritime and oceans sectors around the world
- **Leadership:** leading global research on the sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- **A Global Network:** enhancing its global network of maritime and oceans expertise, in support of the United Nations’ and the International Maritime Organization’s mission and goals

The WMU Experience

The World Maritime University offers a postgraduate educational experience unlike that of any other maritime university. As the only university founded within the framework of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), WMU brings together experienced maritime professionals from around the world to learn from internationally recognized faculty and approximately 80 visiting lecturers each year. Drawn from governments, industry, international organizations and academia, these leading experts bring current knowledge and real-world perspectives from the global maritime and ocean sectors into the classroom.

Learning at WMU extends well beyond formal instruction. From international field studies to life at the Henrik Smith Residence, every aspect of the WMU experience reflects the values of the United Nations by fostering mutual understanding, respect and international cooperation. The result is a global perspective, lifelong professional networks, and the leadership capabilities to influence international maritime policy, advance ocean governance, and help shape the future of the global maritime and ocean sectors.

“My time at WMU was one of the most meaningful chapters of my life. It wasn’t just about gaining knowledge, but about growing alongside an extraordinary group of people from around the world.”

Hoang Thu Trang, Vietnam
MSc in Maritime Affairs, specializing in Shipping Management & Logistics
Class of 2024

Our Programmes of Study

WMU was established to increase the number of highly qualified maritime specialists, particularly in developing countries, capable of implementing international maritime conventions and strengthening national maritime institutions. WMU graduates actively contribute to safer shipping, more efficient ports, sustainable ocean governance, environmental protection and resilient maritime economies. Through their leadership, they are translating international standards into practical action around the world.

WMU serves as a global forum where maritime professionals from around the world learn from distinguished faculty while sharing knowledge and experience with peers from across the global maritime sector. This uniquely international learning environment reflects the spirit of the United Nations, fostering cross-cultural understanding, international cooperation and collaborative solutions to the complex challenges facing the maritime and ocean sectors. As part of the United Nations family, WMU provides a trusted, neutral platform where governments, industry and international organizations work together to address shared maritime challenges.

A WMU education extends far beyond individual career advancement. Graduates return to maritime administrations, international organizations, ports, industry and academia with the expertise, leadership skills and global perspective to strengthen institutions, influence policy and build maritime capacity in their home countries and across the international maritime and oceans community.

The University is active across a broad spectrum of postgraduate programmes:

Master of Science in Maritime Affairs

The MSc programme in Malmö, which is accredited by the Government of Sweden, offers seven specializations: Maritime Education & Training; Maritime Energy Management; Maritime Law & Policy; Maritime Safety & Environmental Administration; Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management; Port Management; and Shipping Management & Logistics.

Two additional MSc specializations are offered in China: International Transport & Logistics, delivered in Shanghai, and Maritime Safety & Environmental Management, taught in Dalian.

The programme prepares experienced maritime professionals to become leaders in maritime policy, governance and sustainable development. Through a unique combination of academic excellence, practical experience and a highly international

peer-learning environment, graduates gain the knowledge, leadership skills and global perspective to strengthen institutions and help shape the future of maritime and ocean policy.

Master of Philosophy in Maritime Law and Ocean Policy

Designed jointly by WMU and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta, this two-year programme offers two routes: International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy, and International Maritime Legislation and Ocean Policy. Both prepare maritime experts to support the future sustainability of the world's oceans, immersed in the UN system's structure and goals.

Doctor of Philosophy in Maritime Affairs

The structure of the PhD programme makes it flexible and responsive to the needs of both full-time students based in Malmö and candidates based mainly at their employing organization. The programme offers seven active areas of research and a growing school of doctoral students. WMU has a strong tradition of interdisciplinary research at the doctoral level, and has won a large number of externally funded projects, often working in collaboration with partners from industry and government. This programme is accredited by the Government of Sweden.

Professional Education Programmes

There are currently four Postgraduate Diploma programmes, one of which provides a pathway to an LLM degree. Ranging from 11 to 18 months in duration, these professionally focused programmes are designed for experienced maritime professionals seeking to strengthen their expertise while continuing to address the evolving needs of the maritime and ocean sectors. Combining academic excellence with practical relevance, participants gain knowledge and skills that can be applied immediately to strengthen their careers and organizations.

Short Courses for Executive & Professional Development

Drawing on WMU's unique connection to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and its global network of maritime experts, WMU's executive and professional development courses provide practical, policy-relevant learning for experienced maritime professionals. Open-enrolment courses are offered alongside customized programmes that can be delivered at WMU in Malmö or at an organization's location of choice. Designed to address specific operational and strategic needs, these programmes combine academic excellence with practical expertise, equipping participants to strengthen organizational capacity and contribute to a safer, more sustainable and more resilient maritime and oceans future.



WMU Alumni in Leadership

WMU graduates are making a significant contribution to the global maritime and ocean sectors. Today, alumni serve in senior leadership positions across governments, maritime administrations, international organizations, ports, academia, coast guards and industry, helping to shape maritime policy, strengthen institutions and advance sustainable development around the world. The following are just a few examples of the many WMU graduates serving in influential roles internationally:

Mr Kitack Lim, the immediate past Secretary-General of IMO (Class of 1991)

H.E. Dwight C.R. Gardiner OBE, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Director/Registrar General, Antigua and Barbuda Flag Administration (Class of 1990)

Dr Ali Akbar Safaei, Vice-Minister of Roads and Urban Developments, and Managing Director of the Ports and Maritime Organization of Iran (Class of 2003)

HE Dr Azfar Mohamad Mustafar, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the United Kingdom (Class of 2001, PhD in 2011)

Dr Farhan Al-Fartoosi, Director General, General Company for Ports of Iraq (Class of 2013)

Mr Manuel Gilberto Hinojosa López, President of the Board of Directors of the National Port Authority of Peru (Class of 1999)

Ms Sonia B. Malaluan, Administrator, Maritime Industry Authority, the Philippines (Class of 1998)

Dr Mohamed Briouig, Directeur de l’Institut Supérieur d’Etudes Maritimes, Morocco (Class of 1997)

Mr Charles Gono, Deputy Commissioner, Liberia Maritime Authority (Class of 1999), Retired

Rear Admiral António Duarte Monteiro, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces (CEMFA), Cabo Verde (Class of 2006)

Professor Nalaka Jayakody, Vice-Chancellor and CEO of Northshore College of Business & Technology, Sri Lanka (Class of 2001)

Mr Zhang Xiaojie, Director of the Conference Division, IMO (Class of 1999)

Ms Angelica Meza, Head of the International Ship Registry at Direccion General de la Marina Mercante, Honduras (Class of 2019)

Mr Silvester M. Kututa, Chairman of the Kenya Ships Agents Association (Class of 2000)

Commodore Joel Y Abutal, Superintendent of the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (Class of 2000)

Dr. Yusuke Mori, Deputy Executive Director, International Association of Maritime Universities (Class of 2014)

Ms Tsepiso Taoana-Mashiloane, Chief Director: Implementation, M&E (Maritime Safety, Security & Environment), Department of Transport, South Africa (Class of 2014)

Mr Mohamed Malick Salum, Director General, Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) (Class of 2019)

Mr Unaité Cesar Paulino Mustafa, General Director of the National Maritime Authority (INAMAR), Mozambique (Class of 2017)

Mr Antoni Arif Priadi, Director General of Sea Transportation, Government of Indonesia (Class of 2006)

Mr Kansualism Berk Kansuah, Director General, Liberia Standards Authority (Class of 2020)

Rear Admiral Y.R. Serasinghe, Director General of the Sri Lanka Coast Guard (Class of 2017)

Atty Jean Pia, Head, Asia and Pacific Section, Subdivision for Maritime Development, of the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division of IMO (Class of 2003)

John Borland, Chief of Defence Staff, Belize (Class of 2007)

Ms Issa Mwajita, Head, Africa Section, Subdivision for Maritime Development, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, IMO (Class of 2016)

Mr Abdallah Hatimy, Managing Director, Kenya National Shipping Line (Class of 2014)

Mr Li Yang, Vice-Minister of Transport of China (Class of 2002)

These distinguished alumni represent only a fraction of WMU’s global network that spans 171 countries and territories. Many serve as Directors-General of maritime administrations, heads of coast guards, senior government officials, executives, diplomats and leaders within international organizations. Their achievements reflect WMU’s enduring contribution to developing the knowledge, leadership and institutional capacity needed to address the complex challenges facing the global maritime and ocean sectors.

International Conferences

WMU occupies a unique position at the intersection of the United Nations system, academia, governments and industry. As a trusted and neutral convener, the University regularly hosts high-level international conferences that bring together diverse stakeholders to exchange knowledge, build partnerships and address the complex challenges facing the maritime and ocean sectors. Many are organized in partnership with IMO, other United Nations agencies, the European Union and leading international organizations, reflecting WMU’s unique role in connecting international policymaking, academia and professional practice.

For students enrolled in the Malmö programmes, these conferences are an integral part of the WMU experience. They provide unique opportunities to engage directly with internationally recognized experts, participate in discussions on emerging maritime and ocean issues, and expand professional networks through interaction with senior policymakers, researchers and practitioners from around the world.

Recent conferences and events have included:

Convening Maritime Leaders

WMU Maritime Affairs Conference (2024, 2025, 2026)

Future-proofing Our Port Cities Conference (2025)

Advancing the Blue Economy through Gender Equality Conference (2025)

WMU@40 Conference on Maritime and Ocean Sustainability (2023)

“My experience at WMU was transformative, as it opened my eyes both academically and culturally. It was truly amazing to see how the maritime world connected us in so many ways, and still does. The international environment also left a lasting impression on me. The interaction with other people and cultures coming together to work for a common goal – the maritime sector as a whole – was the best part of all.”

Laura Rivera Carbajal, Honduras
MSc in Maritime Affairs,
specializing in Shipping Management
Class of 2001

Advancing International Policy & Research

Global Maritime Technology Cooperation Centres (GMN) Phase II Workshop (2026)

IMO–WMU Workshop on Underwater Radiated Noise Reduction Policies and Strategies (2025)

COP29 – The Ocean Carbon Cycle: Bridging Science, Policy Development and Concrete Action (2024)

MARPOL at 50 – Our Commitment Goes On: Maritime Decarbonization (2023)

IMO–WMU Joint Academic Conference on the London Convention and Stockholm Declaration (2022)

44th Center for Oceans Law & Policy Conference (2021)

Contributing to Global Ocean Dialogue

Posidonia Side Event – Ocean Technologies and the Future of the Ocean (2026)

Economist Impact World Ocean Summit (2025, 2026)

United Nations Ocean Conference Side Events (2022, 2025)

BBNJ PrepCom Side Event (2025)

Ocean Literacy Conference (2022)

Closing the Circle Regional Conference, Dominica (2022)

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MSc in Maritime Affairs

The MSc in Maritime Affairs is designed for experienced maritime professionals seeking to strengthen their expertise, broaden their global perspective and develop the leadership capabilities needed to address the complex challenges facing the maritime and ocean sectors. The programme combines a comprehensive understanding of the interconnected maritime and ocean domains with the opportunity to specialize in a chosen field. Combining academic excellence with practical relevance and the uniquely international WMU experience, it equips graduates to strengthen organizations, influence policy and lead sustainable change at the national and international levels, providing an exceptional foundation for careers in governments, maritime administrations, international organizations, industry and academia.

WMU's internationally recognized faculty undertake research that informs international maritime policy and practice across a wide range of maritime and ocean issues. Their research addresses the evolving environmental, technological, legal, operational and policy challenges facing the global maritime and ocean sectors. This research enriches the curriculum, ensuring that students benefit from the latest knowledge, contemporary perspectives and practical insights into the issues shaping the future of international maritime and ocean policy and practice.

Programme Aims

Swedish law defines the knowledge and skills that a graduate of the MSc programme will have, as well as the scope of the teaching.

Knowledge and Understanding

The student shall:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

Competence and Skills

The student shall:

- demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues autonomously as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or employment in some other qualified capacity.

Judgement and Approach

The student shall:

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

“I must say that my time at WMU was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. The exposure, experiences and the network built was second to none.”

Adetayo Adesokan, Nigeria
MSc in Maritime Affairs,
specializing in Maritime Law & Policy
Class of 2024

Independent Project (degree project)

A requirement is the completion by the student of an independent project.

In conformity with the law, WMU has developed specific learning outcomes for the MSc in Maritime Affairs. On successful completion of the programme the student should be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding

- demonstrate an overview knowledge and understanding in Maritime Affairs, as well as specific knowledge in one of the following specialisations: Maritime Education & Training; Maritime Energy Management; Maritime Law & Policy; Maritime Safety & Environmental Administration; Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management; Port Management; or Shipping Management & Logistics
- demonstrate insight into current research and development work as well as specialised methodological knowledge in subject areas of the chosen specialisation
- exhibit deep knowledge and understanding of International Maritime Organization (IMO) conventions and regulations, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

Competence and Skills

- demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex maritime and ocean phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues autonomously as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames
- communicate confidently and clearly in English in a professional context through speech and writing to report clearly and discuss conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences
- develop expert leadership, problem-solving and critical analysis skills, while operating and interacting in an international and multi-cultural environment
- apply skills required for participation in research and development work, to contribute to the sustainable development of the maritime industry
- exhibit the possession of interdisciplinary maritime knowledge necessary to contribute to national and international capacity development and to fulfil their national and international responsibilities for effective maritime development.

Judgement and Approach

- make assessments and evaluations in maritime and ocean affairs informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- work effectively, both independently and in groups, to integrate complex knowledge from different aspects of the maritime and ocean fields
- use a maritime network that spans the globe and crosses all areas of maritime activity while gaining insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used
- develop the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for continuous learning.

Research

- carry out an independent maritime or ocean research project
- communicate the results of this independent work by successfully completing an MSc dissertation.

Careers After Graduation

A WMU degree provides an exceptional foundation for leadership roles across governments, maritime administrations, international organizations, industry and academia. Employers value WMU graduates for their combination of advanced academic knowledge, interdisciplinary expertise, professional experience and the global perspective gained through the WMU experience. Graduates also become part of the distinguished global WMU community, with lifelong professional networks spanning 171 countries and territories. These qualities enable graduates to make an immediate and lasting contribution to the organizations they serve.

Many students are sponsored by governments, maritime administrations, international organizations, industry or international donors. Following graduation, they are required to return to their organizations and home countries for a set period, in accordance with the terms of their sponsorship, to apply their knowledge, strengthen institutional capacity and contribute to national, regional and international maritime priorities. Graduate surveys have consistently shown that approximately 75% of WMU graduates are promoted to significantly more senior positions within a year of graduation, with many advancing even more quickly.

Self-funded students are free to pursue employment opportunities across the global maritime and ocean sectors. The University provides careers advice and, where available, opportunities for internships and professional engagement to support graduates as they begin the next stage of their careers.

Field Study Programme

Field studies are an integral part of the WMU experience, extending learning beyond the classroom by connecting academic study with professional practice around the world. Hosted by maritime administrations, ports, shipping companies, international organizations, research institutes and other leading maritime stakeholders, they provide first-hand insight into how policy, regulation, technology and operations are applied in diverse regional and operational contexts.

Field studies are tailored to the academic focus of each MSc specialization, with destinations varying from year to year. These immersive experiences provide exceptional opportunities to engage directly with senior decision-makers, policymakers and industry experts, observe international best practices in action, and gain a deeper understanding of the global maritime and ocean sectors. As a defining feature of the WMU experience, field studies contribute to the development of the international professional networks, global perspective and practical understanding that are hallmarks of a WMU education.

Recent field study destinations have included:

Maritime Education & Training: Norway, Sweden, Lithuania, the Philippines, and the UK (including IMO)

Maritime Energy Management: Italy, Sweden, the UK (including IMO), Denmark, Belgium, and Norway

Maritime Law & Policy: the Netherlands, Germany, Malaysia, Panama, Denmark and the UK (including IMO)

Maritime Safety & Environmental Administration: Republic of Korea, India, Sweden, Denmark and the UK (including IMO)

Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management: Sweden, Denmark, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Netherlands

Port Management: Germany, Singapore, Poland, Sweden and major port cities elsewhere

Shipping Management & Logistics: Greece, Singapore, Denmark, Sweden and other major shipping destinations

International Transport & Logistics, delivered in Shanghai: Sweden, Denmark and China

Maritime Safety and Environmental Management, delivered in Dalian: Sweden, Denmark and China

Made possible through WMU’s extensive international partnerships, field studies exemplify the University’s distinctive ability to connect academic learning with professional practice across governments, international organizations, industry and academia.

Visiting Lecturers

Since its founding in 1983, WMU has maintained a longstanding tradition of inviting internationally recognized experts to complement its faculty. Each year, approximately 80 visiting lecturers from governments, international organizations, industry, academia and the wider maritime community contribute to the University’s programmes. Drawing on their expertise that spans a wide range of maritime and ocean subjects, they enrich the curriculum with diverse perspectives and first-hand insights while providing students with valuable opportunities to engage directly with experts at the forefront of their respective fields. Together, WMU’s faculty and visiting lecturers create an exceptional learning environment that provides students with direct access to an unparalleled network of internationally recognized experts from across the international maritime and ocean sectors.

English and Study Skills Programme

In Malmö, WMU offers a specialist Maritime English and Study Skills Programme (ESSP). The ESSP is designed to strengthen English language proficiency and develop the academic skills required for successful postgraduate study, whether at WMU or elsewhere. The programme also welcomes external participants who come to Malmö to prepare for further study and professional careers in the maritime and ocean sectors.

The ESSP runs annually from June to September. Its curriculum is designed to build the language and academic skills required for postgraduate studies and professional achievement. Core components include academic writing, speaking and presentation. These skills are developed through engagement with contemporary maritime and ocean-related topics, including maritime safety and security and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a maritime context.

The programme features academic lectures by WMU faculty, offering insights into current research and policy developments in the maritime field. Classes are intentionally small to support collaborative student-centred learning and provide a high level of personalized feedback. In addition to strengthening language and academic competences, the programme develops skills in problem solving, cross-cultural communication, information literacy and critical thinking, preparing students for academic success as well as professional participation in the global maritime community.

For more information about the programme, please visit wmu.se/essp. Applications must be made online.

Library & Research Services

WMU’s Library and Research Services provide access to world-class information resources. In addition to its maritime and oceans print collection, the University provides access to more than a quarter of a million ebooks, available both on and off campus, together with specialized legal and maritime databases, such as *HeinOnline*, *Clarkson’s Shipping Intelligence Network*, and IMO Docs. Likewise, the library provides access to over 56 thousand full-text online periodicals, including *Lloyd’s List*. The library collection is particularly strong in maritime law, law of the sea, shipping economics, maritime safety, marine environment, coastal management, port management, shipping management, and intermodal transportation.

Research services include loans of material from other libraries around the world, an ability to request documents on demand electronically, and in-depth literature searches. The Library team offers year-round classes in search strategies and reference management, alongside additional courses developed in response to student needs and feedback.

All residents in Sweden, including WMU students and researchers, have the right to use all state-funded libraries in Sweden. This includes the nearby University Libraries of Lund and Malmö and the city public library, Malmö Stadsbibliotek. WMU’s close links with maritime educational institutions, international organizations and industry also provide access to specialist information resources and expertise, ensuring that students and researchers benefit from high-quality, current and relevant information throughout their studies.



Information Technology

Information technology (IT) is integral to teaching, learning and research at WMU. Students have access to the software and digital tools required for their studies, ranging from everyday productivity applications to specialist maritime and research software. They are also provided with an integrated suite of communication and collaboration tools together with secure cloud storage to support their academic work.

The University, together with the generous support of its donors, has invested significantly in providing a modern IT infrastructure. Students have access to the University’s wireless network, well-equipped computer laboratories, document scanners and high-quality printing facilities in both the main University building and the Henrik Smith Residence.

The University’s IT team provides responsive technical support, together with training sessions and individual assistance to help students make effective use of the University’s digital resources and technologies, while strengthening the digital competencies that support postgraduate study, research and professional practice.

The Standard MSc Programme

The standard MSc programme is 14 months long, and divided into three terms:

Foundation Studies are taught in Term 1. They are completed by students following the standard MSc programme, and provide a thorough grounding in maritime policy and the IMO system for maritime governance, as well as an introduction to the environmental, economic, and managerial aspects of the ocean. Students also start the preparation for their dissertation in the research methodology subject.

Specialization studies are taught in the second term. Students follow one of seven specializations: Maritime Education & Training; Maritime Energy Management; Maritime Law & Policy; Maritime Safety & Environmental Administration; Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management; Port Management; or Shipping Management & Logistics. They also continue work on their dissertation preparation.

Dissertation: all students complete a dissertation, which may be based on a particular issue relating to their work in their home country or on a current or emerging maritime issue. The dissertation topic and proposal must be approved by the University, and may involve original research or be an analysis of a topic based on secondary sources. Students may complete the dissertation individually, in pairs or in trios.

The two specializations taught in China follow a different calendar to meet local demands.

The Accelerated MSc Programme

Applicants who already have a relevant postgraduate qualification (a postgraduate diploma or a Master’s degree) may apply for advanced standing on the basis of transferring credits from their previous studies; this exempts them from the need to complete the first, foundation term and allows the MSc degree to be completed in 10 months.

“My experience at WMU exceeded all my expectations of what it means to be among true maritime professionals. The passion, drive, and deep sense of national pride I witnessed there are unlike anything I’ve seen elsewhere. I would wholeheartedly encourage anyone to take the opportunity to go, it’s truly worth it.”

Jasmine Bellini, Belize
MSc in Maritime Affairs, specializing in Maritime Education & Training
Class of 2024

“The knowledge and exposure I gained have significantly enhanced my professional perspective and effectiveness as a Port Engineer. I’d gladly recommend WMU to anyone aiming to advance their career in the maritime industry.”

Tiffany Skinner, Guyana
MSc in Maritime Affairs,
specializing in Port Management
Class of 2024

Flexible Enrolment

Every subject offered in the core MSc programme can also be followed by external participants, on a flexible, credit-by-credit basis. A fee of USD 315 per credit is charged, including assessment and/or examination; successful students are awarded a Certificate of Accomplishment, and a transcript of grades showing the subjects attended and assessed, which can be used to accumulate credits towards the full MSc degree or a Postgraduate Diploma. A student who elects only to audit a course, without any assessment, pays a reduced fee of USD 285 per credit, and is issued with a Certificate of Attendance.

Another mode of flexible enrolment is to study term-by-term, completing the three term programme over several years.

Students’ Progress and Awards

Students’ progress through the course is determined by their individual grades. Each grade awarded to a student is reviewed by the University’s Curriculum and Assessment Committee, before it is issued to the student.

To be awarded the degree of Master of Science, a student must pass every subject in the degree programme. It should be noted that from the Class of 2024 (the intake of 2023), WMU has used the Swedish system of grading. Neither field studies nor the research methodology subject is grade-bearing; they are simply classified as pass/fail. No overall GPA score is on transcripts, and no degrees are awarded “with distinction”.

The Credit System

The MSc programme is structured on the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). ECTS is based on the principle that 60 credits measure the workload of a full-time student during one academic year, which is around 1600 hours per year. One credit therefore approximately equals 25 working hours. Student workload consists of all planned learning activities, such as attending lectures, field studies, seminars, independent and private study, preparation of projects, taking examinations, preparing and giving presentations and researching and writing the dissertation. Credits in ECTS can only be obtained after successful completion of the work required and appropriate assessment of the learning outcomes. Learning outcomes are sets of competences, expressing what the student will know, understand or be able to do after completing a process of learning.

Credits are allocated to subjects and dissertation work, reflecting the amount of work required to achieve specific objectives. This weighting relates to the total quantity of work necessary to complete the programme successfully.

Progression

To remain in good academic standing, students must pass every subject, after the permitted reassessment.



Entrance Requirements

14-month Standard Programme

The University admits only mature students who are already established in a career in the maritime field. The Admissions Board will consider only those applicants who meet the minimum general entrance requirements, which are:

- a Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline, or an equivalent university qualification
- or
- the highest grade certificate of competency for unrestricted service as master mariner or chief engineer, or equivalent maritime qualifications
- and
- substantial, directly relevant professional experience
- competence in English language, demonstrated by an internationally recognised standard test (see the full English language requirements on the following page)
- computer competence (at least the ability to use Microsoft Office)

Good IT skills are essential, as students are required to use computers from the beginning of the first term to write their examination answers, complete assignments and carry out research and other projects.

Applicants who lack computer and keyboard skills cannot be accepted.

From the group of applicants who meet these general entrance requirements, the Admissions Board will select only the best-qualified candidates, taking into account all their qualifications and achievements.

Accelerated 10-month Programme

In addition to meeting the requirements for the standard, 14-month programme, applicants for advanced standing must demonstrate that they have already covered the content of the first term of the standard programme. The additional qualifications required are:

- a postgraduate qualification in an area directly relevant to the specialization which the student intends to follow
- senior level, directly relevant professional experience
- proficiency in English without attending the English and Study Skills Programme, and with a good score in the writing skills section of the test (see the full English language requirements on the following page)
- excellent IT skills

Applicants to the accelerated programme must supply detailed transcripts from their undergraduate and postgraduate study. If transcripts are not issued, then the detailed syllabus, the marks gained, and a full academic reference must be supplied.

“My time at WMU was truly transformative both academically and personally. The international, interdisciplinary environment, guided by capable and erudite professors of high learning, broadened my perspective and sharpened my skills in maritime energy management, equipping me to contribute meaningfully to sustainable maritime development and the global energy transition.”

Njoku Chiedozie Enyoka, Nigeria
MSc in Maritime Affairs, specializing in Maritime Energy Management
Class of 2024
Current PhD student

Typical 14-month Programme Structure

Term 1	
Foundation Studies	20 EC
Research Methodology	4 non-degree EC
Term 2	
Specialization Studies	40 EC
Field Studies	4 non-degree EC
Term 3	
Dissertation	20 EC
Total	
Grade-bearing EC	80 EC
Non-degree, Non-grade-bearing EC	8 EC

English Language Requirements

All applicants to the University must offer an internationally recognised English language proficiency test. Acceptable tests include IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge examinations, and GCE/SCE O-levels in English language. Other tests, such as Duolingo, may be accepted by the Admissions Board. Applicants should check with the University Registry in such cases.

Candidates are assessed in accordance with the following general guidelines:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

ESSP participation required if the scores are:
iBT (0–120 scale): 61 to 79
iBT (1–6 scale): 3 to 3.5

No ESSP required if the scores are:
iBT (0–120 scale): 80+
iBT (1–6 scale): 4 to 6

The 0–120 requirements apply to tests taken before 21 January 2026. The 1–6 requirements apply to tests taken on or after that date.

WMU's TOEFL institution code is 9198.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Bands 5.0 and 5.5: ESSP participation required
Band 6.0 or above: no ESSP required

Please note: the academic, not the general training, version of the test is required.

Cambridge Examinations

B2 First: ESSP participation required
C1 Advanced: no ESSP required
C2 Proficiency: no ESSP required

Students who have a pass in a GCE O-level or the equivalent (WAEC, SSC, CXC etc.) must enclose a copy of their examination results certificate.

Sometimes applicants' test results meet the University's general guidelines, but show weaknesses in a certain skills area. In such cases, the Admissions Board will vary the guidelines shown above.

Information on the accepted tests can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.toefl.org>

<http://www.ielts.org>

<https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/qualifications/>



Application for Admission

All candidates should apply online from the WMU website (www.wmu.se) where all the necessary information can be found. Applications can be submitted at any time; there are no cut-off dates.

Certified copies of certificates (including the results of an acceptable test of English language) and transcripts supporting the qualifications listed must be uploaded as electronic files.

Applicants who meet the minimum entrance requirements are reviewed by the Admissions Board. Only the best candidates each year will be approved and offered a place, pending the confirmation of funding.

If an applicant requests advanced standing to enter the accelerated MSc programme, the transcripts will be carefully assessed to ensure that the essential criteria are met. An applicant who is considered for the accelerated programme, but not accepted, is automatically then considered for the 14-month standard programme.

The University Registry will notify you of the result of your application as soon as possible. The process may take longer at certain times of the year.

When an academically cleared candidate has secured financing, enrolment can be finalised. At this point, the University will send each candidate a medical report form, which must be returned to the University, along with a formal declaration that the candidate accepts the conditions of his/her enrolment.



University Fees

The University fee is made up of tuition, field study programme costs, study materials and the required medical and accident insurance. The programmes taught in China do not have the same fee levels as in Malmö, and applicants are not eligible for financial support from WMU's international donors. Applicants should contact the local offices for more information.

The University fees for entrants to the Malmö-based MSc in the Class of 2028 are as follows:

Standard MSc programme	USD 30,700
Tuition	USD 26,000
Field study programme	USD 4,700
Accelerated MSc programme	USD 27,350
Tuition	USD 22,500
Field study programme	USD 4,850
English & Study Skills Programme	USD 6,300

The fees and costs are revised biannually, and so will be higher for students in the Class of 2029.

Living Costs

A student needs at least SEK 12,000 per month for rent at the University residence and basic general living costs, plus air tickets. To rent a flat privately is considerably more expensive.

All-Inclusive Payment

Some sponsors prefer to make a single payment to the University to cover all the needs of their student during the programme. From this inclusive payment, WMU provides tuition, field studies, insurance, accommodation, a monthly living allowance and an air ticket home after graduation. The all-inclusive fees are as follows:

Standard MSc programme	USD 64,250
Accelerated MSc programme	USD 54,500
English & Study Skills Programme	USD 12,500

Financial Support from Companies, Governments and Foundations

Approximately one third of WMU students are funded by their employers, governments or national funding agencies. Sponsors can choose whether to make the all-inclusive payment, or to pay just the University fee to WMU, and then make payments directly to the student to cover living expenses. Payment must be made by bank transfer to the University's account before we can confirm enrolment. Details of how to do this can be found at the end of this Handbook.

Before applying for a fellowship from a WMU donor, you are strongly advised to explore all funding possibilities in your home country, such as from your own employer or organization, national scholarship programmes for study abroad, international scholarship and fellowship programmes, maritime sector organizations and philanthropic foundations. You are encouraged to review the eligibility requirements and application procedures for each funding opportunity well in advance of the start of your programme. A list of potential funding organizations is available on the WMU website.

Financial Support from WMU Donors

If you are unable to secure funding in your home country, you may be considered for one of the fellowships granted via WMU by international donors. These fellowships are primarily intended for applicants who work for their home Government. The majority of these fellowships cover the full costs of studying at the University: the University fee, accommodation at the residence, a monthly living allowance, and an air ticket home after graduation. Others cover only the University fee. There is very limited donor support for the English and Study Skills Programme (ESSP).

The application for donor funding must be made by your employer, who completes the [Application for Financial Support form](#), available on our website. To be considered for certain donor fellowships, applicants must complete additional motivational statements. The blank forms for each donor that is currently requesting such a statement can be found on our website. As of August 2026, these awards are the Sasakawa World Maritime University Fellowships, the ITF Seafarers' Trust Fellowships, the TK Foundation Fellowships and the Swedish Trust Fellowship. Please note that only typed electronic forms can be accepted to apply for donor support, and should be submitted with your online application.

Your employer's commitment to your studies is vital; the donors expect your employer to buy your initial plane ticket to come to Sweden, and to employ you in a suitable position after graduation. The donors have established the criteria that they use when considering applicants, and awards are usually restricted to government employees from the least developed countries who are aged under 40. Some donors give priority to certain regions, to certain specializations or to women. Detailed information about academic qualifications, including English language test scores, IT skills, professional track record and anticipated employment after graduation are taken into account by donors, along with your motivational statement.

If you wish to be considered for a donor fellowship, you must apply as early as possible to maximize your chances, and you are advised to submit all the motivational statements. Donors begin allocating fellowships very early each year, and the process goes on over a period of several months. As the number of applications greatly exceeds the number of fellowships available, you should not rely on WMU donors if there are other options in your home country; it is very important that you and your nominating authority make every effort to secure financing on your behalf.

Financial Support for Applicants from the Private Sector

The full fellowships from international donors are overwhelmingly for applicants from developing countries and from Government service. If you do not meet these criteria, you may be able to access partial financial support from the University's Endowment Fund.

Support from the Endowment Fund is limited and applies only to the University fee. If you are able to meet your own living expenses – perhaps with the help of your employer – you may apply for Endowment Fund support. As part of your application, you will be asked to explain your circumstances, the financial contribution you are able to make towards your studies, and your motivation for joining WMU. Before your enrolment can be confirmed, you will also need to demonstrate that you have sufficient funds to cover your remaining costs.



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Programme Content

Foundation Studies

Foundation studies are taught in the first term, and cover the introductory knowledge that is fundamental to all activities in the maritime field.

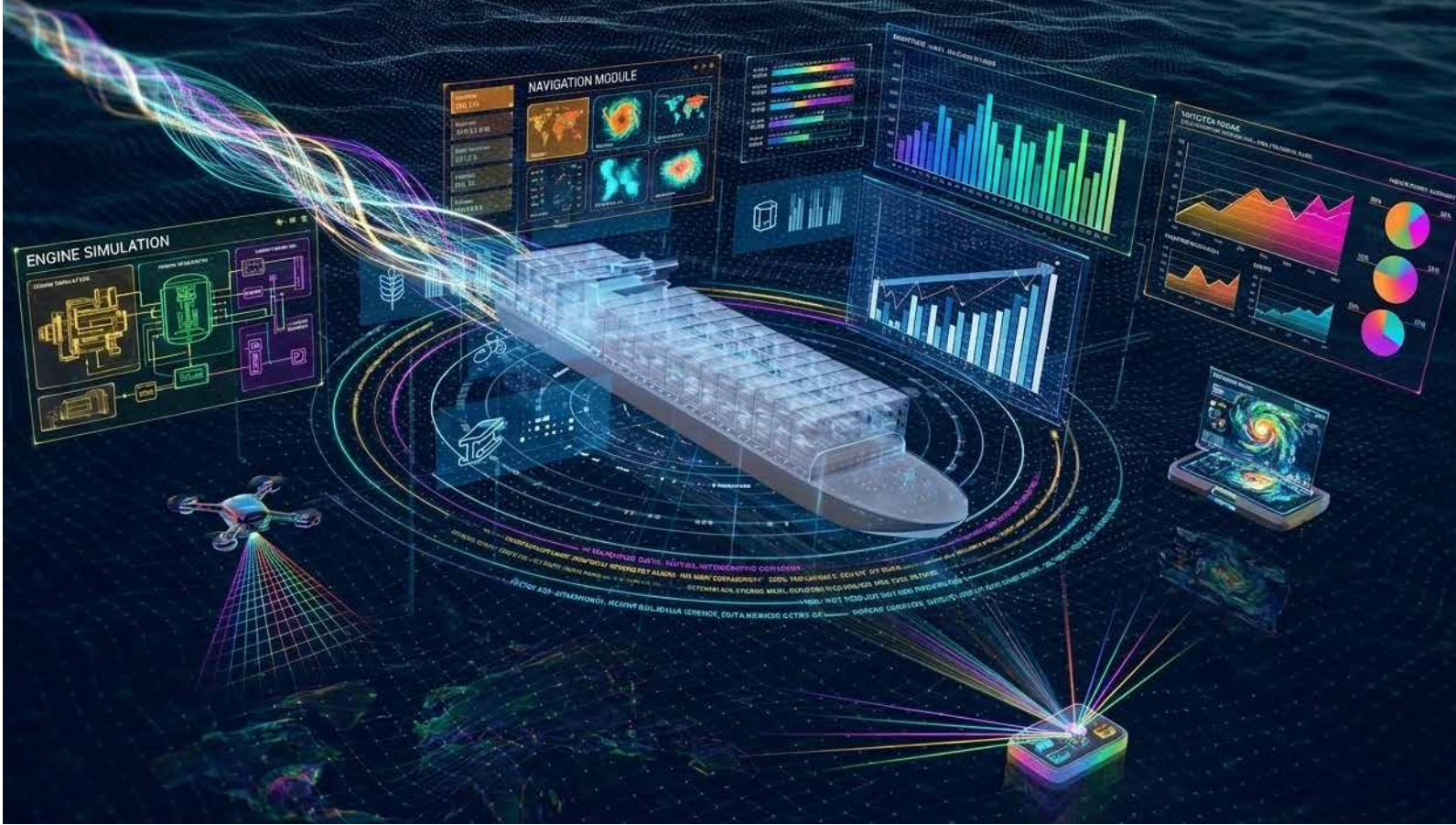
WMU 151	International Law, Maritime Conventions and International Organizations To provide a foundation for the understanding of international law, the complex body of treaties, and major international maritime conventions. To provide an introduction to the United Nations and its agencies and other international institutions involved in shipping and maritime affairs, including relevant inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and their interrelationship.	4 EC
WMU 139	The IMO System for Maritime Governance To provide an introduction to the Global System of Maritime Governance, including the role of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as regulator, and the development of rules and standards, leading to national implementation of IMO instruments and other related treaties. To discuss different theories of maritime policy and their practical implications for maritime and ocean governance.	4 EC
WMU 142	Maritime Economics To provide an economic explanation for four aspects of international maritime transport: the demand, the supply, the market and the strategy. To apply economic principles to the discussions of different aspects of maritime transport such as ship operation, finance, seafarers, safety, marine environment, port and other services. To compare economic theories and apply them to the maritime industry with practical examples and cases. To analyse the impact of technology, especially digital technology including AI and automation, on the shipping sector.	4 EC
WMU 152	Introduction to Ocean Science for Sustainable Development To provide an evidence based, cross-disciplinary introduction to the ocean as a social-ecological system (past, present and future). To provide insights into ocean processes and an appreciation of life in the ocean and to evaluate the benefits that the ocean provides to societies. To examine how human activities such as overfishing, marine pollution, and human-induced climate change disrupt the function of the ocean ecosystems, and the implications for the Earth and its inhabitants. To discuss potential societal interventions needed to restore the health of the ocean and advance the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.	4 EC
WMU 147	Management and Organizational Behaviour To discuss the evolution of management schools of thought. To provide a foundational understanding of the management principles and key theories. To apply Organizational Behavior (OB) theories to workplace dynamics and analyse the interactions between individuals and groups within organizations. To identify and discuss contemporary issues and trends, such as Artificial Intelligence, influencing management and organizational behaviour and their application to the maritime industry.	4 EC
WMU 149	Research Methodology and Study Skills To provide study skills training at the postgraduate level, including critical thinking, academic writing, referencing, examination preparation and oral presentation skills. To discuss principles of academic integrity, evaluate the benefits and risks associated with AI tools in academic work, and apply AI tools ethically and transparently in support of learning while avoiding academic misconduct. To provide advanced training in research methods across various science disciplines in maritime affairs to equip students with a thorough knowledge of research design, literature review, data collection, ethical issues and quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods alongside legal analyses.	4 non-degree EC

Specialization Studies

Maritime Education & Training

This specialization is designed for professionals who are or will be engaged in the leadership and administration of maritime education and training (MET), workforce development and organizational management in both academic and non-academic settings. It equips students with the knowledge and skills required to lead and innovate within MET systems and manage organizational change in an evolving global maritime sector and in response to emerging challenges such as digitalization, decarbonization and the human element. Particular emphasis is placed on the optimization of maritime education systems under international law, the creation, acquisition and transfer of knowledge across maritime clusters and the leadership of contemporary organizations with emphasis on strategic planning and people management.

EDU 101	The International Legal and Administrative Framework of Maritime Education & Training To interrogate the role of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), national governments and non-state actors in policy formulation and the administration of maritime affairs. To define and examine “maritime governance” and “maritime administration” in terms of concepts and the practices of relevant actors, globally and within their own national contexts. To discuss the evolution of international law in maritime education, particularly within the ambit of the IMO, and the human element issues (both extant and emerging) that underpin education for the maritime industry. To review the legal, administrative and training implications of contemporary issues in the maritime industry, including digitalization, decarbonization and technology-enhanced learning.	8 EC
EDU 106	Principles of Education and Curriculum Development To discuss the fundamental principles of education including theories of learning and their relevance to maritime education and training and for life-long learning. To explore perspectives of sustainability in higher education with particular reference to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. To examine social dynamics in the maritime industry, with an emphasis on diversity and cultural factors. To impart an understanding of curriculum design and the key influences shaping its development in the context of maritime education and training.	8 EC
EDU 104	Curriculum Delivery and Assessment To examine principles and practices of effective curriculum delivery including those relevant to the maritime context. To evaluate how curriculum delivery can be optimized using contemporary digital tools including simulators, immersive and extended reality, information and communication systems, learning management systems and e-learning. To compare learner assessment and curriculum evaluation methods including the use of advanced statistical analysis. To propose teaching and learning activity and apply constructive alignment in curriculum delivery and assessment.	8 EC



EDU 105	Knowledge Management To appraise knowledge management and its importance to organizations and maritime clusters in improving operational efficiency. To understand the relevance of and need for socio-technical skills, and the use of modern technology and digitization in creating, acquiring and transferring knowledge. To discuss the role and influence of data and global access to information on society. To examine the development and impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its applications. To examine how organizations learn and how this impacts growth, sustainability, social relevance and profitability.	8 EC
LEA 101	Strategic Management and Leadership To discuss strategic management and the tools for optimum scenario and strategic planning. To explore management theories as they relate to people and strategic management practices in the maritime industry. To examine approaches to leadership and the exercise of power and influence. To discuss change leadership, change management, capacity development and their application to contemporary global issues. To discuss sustainability and value-centred maritime operations, and their manifestation in corporate social responsibility, and environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues and principles.	8 EC
FST 101	Field Studies To provide a range of field study opportunities to demonstrate the application of the theory taught in the specialization subjects. Students travel to major maritime destinations that offer valuable insights into organizational practices and networking opportunities with professionals around the world.	4 non-degree EC

Specialization Studies

Maritime Energy Management

This specialization is designed for the people who wish to make a contribution to sustainable energy and climate actions in the maritime and oceans sectors. Successful candidates are not limited to those having a technical profile (e.g. naval architects, ocean engineers, deck officers and marine engineers, designers, superintendents, surveyors, engineers with a maritime exposure etc.) but also include those with management backgrounds, including maritime economists, ship operators, administrators, IT professionals, port and shipyard managers and professionals from the energy and environmental sectors. It provides a comprehensive understanding of different aspects of maritime energy management across the field from shipping (international and domestic) to oceans, and from ports to shipyards with a vision of a sustainable, energy efficient and net zero/low carbon maritime industry, in particular decarbonized long-distance shipping.

EGY 114	Energy for Sustainable Maritime Industry To apply system thinking to find solutions for complex maritime energy challenges. To examine the evolution of energy use in societies over history. To discuss the sources and impacts of air pollutants and greenhouse gases. To evaluate the international regulatory and institutional framework for air emissions. To discuss policy instruments to address air emissions externalities. To discuss the role of climate finance and associated financial mechanisms, with a particular focus on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions pricing in the maritime sector. To examine carbon markets, sustainable finance, ESG frameworks, green investment strategies, and the role of financial institutions in supporting maritime decarbonization and energy transition pathways. To appraise Sustainable Development Goals in terms of the social and human aspects of maritime energy management. To examine technological innovation and the impacts and implications of digital and green transitions on people and societies. To assess the interactions between climate policy, energy transition, investment risk, and long-term sustainability in the maritime industry.	8 EC
EGY 102	Energy-Efficient Ship Design and Operation To illustrate MARPOL Annex VI including Chapter 4 (EEDI, EEXI, SEEMP, CII, DCS and technology transfer) along with IMO's Net-Zero Framework, 2023 GHG strategy and EU perspectives; to examine technological innovation related to energy management in the maritime industry; to define the basic process of onboard power generation and describe principal energy consumers and converters; to identify energy-saving measures in both ship design and operation; to analyse ship design and energy efficiency through ship resistance (viscous, wave-making, air and appendage) reduction means, and propulsion efficiency improvement technologies; to discuss ship operation and energy efficiency through operational measures both at ship and fleet levels along with the integration of port/ship duo; to examine the impact of technical and operational measures on fuel consumption of ships; to discuss machinery technologies including CCS, hull and propeller maintenance along with relevant ISO standards.	8 EC
EGY 108	Energy Management in Maritime Onshore Facilities To discuss energy management in terms of its vision, planning and strategy in the context of ports/shipyards; to analyse the role of port governance and port-cities in global networks as part of the supply chain; to provide an overview of the ISO 50001 energy management system certification process and other relevant certification systems; to explain energy auditing through real applications from ports; to discuss the socio-economic benefits of abatement technologies resulting from international, European and regional port emissions regulations; to examine the port supply chain management, digital innovation, green and smart ports concept; to examine the green port charges and environmental incentive schemes; to apply the Circular Economy and industrial symbiosis approach within ports and cities.	8 EC



EGY 116	Alternative Fuels, Future Technologies and Marine Renewable Energy To discuss existing and anticipated future pollutant emission limits such as those outlined in Chapter 3 of MARPOL Annex VI, and to identify compliant technological options globally, and within Emission Control Areas (ECAs); to apply the concept of life-cycle impact of maritime energy technologies in the context of the IMO Guidelines on environmental life cycle GHG intensity of marine fuels (LCA Guidelines), Social Life-Cycle Assessment (S-LCA), and the IMO 2023 GHG Strategy. To examine technological innovations, such as future propulsion technologies including those using alternative fuels (LNG, LPG, ethane, methanol, ethanol, dimethyl ether, biofuels, synthetic renewable fuels and electro-fuels, hydrogen, and ammonia), fuel cell and battery-powered electric systems and nuclear energy; to evaluate risks and safety of alternative fuels. To evaluate and discuss the potential for shipboard renewable energy capture including wind and solar-assisted propulsion; to compare ocean energy technologies (wave, ocean and tidal currents and tidal range), and offshore wind energy; to understand the need for maritime spatial planning related to offshore renewable energy generation.	8 EC
EGY 115	Maritime Energy Management and Operational Research To describe operational research techniques such as forecasting, simulation, optimization and decision-making; to discuss operational research through mathematical modelling and to apply relevant techniques such as Multi-Criteria Decision Making, Monte Carlo simulation and single-objective optimization in ship design and ship/port operations; to apply problem-solving skills and theoretical knowledge to the development of open-source script-based programming and to use a variety of software tools; to employ financial risk simulation to analyse the value of strategic investments, including cost, financing and economic evaluation; to discuss fundamental concepts, methods and criteria for investment assessment; to identify and assess drivers of demand and supply in maritime energy markets and sustainable investment in the maritime sector; to apply cash flow budgeting, investment appraisal and project finance principles, including the assessment of project bankability; and to discuss and apply Life-Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) and Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) within the maritime energy management context.	8 EC
FST 101	Field Studies To provide a range of field study opportunities to demonstrate the application of the theory taught in the specialization subjects. Students travel to major maritime destinations that offer valuable insights into organizational practices and networking opportunities with professionals around the world.	4 non-degree EC

Specialization Studies

Maritime Law & Policy

This specialization has been designed for people working in policy formulation or an advisory capacity at an executive level, whether in the public or private sector. It provides the essential knowledge and understanding of maritime administration issues required by such senior maritime personnel, and gives in-depth appreciation and advanced understanding of the law and policy related to international maritime transport.

ADM 501	Introduction to Roles and Obligations of Maritime Administrations To provide a broad overview and appreciation of the role of government in the administration of maritime affairs. To define and examine maritime administration conceptually, and in terms of maritime governance, such as implementation of maritime conventions, particularly under the IMO III Code, and flag, port, and coastal State obligations through maritime administrations and/ or other responsible agencies. To provide an overview of the IMO Mandatory Member State Audit Scheme as a tool to assess member state performance.	8 EC
POL 103	Maritime Policy Design, Implementation, and Analysis To introduce the concepts and basic principles of public policy as they relate to the maritime milieu. To provide a broad overview of the maritime policy cycle including agenda setting, formulation, implementation, and evaluation, applied within the context of the development of measures to promote safety, security, environmental protection, and efficiency in the maritime industry. To present fundamental concepts and issues related to analysing maritime policies and determining whether resultant activities and services have been or remain relevant, effective, and cost-efficient.	8 EC
LAW 509	The Law of the Sea and the Protection of the Marine Environment To provide a clear understanding of the nature, constituent parts and dynamics of the international law of the sea and to appreciate its implications and influence on maritime administrations and their specific interests. To offer a deep appreciation of the international legal framework applicable to various maritime zones under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and to apply law of the sea concepts and principles in the context of a hypothetical case to be tried in a Moot Court Competition. Special emphasis is given to various public, regulatory and private law conventions of marine pollution including MARPOL, BWM, AFS, Hong Kong Convention, OPRC, CLC, FUND, HNS, and BUNKER among others.	8 EC



LLP 102	Law and Policy in Maritime Safety, Security, and Labour To provide a clear understanding of the international legal framework for safety management and security in the context of maritime transport under different initiatives embodied in IMO instruments. To provide the basic principles of IMO’s approach to the human element in the maritime field, including the STCW Convention and other international instruments, as well as their role in enhancing Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) on board. To examine the development of international maritime labour standards under the aegis of the International Labour Organization (ILO), with a focus on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), the Seafarers’ Identity Documents (Revised) Convention, 2003 (No. 185), and the Work in Fishing Convention and Recommendation, 2007 (No. 188 and No. 199). To discuss challenges related to the future of work in the maritime sector.	8 EC
LAW 150	Maritime Commercial Law To impart a clear understanding of transport-related commercial law, in particular in relation to international trade, related contracts of carriage of goods by sea and the relevant transport documents. To gain substantive knowledge about carriage of goods by sea under charter parties and (electronic) bills of lading, including liability of the carrier for loss of or damages to cargo, as well as delays. To understand the relevance of marine insurance (in particular mutual (P&I) insurance) and general average in maritime commercial law, including standardized contractual approaches to salvage and wreck removal. To provide an understanding of the law relating to maritime claims and their enforcement, arrest of ships, and basic knowledge about ship sale and purchase as well as maritime liens and mortgages.	8 EC
FST 101	Field Studies To provide a range of field study opportunities to demonstrate the application of the theory taught in the specialization subjects. Students travel to major maritime destinations that offer valuable insights into organizational practices and networking opportunities with professionals around the world.	4 non-degree EC

Maritime Safety & Environmental Administration

This specialization has been designed for experts who serve or will serve at a senior level in public or private maritime organizations, in the fields of advice and policy implementation on IMO standards related to maritime safety and security, occupational health and safety as well as marine environmental issues. It provides comprehensive understanding of maritime administration activities in the context of IMO, and the essential management tools required by senior maritime personnel to implement safety, security and environmental protection standards.

IMO 102	IMO Member State Obligations To investigate strategic approaches to maritime administration and policy development. To critically assess IMO member State obligations and introduce the IMO Instruments Implementation (III) Code as a Quality Management framework. To deconstruct the IMO member State Audit Scheme and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to evaluate member State and Recognized Organizations (ROs) performance. To appraise tools and strategies for effective implementation and enforcement of IMO instruments. To integrate cross-cutting safety precepts such as risk assessment, Formal Safety Assessment and resilience to maritime casualty investigation responsibilities. To distinguish and prioritize emerging obligations related to decarbonisation and the regulation of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), positioning Member States for future readiness.	8 EC
MSS 601	Maritime Safety and Security To analyze the application of risk management and safety principles in the maritime domain. To evaluate IMO instruments and foundational standards governing ship design, construction, equipment and operations. To explore SOLAS and its integration with maritime safety and security regimes with focused analysis on ISPS and ISM Codes. To apply and validate practical tools and standards such as Life Saving Appliances and Fire Safety Systems to enhance safety at sea. To illustrate technological transformation in the “era of digitalisation”, including IMO’s e-Navigation initiative, cyber-security challenges, and the increasing deployment of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS).	8 EC
SFS 101	Seafarers in the Sociotechnical System To apply system thinking within the context of the maritime human element. To examine and interpret key human factors and their incorporation in the maritime domain with case studies encompassing fatigue, manning and expert decision-making. To appraise the current state of occupational safety and health in shipping and fishing sectors. To evaluate the application of IMO and ILO instruments related to seafarers including STCW Convention and the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006. To critique the influence of the ISM Code on promoting a safety culture and effective risk management. To analyze human factors in the context of emerging technologies and their impact on seafarer performance. To assess the regulatory responsibilities of maritime administrations regarding human factors and seafarers’ certification with an emphasis on oversight and quality assurance.	8 EC



ENV 502	International Reaction to Environmental Externalities To examine marine environment protection strategies and instruments, including MARPOL and its annexes. To analyse implementation and enforcement mechanisms essential for the effectiveness of marine environment instruments. To apply biosecurity concept to shipping and discuss related instruments such as the Ballast Water Management Convention, Anti-fouling Systems Convention, Biofouling Guidelines, and WHO International Health Regulations. To appraise the challenges associated with ship recycling, highlighting the role of the Hong Kong Convention. To discuss the measures to control transportation of dangerous goods.	8 EC
CSO 101	Coastal State Obligations To assess Coastal State obligations in ensuring safety of navigation, Search and Rescue, and preparedness and response to marine pollution incidents. To evaluate the latest applied methods, tools and technologies in vessel traffic services and navigation safety systems. To analyze the structure and management of Search and Rescue systems at global, regional and national levels. To examine risk assessment in the Coastal State context including waterway safety, maritime assistance services, and places of refuge. To apply IMO instruments concerning pollution response and to identify the legal frameworks for civil liability and compensation. To explain contingency planning as a foundational element of risk management and operational resilience.	8 EC
FST 101	Field Studies To provide a range of field study opportunities to demonstrate the application of the theory taught in the specialization subjects. Students travel to major maritime destinations that offer valuable insights into organizational practices and networking opportunities with professionals around the world.	4 non-degree EC

Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management

This specialization has been designed for those who work in the maritime and ocean sectors and offers an ecosystem-based approach to the governance and management of the interconnected global ocean and social-ecological systems. Students learn about ocean processes, ecosystem functions and marine resources, and how society depends on, interacts with and impacts the health and sustainability of the ocean and coasts. Students gain a sound understanding of ecosystem-based management, international law of the sea and ocean governance structures, including ocean-related UN institutions and systems. Key goals for sustainable ocean governance and responsible ocean business practice are explored. The specialization is designed to deliver the knowledge required to incorporate the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into the domestic ocean governance policies of graduates’ home countries, and seeks to develop the transdisciplinary skills necessary for the fulfilment of the responsibilities graduates will assume.

OCE 112	Understanding the Ocean and Human Impacts To understand ocean processes, the range of environments and the patterns of biodiversity across the World’s oceans and coasts. To evaluate marine ecosystem goods and services provided to societies. To assess the cumulative impacts of climate change and the growing human use and exploitation of the oceans and coasts. To review the range of evidence-based approaches, data sources and analytical tools used to understand, monitor and assess human impacts and the status of marine ecosystems. To evaluate methods and strategies designed to mitigate adverse human impacts and restore ecosystem function.	8 EC
OCE 108	Governing Human Activities that Affect the Ocean To consider human activities that affect the ocean and examine a range of governance tools to manage these activities and their impacts. To consider traditional regulatory tools, such as standard setting and command and control, and alternative tools, such as economic instruments, voluntary measures, education, environmental impact assessments, smart regulation and new governance approaches. To consider the role of government actors, proponents, stakeholders and members of the public in ocean governance. To explore participatory engagement and governance approaches and methods. To consider governance challenges in cross-cultural settings.	8 EC
OCE 114	Turning Theory into Practice To understand the scientific method, and how to integrate and apply social science and life science theory and tools through substantive research examples. Through in-depth research, analysis and interpretation, develop the knowledge and skills required for achieving scientifically based positive social and environmental outcomes. To provide knowledge and skills in quantitative and qualitative research instruments to assess ecosystem-based management of oceans and coasts.	8 EC



OCE 110	Global Ocean Governance, Multilateral Diplomacy & Negotiation To provide a sound understanding of the international legal framework for ocean governance under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) including ocean-related commitments made by the global community, focusing on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. To understand and develop practical skills in multilateral diplomacy and negotiation in an ocean governance context.	8 EC
OCE 111	Area-Based Management of the Ocean and Coasts This subject builds on concepts and methods in preceding OSGM courses, focusing on their application within integrated ocean management frameworks and the concept of the Blue Economy. Students will explore area-based management tools such as marine spatial planning (MSP) and marine protected areas (MPAs) together with ecosystem-based and adaptive management, and strategies for managing cumulative impacts. Emphasis is placed on the practical application of these tools and approaches, particularly in the context of developing countries, with a focus on inclusive, sustainable, and adaptive ocean management.	8 EC
FST 101	Field Studies To provide a range of field study opportunities to demonstrate the application of theory taught in the specialization subjects. Students travel to major maritime and ocean destinations that offer valuable insights into coastal communities, sustainable development, organizational practices and networking opportunities with professionals around the world.	4 non-degree EC

Specialization Studies

Port Management

This specialization has been designed to provide the necessary knowledge and resources to build a successful career in port management, operations and logistics. It offers a comprehensive understanding of various aspects of port management, including commercial, operational and technical aspects, as well as the principles and practices of modern port management. This specialization is ideal for professionals at middle management level in port authorities, port/terminal operation (public and private) companies, and transport planning departments.



SPM 505	Introduction to Maritime Business and Management To provide an overview of global seaborne trade, trade patterns and development for liner and tramp (dry bulk and tanker) services. To provide a fundamental understanding of maritime business and management. To introduce modern shipping and port management from commercial, operational, technical and human perspectives in international maritime transport and logistics and their importance to (inter)national and/or regional economies. To exchange a series of views with industry professionals and discuss the latest challenges, key performance indicators, and implementations in practice. To introduce the basis of data-driven business management in a maritime context.	8 EC
SPM 502	Maritime Analytics To introduce economic models and market analytical tools in shipping, ports and logistics using advanced statistical concepts. To offer econometric modelling techniques, skills and experiences for conducting empirical research for shipping and port management. To apply quantitative models, with real market data and statistical software, in order to find solutions to complex transport and logistics problems, with an emphasis given to shipping and port industries. To develop optimization techniques for enhanced decision-making capabilities in the maritime business and management.	8 EC
SPM 503	Maritime Marketing and Logistics To discuss, in the context of global maritime transport, the concept and development of modern marketing, and logistics and supply chain management. To examine the evolving position of shipping and ports in the global logistics and supply chains. To introduce a series of conceptual models and analytical tools as well as decision-making processes of marketing and logistics management and their applications to the shipping and port sector. To conduct an industry-specific case study.	8 EC

POR 104	Port Management and Investment To discuss public interests in ports and the relationships between port and hinterland. To review port governance models and reform tools. To discuss port pricing concepts and their implementations in practice. To discuss the application of finance theory and techniques in port investment, to comprehensively evaluate the viability of an investment proposal including the inherent risks in a project and the actions to mitigate them. To conduct case studies in a way to enhance decision-making capability on port investment.	8 EC
POR 105	Port Operations and Technology To discuss the concept of port performance and related factors for measuring performance. To understand the operational challenges in terminal performance management. To provide quantitative models for analyzing terminal capacity and operational performance. To apply simulation methods for optimizing terminal capacity and operational planning. To examine the impacts of digitalization on port logistics through community collaboration. To discuss digital transformation of port-related business.	8 EC
FST 101	Field Studies To provide a range of field study opportunities to demonstrate the application of the theory taught in the specialization subjects. Students travel to major maritime destinations that offer valuable insights into organizational practices and networking opportunities with professionals around the world.	4 non-degree EC

Shipping Management & Logistics

This specialization has been designed to provide the necessary knowledge and resources to build a successful career in shipping management and maritime logistics. It provides a comprehensive understanding of shipping and logistics management by covering both the conceptual knowledge and contemporary business practices. This specialization is ideal for those aspiring to work as shipping and maritime logistics managers in both public and private organizations.

SPM 505	Introduction to Maritime Business and Management To provide an overview of global seaborne trade, trade patterns and development for liner and tramp (dry bulk and tanker) services. To provide a fundamental understanding of maritime business and management. To introduce modern shipping and port management from commercial, operational, technical and human perspectives in international maritime transport and logistics and their importance to (inter)national and/or regional economies. To exchange a series of views with industry professionals and discuss the latest challenges, key performance indicators, and implementations in practice. To introduce the basis of data-driven business management in a maritime context.	8 EC
SPM 502	Maritime Analytics To introduce economic models and market analytical tools in shipping, ports and logistics using advanced statistical concepts. To offer econometric modelling techniques, skills and experiences for conducting empirical research for shipping and port management. To apply quantitative models, with real market data and statistical software, in order to find solutions to complex transport and logistics problems, with an emphasis given to shipping and port industries. To develop optimization techniques for enhanced decision-making capabilities in the maritime business and management.	8 EC
SPM 503	Maritime Marketing and Logistics To discuss, in the context of global maritime transport, the concept and development of modern marketing, and logistics and supply chain management. To examine the evolving position of shipping and ports in the global logistics and supply chains. To introduce a series of conceptual models and analytical tools as well as decision-making processes of marketing and logistics management and their applications to the shipping and port sector. To conduct an industry-specific case study.	8 EC



SHM 104	Shipping Management and Strategy To provide advanced knowledge of shipping management and strategy at a company level and discuss an aspect of inter-related management and strategy/policy dimensions in the shipping industry. To introduce management concepts, models and tools applicable to shipping companies. To examine the organizational and strategic dynamics of business units in the context of shipping companies for achieving business sustainability. To discuss managerial and strategic challenges facing the shipping sector with practitioners. To conduct case studies from the practical world.	8 EC
SHM 105	Shipping Finance and Risk Management To examine the characteristics of the shipping industry from an investment and finance perspective. To explore the availability of bank finance, credit analysis and the alternative sources of ship finance, private and public equity, high-yield bond markets, leasing and mezzanine ship finance. To provide advanced knowledge of shipping financial management and the impact of economic variables on shipping business. To discuss business and financial risks associated with shipping companies and offer optimal risk management solutions for economic sustainability. To conduct exercises and case studies from the real world.	8 EC
FST 101	Field Studies To provide a range of field study opportunities to demonstrate the application of the theory taught in the specialization subjects. Students travel to major maritime destinations that offer valuable insights into organizational practices and networking opportunities with professionals around the world.	4 non-degree EC

International Transport and Logistics (Shipping & Finance): Taught in Shanghai

The Master of Science in Maritime Affairs, with a specialization in International Transport and Logistics (Shipping & Finance), is delivered in Shanghai, China by WMU in collaboration with Shanghai Maritime University (SMU). It has been designed to extend WMU’s professional education to a new and thriving clientele from the region and beyond, and to meet more of the maritime industry’s demand for high-level specialized professionals. It has been created specifically for the maritime market in China.

The programme is taught entirely in English, and the entry requirements, grading system and quality assurance processes are those in force at WMU. The programme is intensive, and is taught over 14 months from May each year, and ending in July of the following year. The programme is made up of 80 degree credits. Each foundation subject carries 4 EC and each specialization subject carries 8 EC, aside from the Dissertation, which carries 20 EC.

Foundation Studies and the Dissertation are identical to those taught in Malmö. The Specialization Studies consist of the following subjects:

ITL 117	Managerial Accounting and Decision Making To introduce the concepts and principles of financial accounting and management accounting for supporting business decision making. The roles of balance sheets and income statements are discussed, and the principles applied to financial transactions of monetary assets and revenue, cost of sales and inventory, fixed assets, debt and equity are explored. The statement of cash flow is presented. The use of accounting information for short-term managerial decisions is analysed and explored in the context of recent developments. Furthermore, decision-making techniques incl. quantitative methods and statistics are introduced. Through exercises of shipping related cases, students develop the capacity to define a problem and resolve it using the quantitative methods and techniques. The subject aims to develop skills and provide the tools necessary to conduct accurate accounting reporting and effective quantitative analysis for managerial decision making in the maritime industry.	8 EC
ITL 118	Shipping Finance and Risk Management To discuss the problems and alternative methods involved in ship finance and investment appraisal. Financial evaluation methods are addressed, and students are expected to analyse the general principles of maritime financial management and the impact of economic variables on the financial operations of maritime business organisations. To undertake tasks on risk analysis and management, traditional methods and modern financial instruments are presented with a focus on investment decisions of shipowners. The introduction of freight derivatives (FFAs amongst them) has made risk management for shipping companies more flexible and cheaper than traditional methods. Futures, forwards, options and swaps are analysed. Modern decision-making tools, such as Value at Risk (VaR), for whether financial and freight derivatives should be used to manage risks, are also explored.	8 EC

Fees and costs

The tuition fee for the next intake to the programme will be RMB 115,000. The fees for the programme are affected by currency fluctuations and may rise each year. In addition, a student needs a minimum of around RMB 80,000 to cover living costs in Shanghai for the whole study period (accommodation, food, books and study material and so on).

More information

For more information about the programme, please see <https://www.wmu.se/programmes/msc-shanghai>



ITL 120	Ship Management and Maritime Decarbonization The subject provides a comprehensive understanding of contemporary ship management in a rapidly evolving regulatory, technological, commercial, and ESG-driven environment. Its technical, operational, crewing, legal, financial, environmental, and risk-management aspects are reviewed. The required core competencies, tools, and techniques for competitive ship management are discussed. Furthermore, the IMO’s latest GHG Strategy, Net-Zero Framework and MARPOL Annex VI related mechanisms are introduced. Technological innovations in maritime energy management are examined based on the fundamentals of power generation and fuel consumption. The lifecycle impacts of emerging propulsion solutions are assessed, and other energy-saving measures and related port-ship integration are discussed.	8 EC
ITL 116	Maritime Logistics and Supply Chain Management The logistical challenges of maritime entities are discussed and aspects of successful ship ownership, operation, and management are examined. The stakeholder analysis will include ship owners and operators, port and terminal owners and operators, 3PLs, charterers, container and other marine equipment leasing companies, and a host of other auxiliary service providers. Furthermore, to discuss contemporary logistics and supply chain management in the broad context of global economies and businesses, this subject explores their critical role in the overall performance of companies, and examines the influence of various logistics and physical distribution elements, including freight transportation, on local, regional and international economies.	8 EC
ITL 115	Globalisation and Digital Transformation of Maritime Transport To introduce key concepts in international economics including exchange rate, the trade balance and the role of the WTO, while stressing the importance of navigating in an increasingly globalized business environment. It explores the international implications of economic policies and highlights the growing significance of international economics in today’s interconnected world. In addition, the subject examines the driving forces behind the on-going maritime technological revolution. It covers the fundamentals of digital technologies and their applications in maritime operations, differentiating between digitization, digitalization and digital transformation through relevant case studies. Designed to equip students with essential skills and tools, the subject aims to foster the ability to contribute to value-driven maritime business development in a rapidly evolving global and digital landscape.	8 EC

Field Studies and Seminars

As part of the programme, students are offered the chance to take part in field study visits in both Shanghai, China, and Malmö, Sweden; destinations include Port of Shanghai, the Shanghai Shipping Exchange, and a number of shipping related organizations (subject to change). Students also attend a number of seminars.

Maritime Safety & Environmental Management: Taught in Dalian

The Master of Science in Maritime Affairs, with a specialization in Maritime Safety and Environmental Management, is delivered in Dalian, China, by WMU in collaboration with Dalian Maritime University (DMU). It has been designed to extend WMU’s professional education to a new and thriving clientele from the region and beyond, and to meet more of the maritime industry’s demand for high-level specialized professionals. It has been created specifically for the maritime market in China.

The programme is taught entirely in English, and the entry requirements, grading system and quality assurance processes are those in force at WMU. The programme is intensive, and is taught over 14 months from May each year, and ending in July of the following year. The programme is made up of 80 degree credits. Each foundation subject carries 4 EC and each specialization subject carries 8 EC, aside from the Dissertation, which carries 20 EC.

Foundation Studies and the Dissertation are identical to those taught in Malmö. The Specialization Studies consist of the following subjects:

MSEM 114	Search & Rescue and Casualty Investigation Given the nature of maritime transport, some accidents may present large-scale threats to the safety of life, property and the environment, resulting in serious consequences. To minimise such impacts, a crisis management scheme, contingency plan and search and rescue (SAR) capability must be in place. This subject provides basic knowledge of crisis management with an emphasis on its application in the maritime sector and, in particular, on SAR. The fundamental precepts of safety and risk are introduced, including risk assessment, safety and Formal Safety Assessment (FSA) as the main tool in the IMO rule-making process. In addition, the relationship between risk management and maritime casualty investigation is explored. Students are expected to apply essential tools for considering all relevant factors involved in the development of maritime accidents, such as human and organisational factors.	8 EC
MSEM 115	Impact of Maritime Technology and Digitalisation To examine the evolution of innovations and technological development in the maritime transport sector including shipbuilding, marine engineering and information & communication technology. The nature, scope and possibilities of technological solutions to the development issues are discussed, and problems encountered by today’s maritime organisations, particularly in the areas of maritime safety, security and environment protection are analysed. Students are expected to analyse how maritime organisations, public or private, can best be organised to provide an environment for continuous innovation. To that end, the previous maritime industry and technological revolutions are reviewed, the digital nature of maritime safety administration activities is analysed and key digital technologies are examined. Digital technologies are investigated to consider how they can be implemented to transform maritime administrations.	8 EC

Fees and costs
The tuition fee for the next intake to the programme is expected to be RMB 115,000. The fees for the programme are affected by currency fluctuations and may rise each year. In addition, a student needs a minimum of around RMB 60,000 to cover living costs in Dalian for the whole study period (accommodation, food, books and study material and so on).

More information
For more information about the programme, please see <https://www.wmu.se/programmes/msc-dalian>



MSEM 116	Maritime Energy and Environment Protection To provide students with a basic understanding of ship energy needs for propulsion and the environmental impacts. To examine the existing and anticipated future technological innovations, with a particular focus on the mitigation of GHG and pollutant emissions from energy use. To understand the decarbonisation challenges and opportunities for the shipping business. To discuss current standards and requirements concerning marine environment protection in the context of maritime transport. Various marine pollution sources will be analysed, such as pollution caused by oils, chemicals in bulk, harmful substances in packaged form, sewage, garbage, and other marine pollutants. The MARPOL Convention and its six Annexes will be explained.	8 EC
MSEM 117	Maritime Safety and Human Factors To provide students with comprehensive theories and knowledge with respect to maritime safety standards. The framework of the international maritime safety administration is introduced briefly and the history of SOLAS is discussed. A general introduction to the STCW Convention is provided and Chapter VIII of the STCW Annex is specifically addressed. The subject provides theoretical and practical knowledge on the implementation of maritime standards. It aims to develop capacity for participation in activities involving decision making with respect to national and international regulations. The human element will be defined and described and the relationship between the human element and system-ship will be examined along with factors affecting operation reliability. Notions such as the socio-technical system, complexity and context will be addressed. Relationships with international instruments will be highlighted. Practical examples will assist the presentations.	8 EC
MSEM 118	Policy and Legal Issues in Maritime Administration To explore how international shipping is governed and its impact on industry performance in terms of efficiency, sustainability, safety and labour conditions. It introduces the governance theory and discusses the involvement of both public and private actors. It studies the main processes for shipping governance, incl. policy-making, implementation and enforcement as well as market- and network-based governance processes. It provides analytical tools to engage in and shape maritime policies. Selected legal issues and mandates which typically feature in the functions of a national Maritime Administration are analysed, with the applications of international maritime convention instruments and domestic laws as appropriate.	8 EC

Field Studies and Seminars
As part of the programme, students are offered the chance to take part in field study visits in both Dalian, China and Malmö, Sweden; destinations include ports, maritime administrations and a number of shipping related organizations (subject to change). Students also attend a number of seminars.

Dissertation

All students write a dissertation. The dissertation is an independent research project that allows students to investigate a global, regional or national issue relevant to their area of study. Through the dissertation process, students develop and demonstrate advanced research skills, including identifying and defining a research problem, reviewing and critically evaluating literature, applying appropriate research methods, analysing and interpreting evidence and drawing well-supported conclusions.

The specific dissertation topic and proposal must be approved by the University, and may involve original empirical research, or a critical analysis of a topic based on secondary sources. Students begin the dissertation process in the first term; special arrangements are made for students following the accelerated programme.

Students may write an individual dissertation, or may, with the University’s approval, produce a longer piece of work in pairs or trios. The dissertation provides an opportunity to demonstrate critical thinking, originality in the development and application of ideas, and the ability to analyse complex problems relevant to the maritime sector. It also develops students’ ability to communicate research findings, conclusions, and the knowledge and rationale underpinning these, clearly, coherently and persuasively.

RES 420	Dissertation Research To develop rigorous skills of theoretical and applied research, analysis and writing through in-depth study of a chosen subject or problem leading to the production of a dissertation at Master’s level.	20 EC
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“In my view, WMU is both a career accelerator and a global movement. It has consistently produced leaders in the maritime industry and effectively promotes inclusive and equitable policy. So, to all prospective students, do not hesitate to apply. WMU is a global learning arena, and you will not regret it!”

Naa Densua Aryeetey, Ghana
MSc in Maritime Affairs,
specializing in Shipping Management
Class of 2002

“My time at WMU was genuinely transformative. The programme’s multidisciplinary and international character deepened my understanding of global maritime governance, IMO policy frameworks, and the commercial realities of shipping and logistics in a way that simply cannot be replicated from within a national regulatory environment.”

Tolulope Dare, Nigeria
MSc in Maritime Affairs
Class of 2019



MPhil in Malmö and Malta

International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy International Maritime Legislation and Ocean Policy



The ocean is under threat from human activities, arising in part from the lack of proper governance of the waters within and beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. There is an urgent need to examine and reconsider the current regime to seek a secure, stable, safe and sustainable ocean governance for the 21st century.

The innovative MPhil programme has been designed in partnership by IMO's two sister institutions, WMU and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta, to play a part in ensuring the future sustainability of the world's oceans in accordance with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The two-year programme is designed to train maritime experts, immersed in the UN system structure and goals, who can advocate for the policies and legislation to transform the world's oceans and support their sustainable development.

Programme Details

Students spend the first academic year in Malta from October to June/July, and follow one of IMLI's well-established programmes: either the LL.M. in International Maritime Law or the M.Hum. in International Maritime Legislation. The full details of both programmes can be found on IMLI's website (www.imli.org) and are organized under the following headings:

- Introductory Courses
- International Law of the Sea
- International Marine Environmental Law
- International Maritime Security Law
- Shipping Law
- Maritime Legislation
- Dissertation/Research Project (supervised jointly by IMLI and WMU) reflecting the needs of students' home countries or regions for adequate ocean governance

“WMU has significantly deepened my expertise in maritime law & policy, and I highly recommend it to anyone seeking a globally relevant, impactful education and career in the maritime field.”

Emin Sadirov, Azerbaijan
MSc in Maritime Affairs,
specializing in Maritime Law & Policy
Class of 2024

Students are expected to use the non-teaching period from June/July to September to gather dissertation material. The students then spend the next academic year in Malmö. The first, Foundation term provides the basics of maritime knowledge, and is followed by the Specialization Term in Ocean Sustainability, Governance and Management (see the Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management section for details of the subjects).

The programme is taught entirely in English. The standard programme consists of 140 EC, 68 EC at WMU and 55 EC at IMLI, plus a further 17 EC for the dissertation/research project. Students who already hold a relevant postgraduate qualification may apply to be exempted from the first term at WMU to allow them to join the accelerated programme, which carries 116 EC.

Field Studies and Seminars

As part of the programme, students will take part in field study visits that link theoretical knowledge to practical experience. Typical destinations include Sweden, Denmark, the UK including IMO (London) and the Netherlands.

Entry Requirements

Applicants must hold a first degree in law or in a discipline related to maritime law, and provide evidence of English language proficiency through an internationally recognised test. They are also expected to have professional experience.

Fees and Costs

The fee for the MPhil programme is EUR 37,000 in total; this covers tuition, field studies, and the required health insurance. Students also need to have funds for their living expenses. These will be around USD 1,500 per month.

Application Process

The application form for the programme can be found on the IMLI website (imli.org). It must be submitted as a hard copy, along with evidence of payment of the EUR 150 application processing fee to:

The Director
IMO International Maritime Law Institute
University of Malta Campus
Msida MSD 2080
Malta

“The education and experiences I gained at WMU have been pivotal in shaping this journey. The MSc programme not only equipped me with global perspectives and strategic skills but also fostered invaluable networks and lifelong bonds. One of my greatest takeaways from WMU is the power of collaboration – maritime and ocean matters thrive on collective effort.”

Joyce Kaburu, Kenya
MSc in Maritime Affairs, specializing
in Shipping Management and Logistics
Class of 2022



Doktorsexamen i Maritima Studier

PhD in Maritime Affairs

WMU's PhD programme offers students the opportunity to carry out research across the maritime and ocean fields, but with an emphasis on issues related to the International Maritime Organization's mission of maritime safety, security and marine environmental protection. Our PhD programme offers unrivalled access to international maritime and ocean experts both inside and outside academia, and to organizations working at the forefront of research and development.

PhD students join WMU from industry, academia and the government sector, and have completed their doctoral dissertations in a very wide range of subject areas, from the development of marine plastic debris monitoring programs to sustainable port supply chain integration; from policy innovation as the cornerstone of energy transition, to climate change aspects.

The Credit System

The PhD programme follows the standard Swedish PhD structure. It consists of 240 ECTS credits completed usually over a registration period of three to six years. Candidates may be based at the University or elsewhere, usually at their place of employment.

Within the time limits of three to six years, candidates may carry out doctoral research at their own pace, which can also vary during their period of enrolment. For example, candidates may choose to spend one year conducting research at WMU full time, and then return home to complete their research over a longer period, with short visits to the University for progression seminars, classes and meetings.

The PhD programme is made up of appropriate third-cycle taught subjects totalling 60 EC and a doctoral dissertation which carries 180 EC. Candidates earn mandatory credits from the subjects Research Methods (8 EC), PhD Portfolio (12 EC) and Teaching and learning in HE in the 21st century (4 EC) as well as an additional 16 EC for the progression seminars.

A further 20 EC of elective courses are selected by the candidate in coordination with the PhD supervisors. In addition to the PhD subjects delivered at WMU, credits may be awarded for PhD subjects taken at other universities, subject to the approval of the Director. The taught subjects, proposed time-table, planned conference participation, and status of dissertation research form part of the candidates' Individual Study Plan (ISP).

1 ECTS credit (EC) is approximately 25 study load hours. One academic year is at least 60 EC, or 1600 to 1800 study load hours per year. For someone who is studying part-time, the average study load will vary.

Progression

During the first phase of doctoral studies, candidates develop their research proposals. It is expected that these will change and develop from the original plan submitted at the moment of application. At the end of this initial period, the first progression seminar is held, at which candidates each present their research proposals.

Throughout the doctoral programme, further progression seminars are held where the candidates present their work to date and their research plans for the next period. After every seminar, the Progression Board meets, and considers the candidate's progress. At this Board meeting, decisions are taken as to whether the candidate is to be permitted to progress to the next stage of the research.

Each PhD dissertation is assessed by a specially established Examination Board, consisting of two external examiners and one internal examiner. The oral examination itself is led by an opponent, a senior and well recognized external expert in the relevant field, from another university or established organization.

Continued enrolment is subject to satisfactory academic progress as assessed through the progression seminar process.

Advanced Standing

A candidate who has completed part of a doctoral degree elsewhere may transfer into the WMU programme with advanced standing. Their period of enrolment at WMU will vary in line with the amount of research they have already completed, but the minimum permissible period of enrolment must include at least two progression seminars, 20 EC of electives and the dissertation. A candidate with advanced standing must therefore be registered for at least 12 months.

Supervision

All doctoral students have a Main Supervisor who is a member of the resident faculty. In addition, each student is assigned a co-advisor, who may be a member of the resident faculty, a member of the research staff, a Visiting Professor or a suitable person from outside the University.

Application for Admission

All candidates must complete their applications online through the WMU website, attaching a detailed research proposal outlining the objectives and methodology of their research. In addition, they should arrange two letters of academic reference from people familiar with their suitability for doctoral research. Certified copies of transcripts and certificates (including the results of an internationally recognized test of English language) supporting the qualifications listed in the application must be uploaded.

When an academically cleared candidate has paid the first fee instalment, enrolment can be finalized. At this point, each candidate will receive a medical report form, which must be returned to the University, along with a formal declaration that the candidate accepts the conditions of his/her enrolment.

Entrance Requirements

The Admissions Board will consider only those applicants who meet the minimum general entrance requirements, which are:

- a candidate must hold a Master's degree (a second-cycle qualification), completed in good standing with a dissertation, in a discipline relevant to his/her proposed field of research to be admitted to the Doctor of Philosophy Programme. Applicants may undergo an assessment or be invited to an interview prior to academic clearance being granted.
- competence in English language, demonstrated by an internationally recognized standard test.
- computer competence, at minimum in the use of the Microsoft Office package.

The Admissions Board will select only the best-qualified candidates, taking into account all their qualifications and achievements as well as compatibility with WMU's research interests and the availability of a suitable supervisor. The Admissions Board may require applicants to appear for an interview, either on-campus or through remote video, as part of the admissions process.



Tests of English

Applicants must offer one of the following tests of English language:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

iBT (0–120 scale): 80+
iBT (1–6 scale): 4–6
WMU's TOEFL institution code is 9198.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Band 7.0 or above.

Cambridge Examinations

C2 Proficiency at grade A or B.

GCE O-level or the Equivalent

A good pass grade.

More information on these examinations may be obtained through the following websites:

www.toefl.org
www.ielts.org
<https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/qualifications/>

Research Priority Areas

Doctoral research at WMU falls mainly within one of the following research priority areas (RPAs), covering both maritime and ocean streams. Additionally, the WMU programme also offers excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary projects, allowing doctoral candidates to pursue their own, and their organization's, particular interests.

Environmental Impact of Maritime Activities

This RPA addresses the critical challenges posed by climate change and other anthropogenic stressors on the marine environment and biodiversity. The focus is on sustainable development, as well as understanding and mitigating the adverse effects of maritime activities, such as shipping, fishing, and resource extraction. Research in this area will be interdisciplinary, delving into the multifaceted impacts of maritime activities on the marine environment. Research projects are aligned with the United Nations Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Maritime and Marine Technology and Innovation

This RPA interrogates developments of technology in ship design and operations (including the evolution of automation and digitalization), education and training (including e-learning), ship safety, information and communication for ship business (e-documentation) and its effect on the social, legislative and administrative dimensions of shipping. The cross-cutting nature of technology and innovation establishes an almost universal link between this RPA and all the other RPAs.

Maritime Economics and Business

This RPA focuses on the optimization of shipping, ports and their sustainable management from economic and logistics/supply chain perspectives. It explores all areas of shipping and port management, and offers the chance of carrying out in-depth investigation within the fields of maritime economics and policy, shipping and/or port operations and management, and shipping finance and portfolio management, as well as in such related fields as global supply chains and maritime logistics, port governance and performance, and maritime analytics using big data.

Maritime Energy Management

This RPA seeks to advance the knowledge in the Maritime Energy Management field by conducting world-class fundamental and applied research in the thematic areas of decarbonization, energy efficiency, regulatory frameworks, renewable energy, social factors related to energy, the economics of energy and energy-related technology/innovation. The thematic areas will be addressed using a ship life-cycle perspective (design, production, operation and recycling) and in consideration of the impacts of shipping on oceans, through ports and to shipyards.

Maritime Law, Policy and Governance

This RPA focuses on maritime legislative and administrative requirements and the policies that are associated with them at the international, regional and national levels. Of particular interest is the inquiry into processes related to the design, formulation, and evaluation of maritime law and policy. This includes examining performance monitoring systems using such tools as benchmarking and auditing. Also of particular importance is the research into implementation mechanisms, e.g., under the legal enforcement regimes prescribed by the IMO, ILO and other UN bodies.

Maritime Safety

This RPA focuses on complex concepts and models of safety and their influence on operations at sea and ashore. It will examine digitalization, artificial intelligence and machine learning in a simulation context. It will also explore how safety and security can be improved through policy, legislation, social dynamics (human factors/ergonomics), accident aetiology, and simulation. The research area also covers the increasing disruption by technology of traditional approaches to maritime operations and the consequences of this on operational safety, security, human factors and labour supply.

Maritime Social and Labour Governance

This RPA focuses on organizational behaviour and decision-making processes by examining dynamics of corporate interaction, in particular in global networks and supply-chains, and with humans. It also seeks to interrogate issues related to individuals and organizations and their development through education, training and organizational learning. It aims to create a better understanding of the interactions between humans and organizations in order to optimize well-being and overall performance and in particular the role of education in this regard.

WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

The WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute carries out and coordinates ocean research in line with its vision to act as an independent focal point for the

ocean science-policy-law-industry-society interface where policy makers, the scientific community, regulators, industry actors, academics, and representatives of civil society meet to discuss how best to manage and use ocean spaces and their resources in accordance with the UN SDGs. Through evidence-based research, the Institute seeks to provide new perspectives on how to address the manifold threats facing the ocean.

All the RPAs are considered with reference to the UN SDGs and IMO's current strategic directions which are, in turn, informed by the Organization's global survey on trends, developments and challenges (TDC), as well as WMU's Strategic Plan and its associated Business Plans.

Tuition Fees

For students joining on or after 1 January 2027, the full University fee is USD 40,500, and is charged in four approximately equal instalments. The first instalment is paid on enrolment, while subsequent instalments are paid prior to the second, third, and fourth progression seminars. The tuition fee includes supervision, library and laboratory access, IT support, and medical, life and accident insurance.

In addition, a student needs around SEK 17,000 per month for rent and general living costs in Malmö, plus air tickets. Other sources of financial support may be accessed by candidates.

Life in Malmö

Malmö

Malmö is Sweden's third largest city and one of Scandinavia's most international and sustainable urban centres. Located in the southernmost province of Skåne, it combines a rich maritime heritage with innovation, offering an exceptional environment for postgraduate study and professional development. Home to people from more than 180 countries, Malmö reflects the global outlook of the World Maritime University and provides an ideal setting for cross-cultural learning and collaboration.

Internationally recognized for sustainable urban development, renewable energy and climate-smart planning, Malmö also demonstrates how sustainability, climate resilience and urban planning can be integrated to address many of the challenges facing port cities and coastal communities worldwide. This provides a valuable real-world complement to WMU's teaching and research.

Historically an important port and shipbuilding centre, Malmö has evolved into a knowledge-based city with strengths in innovation, research and technology. Together with neighbouring Copenhagen, it forms Copenhagen Malmö Port (CMP), the world's only internationally shared port, creating a unique environment where international trade, port operations and maritime innovation converge.

The Öresund Bridge connects Malmö directly with Copenhagen and Copenhagen Airport, placing students at the heart of one of Northern Europe's most dynamic cross-border regions and providing convenient access to destinations around the world.

“From my perspective, the WMU network remains essential. I constantly interact with many of my former peers and other alumni from WMU, both within the IMO Secretariat and in almost every country I visit. Being immersed in studies with people from all over the world provides you with an exceptional asset for your professional career, but it can also change you positively as a person too.”

Fredrik Haag, Sweden
MSc in Maritime Affairs,
specializing in Integrated Coastal
and Ocean Management
Class of 2006

The City of Malmö, WMU's host city, provides the University's headquarters in the iconic Tornhuset, the former Harbour Master's building, offering an exceptional learning environment in a landmark waterfront location.

Accommodation

The Henrik Smith Residence (HSR), run by on-site staff, provides excellent accommodation for WMU's highly international student body of maritime professionals. Rent is approximately SEK 6,100 (2026 figure) per month. Located less than three kilometres from the University's main campus and within easy reach of Malmö city centre, HSR houses students from more than 50 countries in an exceptional living-learning community that extends the immersive WMU experience beyond the classroom.

All MSc students can normally be accommodated at HSR. During the First Term, some may be required to share a room until the senior class graduates. HSR offers comfortable accommodation with a range of facilities designed to support both academic success and community life, including study rooms, social spaces, laundry facilities, a sauna, indoor bicycle storage, recreational areas including playing pool and table tennis, and a mix of private and shared kitchen facilities.

Living together at HSR, students support one another through milestones and challenges while sharing cultures, traditions and perspectives from around the world. These everyday interactions foster intercultural understanding as well as lifelong friendships. The HSR living-learning community is an integral part of the WMU experience, extending learning beyond formal instruction and reflecting WMU's distinctive approach to postgraduate education.



Passports and Residence Permits

A residence permit cannot be issued for a period longer than your passport validity. If your residence permit expires while an extension application is being processed, travel abroad may make it difficult to re-enter Sweden. This may affect your participation in field studies abroad. We therefore recommend that you make sure that your passport is valid at least as long as your whole study period.

You should apply for a residence permit as soon as you get your enrolment documents, even if you do not need a visa to enter Sweden (note: if you are an EU national, different rules apply). Processing times can often exceed three months. You must wait until the residence permit has been approved before travelling to Sweden. While the University can provide general guidance on the application process, permit decisions are made solely by the Swedish Migration Agency, and WMU cannot intervene in or expedite the processing of individual applications.

Students are assisted in obtaining the visas needed for field studies abroad.

WMU students' families follow the same procedures as any other visitor coming to Sweden and the process for obtaining a temporary residence permit can be very lengthy. Processing permits for whole families takes longer than for individual students. Your highest priority is to arrive on time for the start of your programme, which begins in full strength on the advertised date. Please see the section on **Should you bring your family to Malmö?** for full details.

Health Care

The University takes out medical insurance to cover treatment in Sweden, as well as emergency treatment during field studies abroad. This health insurance covers sudden illness and accidents; it does not cover pre-existing conditions not mentioned on your pre-enrolment medical report. The insurance will also refund students the cost of medicines available only by prescription. The insurance does not cover treatment from an optician, and gives only limited dental cover. Incoming students must read carefully the Fees and Facilities booklet, which contains the latest information available.

Students have free access to a sports centre close to the University and WMU can facilitate membership at a gym very close to the student residence.

If you are planning to bring your family to join you in Malmö, it is compulsory to take out private medical insurance to cover them. The University insurance for you cannot be extended to your family. (See the section below on **Should You Bring Your Family to Malmö?** for more information.)

Student Support Services

The WMU community is welcoming and supportive. Senior students and staff join in helping newcomers settle and find their way. An orientation programme is given to each group of new students to provide an introduction to the University and living in Sweden. This is supplemented by a comprehensive information and advice service.

When you arrive, the Student Council arranges for you to be met by a 'buddy' – another student who can help you with the practicalities of settling in, and who can make sure you find your feet immediately. Later, you will be invited to give similar help to new students.

Student Life

As a member of the WMU community, you will benefit from a uniquely international learning environment that supports both your professional and personal development. Living and studying alongside maritime professionals from more than 50 countries provides opportunities to build lifelong friendships, broaden your global perspective and gain a deeper appreciation of different cultures and traditions. During your time in Malmö, you will also have the opportunity to experience Swedish society and culture. We encourage you to make the most of everything the WMU experience has to offer.

Students have a voice in University life through the Student Council, whose elected representatives support a wide range of academic, social, cultural and sporting activities. The Council plays an important role in enhancing the student experience and provides many opportunities to get involved in the life of the University.

You may wish to bring your national dress when you come to Malmö. Throughout the year, students are often invited to represent their countries at University events and other international occasions, and many take pride in wearing their national dress as part of WMU's rich multicultural community.

Alumni

Your connection to the WMU community continues long after graduation. The University supports alumni through webinars, online events and professional networking opportunities, while many countries also have active alumni associations that form part of WMU's distinguished global alumni network.

Many alumni remain closely engaged with the University throughout their careers, returning as visiting lecturers, researchers or members of the academic staff. They reconnect at international conferences, seminars, IMO meetings and other professional events, while digital platforms help sustain the professional relationships and friendships formed during their time in Malmö. The global WMU community provides lifelong opportunities for collaboration, knowledge exchange and professional support across the global maritime and ocean sectors.

Should You Bring Your Family to Malmö?

Many students wish to bring their families to Malmö, but in reality very few can afford to do so. Living in Sweden is expensive, and making arrangements for your family can be both costly and time-consuming. Students often find their studies very demanding and difficult to balance with family life.

If you decide to bring your family, you should in any case arrive in Malmö on your own first. This will allow you to make suitable arrangements for their accommodation, as children are not allowed to live at the Student Residence at any time. The cost of renting a basic apartment is currently around SEK 15,000 per month, plus utilities. The rental market is very challenging, with strong demand and low supply.

The arrangements made by the University apply only to students and do not extend to dependants. If you bring your family, you must ensure that you have sufficient financial resources to support them, in addition to any fellowship or scholarship you may receive. Your home government or employer is expected to continue paying your salary while you are studying at the University, particularly to support your family, whether they remain in your home country or accompany you to Malmö. Such arrangements are entirely the responsibility of the student and their sponsoring government or organization and do not involve the University.

If you intend to bring your family to Malmö, you must obtain the necessary immigration clearance for them to enter Sweden before they leave your home country. You must be able to demonstrate to the Swedish authorities that you can support your family financially, in line with Swedish regulations, and that you can afford the necessary health insurance for the whole period of their visit. Such insurance is quite expensive. The Migration Agency also needs to be satisfied that you and your family will leave Sweden at the end of your approved period of enrolment.

WMU is unable to provide advice or assistance with matters relating to accompanying family members. This includes, but is not limited to, residence permit applications for dependants, school or preschool placements, childcare, healthcare registration, housing for family members, or other practical arrangements. Students are responsible for making all necessary arrangements directly with the relevant Swedish authorities and service providers.

If you are joined in Malmö by your husband or wife only, he or she may share your accommodation in HSR from the start of the second term in January. Please remember that the apartments were designed and are equipped to accommodate only one person comfortably. It is not possible for children to live at HSR, even for short periods, and so families with children must arrange outside housing at their own expense.

Instead of bringing their families for the whole period of their studies, many WMU students arrange a shorter visit during the summer months or at graduation.



Professional Education by Distance Learning

The World Maritime University has a long-standing track record of delivering professional education by distance learning, providing flexible options to meet the educational needs of maritime professionals, organizations and administrations around the world while supporting global maritime capacity development. Designed for working professionals, these programmes enable participants to enhance their knowledge and skills while continuing their careers.

The distance learning programmes offer a blend of academic theory and business practice, and are delivered by the University directly, or in partnership with leading providers of maritime training and education: Lloyd’s Maritime Academy (LMA) and DNV Maritime Academy. The knowledge gained can be transferred and immediately applied to the professional environment. The programmes are carefully designed and continuously revised to meet the changing educational needs in the maritime industry. The current programme portfolio includes a wide range of topics of current interest. Each programme carries European credits (under the ECTS) which may be accepted by other universities for transfer into their programmes.

Entrance Requirements

The basic entrance requirement is a Bachelor’s degree. Non-graduates with approved professional qualifications or who have sufficient professional experience may also be considered. The normal definition of “sufficient professional experience” for all Postgraduate Diploma programmes is defined as responsible, managerial experience over a period of at least five years’ duration. Competence in English is required, as evidenced by a standard, internationally acceptable examination of English.

Fees

Fees for the programmes cover, as appropriate, study materials, core textbooks, recorded lectures, seminars, scheduled examinations, tutorial support and feedback as well as WMU e-library access. The fees do not include the costs of personal travel and accommodation for the seminars, examination or graduation. Participants are responsible for the costs of any special arrangements they may request, such as an alternative examination location.



Postgraduate Diploma Programmes Delivered by WMU

Postgraduate Diploma in Maritime Energy

International shipping uses around 10 EJ of energy per year, and is responsible for around 3% of global greenhouse gas emissions. At the International Maritime Organization (IMO) governments from around the world engage with the maritime industry, in the international effort to achieve the long-term temperature goal set out in the Paris Agreement, whilst keeping in mind the UN Sustainable Development Goals, regulating air pollution, and aiming to achieve this change in a just and equitable transition.

Significant reductions in GHG emissions are necessary over the coming decades with international shipping aiming for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by or around 2050, as has been delineated in the 2023 IMO GHG strategy. At the same time, there is a constant pressure towards cost-efficiency and market competitiveness, and decisions must take into account different national circumstances.

The development and implementation of the regulatory framework for achieving these aims concurrently is a formidable challenge spanning technical, economic, environmental and societal and human factors. It requires insights from various disciplines and means that a holistic approach to understanding these challenges must lie at the heart of the solutions.

WMU’s Postgraduate Diploma in Maritime Energy explores the adoption of innovative and sustainable energy technologies and mitigation measures in shipping, ports and shipyards, using a combination of technical, environmental, economic and societal perspectives in a holistic manner. The programme is designed to equip maritime professionals with leading knowledge to advance as maritime professionals and contribute to international efforts in achieving sustainable energy use in shipping.

For full details, including content, calendar, fees and payment system, and to apply for admission, please visit <https://www.wmu.se/programmes/maritime-energy>

The programme is endorsed by Wärtsilä, RINA and CETENA S.p.A

Programme information	
Time frame	11 months
Credits	40 EC
Fees	USD 9,190 (USD 10,240 when paid in instalments)
WMU alumni are eligible for a 25% discount on this programme	

Programme Content

The programme consists of five modules each of which is a compulsory element of the programme, and which are assessed by five written assignments (each accounting for eight EC). During the programme you will have additional tutorial support from the programme coordinator and the five module leaders. Students are also invited to attend IMO MEPC sessions.

Maritime Energy and Sustainable Development

Introduces the historical environmental discourse around the maritime industry and the development of legal frameworks on maritime energy. It discusses various rationales for maritime energy management as well as the concept of sustainability in shipping. From a goal-based management perspective, a human factors approach is visited to discuss science-oriented solutions. The module examines the role of technology and innovation to facilitate forward-thinking decision-making, science-policy interface and adaptation for a sustainable maritime transportation system.

Ships and Energy Efficiency

Discusses Chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI including EEDI, EEXI, SEEMP, CII, DCS along with IMO’s Net-Zero Framework and the 2023 GHG strategy. It focuses on energy efficient operation of ships as well as energy efficient ship designs. Ship resistance components (viscous, wave-making, air and appendage) are discussed as well as methods for their reduction. Increasing propeller/propulsion efficiency and improvement of propeller-hull interaction are examined from an energy-efficiency perspective. Tutorials are provided to assess the impact of resistance and propulsion improvement methods on fuel consumption reduction.

Future Technologies and Alternative Fuels

Presents future alternatives to traditional ship propulsion, including renewable energy (wind- and solar-assisted propulsion and onboard power), alternative fuels (e.g. LNG, LPG, methanol, ethanol, dimethyl ether, biofuels, synthetic fuels and electro-fuels, ammonia and hydrogen) and electric power technologies, such as fuel cells and batteries, as a response to Chapters 3 & 4 of MARPOL Annex VI.

Life-Cycle aspects are evaluated, innovations in the area of future propulsion technologies and the safety of alternative fuels are discussed, and an introduction to marine renewable energy sources such as ocean energy including tidal and wave power is provided.

Energy Transition in Ports and Shipyards

Focuses on knowledge of energy management procedures and technologies in the framework of ports and shipyards. Port governance and its implications for the green development practice of ports. Theoretical and practical knowledge of the energy management framework is presented, including planning, strategy and leadership. Energy management systems are discussed, including certification processes such as ISO 50001, ISO 14001 and other relevant European certification systems. The quality management system (QMS) process and energy audit programmes. An overview of port finance and socio-economic investment techniques relevant for ports and shipyards are discussed. Circular Economy and industrial symbiosis approach within ports and cities context and latest trends.

Best Practices and Life-Cycle Perspectives

Best practices and case studies from the maritime industry are considered, from ports to shipping companies to engine manufacturers. The trade-off between the socioeconomic benefits and the reduction of air pollution is considered, and multiple criteria decision-making and its application in maritime energy context is discussed. Methodologies to support decision-makers in measuring environmental impact, for example of waste-to-energy processes, and mitigating climate change effects are considered, along with compliance with global regulations. It provides an insight into the methods of Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA) and Life Cycle Costing Analysis (LCCA), in the context of the maritime field, to evaluate overall environmental and economic impacts. Tutorials are provided in areas such as a simplified methodology for evaluating the life-cycle CO2 emissions of fuels or selecting the best alternative amongst the alternatives of compliance.

“ At WMU, I immersed myself in intense study, made lifelong friends, and built a global network that continues to shape my career. Although applying my new knowledge back in the Philippines was challenging at first, I persevered. Using my experiences, network, and lessons learned, I moved on to greater challenges and accomplishments.”

Sonia Malaluan, Philippines
MSc in Maritime Affairs, specializing in Shipping Management
Class of 1998



Postgraduate Diploma in Marine Insurance Law & Practice

This long-established programme is supported by IUMI (the International Union of Marine Insurance). The syllabus is updated on an annual basis, and reflects all the important aspects of the marine insurance sector which are relevant for the 21st century. The programme offers an outstanding academic foundation for professionals in the marine insurance industry to develop their expertise and their careers, as well as professionals planning to move into the field of marine insurance or the wider maritime sector. Practitioners are empowered to develop their insurance-related expertise and open up new career tracks. Maritime professionals planning to move into the field of marine insurance are offered a thorough understanding of this special sector of the maritime industry, including emerging trends driven by digitalization.



This programme is also recognised by the Chartered Insurance Institute, and offers exemptions from some CII Diploma and CII Advanced Diploma professional examinations.

Programme information	
Time frame	11 months
Credits	40 EC
Fees	USD 6,150 (USD 7,200 when paid in instalments)
WMU alumni are eligible for a 25% discount on this programme	

Programme Content

The programme consists of five modules each of which is a compulsory element of the programme, and which are assessed by five written assignments (each accounting for eight EC). During the programme you will have additional tutorial support from the programme coordinator and the five module leaders who are experienced marine insurance practitioners. Students are also invited to attend IMO LEG sessions.

General Principles of Marine Insurance Law
Offers essential fundamental knowledge of the founding principles of English marine insurance law. Marine insurance involves a specialized application of the law of contracts. However, substantive differences have emerged over time. The module examines the English Marine Insurance Act 1906 (as amended in 2015) as the main source of the applicable legislation. Where English law is applicable, this statute as applied to the contract (policy) between the parties will constitute the norms that govern the legal relationship between

the parties. The foundation for marine insurance in other legal orders is also addressed.

Categories of Marine Insurance Cover
Provides an overview of the different categories of marine insurance. Emphasis is on the various standard marine insurance clauses in use in the English insurance market, with reference and comparison made to standard clauses used in other insurance markets. Additional focus is on marine property interests being exposed to risks (especially Hull & Machinery cover), and liabilities incurred by a vessel causing damage to cargo or crew on board the ship or to property outside the vessel. The module highlights the potential overlap of property insurance with third party liabilities, predominantly covered by ship owners’ mutual insurance associations.

P&I Clubs and Mutual Insurance

Ship owners and ship managers have remained loyal to the Protection & Indemnity Club system for more than 150 years. Around 90% of the world’s ship operators cover their potential liabilities to third parties in one of the Clubs of the International Group of P&I Clubs. P&I and liability insurance have a number of common features with other insurance covers as discussed in the first two modules. However, P&I insurance also has some unique elements, particularly in the way in which the Clubs are set up and operated within the concept of mutuality.

Marine Reinsurance and Modern Maritime Risk Management

Highlights the contractual arrangements for marine insurers to transfer accepted insurance risks to other insurance companies. First, it concentrates on the role of reinsurance – i.e. primary insurers entering into insurance agreements themselves to cover the risks of the underlying insurance. Second, it covers the wider aspects of maritime risk management, including the rising importance of digitalization, which materializes, for example, as maritime cyber risk, and ever-increasing automation processes in shipping.

Settlement of Claims and Understanding Related Maritime Liabilities

Building on the level of knowledge established by the first four modules, the final module focuses on practical and litigation issues related to maritime claims handling. It addresses, in particular, liability incidents that may result in claims procedures. To a large degree, the related claims procedures and rules have been developed by marine underwriters and P&I Clubs. But they are also influenced by legal and technical possibilities as well as related legal limitations. To deal with incidents that may result in claims procedures, the module focuses on the value and importance of close communication and information exchange between the assured and marine insurers.

Programmes Delivered in Association with Lloyd's Maritime Academy



Lloyd's Maritime Academy operates under Informa Connect, part of Informa PLC, a global leader in specialist knowledge and professional development.

For more information and to apply on-line, please see www.lloydsmaritimeacademy.com.

Early-bird prices are available for both the programmes delivered in association with LMA.

LLM in International Maritime Law

This LLM provides an advanced understanding of a specialist area of maritime law and enables practitioners in both the legal field and maritime industry to enhance their career prospects. It improves students' research and independent study skills as well as the ability to develop substantiated critical argument. It is open to students who have successfully completed the Postgraduate Diploma in International Maritime Law and who hold an LLB (or equivalent) degree.

Programme information	
Time frame	12 months
Credits	30 EC, plus 60 EC from the Postgraduate Diploma programme
Fees	USD 9,230

Programme Content

The programme consists of two parts, and students are supported by an e-learning platform, where the programme coordinator will provide tutorial support and generate forum discussion. They are also invited to attend a one-day seminar in London. Research in law requires an understanding of the interrelationship between theory, method and research design, practical skills and particular methods, the knowledge base of the subject and methodological foundations. The first module prepares students for the Dissertation component, the topic of which focuses on an area of interest to individual students. Students will receive full guidance and support from the academic programme coordinator and the appointed supervisor throughout the dissertation writing process.

Part I: Researching International Maritime Law
made up of a Literature Review, comprised of 2,500 words, which counts for 40% of the module marks, and a Research Proposal comprising 1,500 words, which counts for 60% of the module marks.

Part II: A research-based Dissertation
independent study, supported by access to two comprehensive handbooks giving extensive guidance, and the supervision of the academic coordinator and the appointed supervisor.

Postgraduate Diploma in International Maritime Law

The programme has been designed to develop knowledge of international trade and maritime law. Students will increase their understanding of how commercial trade ventures may give rise to legal issues. With English law recognised internationally as the dominant legal system providing the basis for maritime and trade contracts, and with London as the single most important forum for settling disputes both through court litigation and arbitration, this programme studies law in relation to how it is applied in practice. This distance learning programme brings together the intellectual rigour of academia and the experience of leading legal practitioners, delivering the best Maritime Law Postgraduate Diploma available.

Programme information	
Time frame	18 months
Credits	60 EC
Fees	USD 10,905

Progression and Awards

Students who pass all assessments at the required standard may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in International Maritime Law. Alternatively, a student who holds a bachelor's degree in law may continue to follow the programme leading to the degree of LLM in International Maritime Law.

Programme content

The programme consists of an Introductory Module, eight Core Modules and a choice from four Specialist Modules. It is assessed by five written assignments and a final written examination consisting of two distinct papers. During the programme you will be invited to attend three optional seminars in London that provide additional support offered by the Module authors and the programme coordinator. Two webinars will also be delivered, one in respect of the structure of the programme and one on the hallmark of English law, the doctrine of judicial precedent.

- Introductory module:**
- An introduction to the English legal system
- Core modules:**
- International Trade Law
 - Bills of Lading Contracts
 - Charterparty Contracts
 - Marine Insurance Law
 - Admiralty Law & General Average
 - Payment & Finance for International Trade
 - Litigation, Arbitration, Mediation
 - Conflicts of Laws and Forum Shopping
- Specialist modules:**
- Ship Finance Law
 - Oil and Chemical Pollution
 - European Union Competition Law in Shipping
 - The Four Pillars of Maritime Regulation



Programme Delivered in Association with DNV



DNV is the world’s largest ship and offshore classification society. DNV’s Maritime Academy provides an extensive portfolio of training courses for the maritime industry. With their global network they are able to exploit best practices and offer comprehensive training programmes.



Postgraduate Diploma in Executive Maritime Management

Managers in today’s extremely competitive maritime industry need to cope with continuous technical, regulatory and commercial development. They must be able to anticipate future opportunities and act proactively, armed with up-to-date skills and comprehensive knowledge if they want to retain their competitive edge. This programme, first offered in 2015, has been designed to provide a “boot camp” for managers. It is continuously updated to address issues of critical importance in the maritime industry across its operational, technical and commercial aspects.

It consists of five modules, each of which is a compulsory element of the programme. Approximately every eight weeks a module will be completed with a final assessment and a new module will start. The programme offers pre-recorded videos on an e-learning platform, self-assessment exercises, collaboration tools, discussion forums and WMU e-library access.

Programme information	
Time frame	11 months
Credits	40 EC
Fees	EUR 8,170 (when paid in two instalments)

Fundamental Maritime Economics and Contemporary Maritime Law:
The principles and trends in maritime markets are discussed to gain an understanding of maritime corporate and economic driving forces. The module includes presentations on maritime conventions and the new regulatory development in the shipping sector.

Shipping Market and Financial Management:
An overview of the shipping markets and their unique characteristics is presented, and the challenges and issues in the current maritime sector are examined. Advanced knowledge of shipping financial management and the impact of economic variables on shipping business organizations’ financial operations are analysed.

Management, Organizational Behaviour and Leadership:
The nature of organizations and the processes inherent in them as they relate to individuals and groups are examined, and learners’ appreciation of the significance of management and leadership in organizations when organizational effectiveness, sustainability and productivity are in view is increased.

Safe Shipping – Safety and Technology:
Two fundamental aspects of the modern maritime domain: safety in shipping and the digital transformation are explored, along with various safety and security challenges, how to identify them and how to manage risk.

Sustainable Shipping – Environment and Technology:
The environmental aspects of the shipping industry, from carbon footprint to ballast water management, antifouling and oil spills, are examined alongside relevant technologies and challenges in achieving sustainable maritime development.

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As at 30 September 2026

MSc Programme Application and Payment

Submitting Your Application

Make your application online at our website. Attach your supporting certificates as electronic documents.

If you are applying for donor funding:

- submit your application as early as possible - by the end of December for students who wish to join the ESSP, and by the end of February for those who wish to join the standard or the accelerated programme
- ensure that the application for donor funding from your employer and motivational statements are submitted

There are no cut-off dates for submitting your application.

Paper applications are not accepted.

Fees and Financing

When your completed application has been considered by our Admissions Board, we will let you know whether or not you have academic clearance. Advice of academic clearance indicates only that a candidate has been selected by the Admissions Board on academic grounds. It does not indicate that a candidate can enrol; this can only be confirmed when the necessary finance has been secured.

The costs of studying at WMU are summarised earlier in this Handbook, and fuller details of financial arrangements can be found in the **Fees & Facilities** leaflet, which will be available from spring 2027.

Major international donors usually provide full fellowships, although there is a small number of tuition-fee only fellowships. Applicants' employers must apply for this donor funding. Several donors require that the candidate should complete a motivational statement in order to be considered. The blank forms for employers and candidates to complete can be found on our website.

Payments to the University

Payments to the University should be sent to:

Account Name: The World Maritime University
Account Number: 3968-77-02567
IBAN Number: SE66 3000 0000 0396 8770 2567
BIC Code: NDEASESS
Bank Name: Nordea
Bank Address: PO Box 24, SE-201 24 Malmö, Sweden

Details of the transfer of funds should be sent to the University Registry by email (MSc@wmu.se).

Payment for the 14-month programme can be made in two equal instalments. The first payment must be made by the following dates:

- students attending the English & Study Skills Programme in June: 1 April 2027
- students joining the standard 14-month Programme in September: 1 July 2027

The second payment must be made by 1 April 2028 at the latest.

Students joining the accelerated programme must make their payment by 1 November before the January in which they enrol.

2027/28 Key Dates for Students Joining the MSc in Maritime Affairs

2027

21 June - 10 September	English & Study Skills Programme: 12 weeks
13 – 17 September	Non-teaching period for ESSP students: 1 week
13 September	Orientation programme for non-ESSP students starts: 1 week
20 September	Inauguration of the Class of 2028
20 September – 17 December	First term: 13 weeks
30 October	Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2027
20 December – 7 January	Non-teaching period: 3 weeks

2028

10 January – 23 June	Second term: 24 weeks
10 January	Students with advanced standing join the Class of 2028
8 – 19 May	Non-teaching, re-sit examinations period: 2 weeks
26 – 30 June	Non-teaching period: 1 week
3 July – 27 October	Third term: 17 weeks
28 October	Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2028

“My time at WMU was instrumental in shaping my ability to contribute across various areas. The interdisciplinary training and global perspective I gained have been invaluable in navigating complex, high-stakes challenges. The experience continues to influence both my professional approach and my commitment to applying sound technical and policy insights in service of my country.”

Ariyamanjula Ranaweera, Sri Lanka
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