

MARITIME STUDIES

Mission Statement

The Maritime Studies program is designed to familiarize students with the dynamic cultural and natural resources of the maritime environment and to prepare students for careers in the maritime world. Students gain the necessary knowledge and expertise to enable them to participate and contribute to our growing understanding and management of the maritime environment. A Maritime Studies degree provides a broad understanding of the diversified field by integrating maritime themes, transferable skills, and a knowledge base to enter a variety of maritime-related careers. The hallmark of the Maritime Studies is its combination of focus and flexibility because it allows students to tailor their degree programs to their individual interests.

Student Learning Outcomes

UWF Maritime Studies graduates should be able to do the following:

Content

- Describe and apply concepts and theories in the subfields of that contribute to Maritime Studies:
 - Archaeology
 - History
 - Marine Biology
 - Government
 - Environmental Studies
 - Economics
- Use terminology from Maritime Studies accurately
- Describe career options that follow training in Maritime Studies

Critical Thinking

- Conceptualize a problem or issue from a maritime perspective
- Identify relevant goals and objectives
- Use methods of inquiry from different domains of maritime studies knowledge
- Employ appropriate analytical tools
- Draw reasonable conclusions

Communication

- Communicate professionally in writing and public speaking
- Conduct research using information technology

Integrity/Values

- Identify and practice ethical standards consistent with relevant professional organizations (American Anthropological Association)
- Recognize ethical components in complex situations
- Analyze complex ethical situations and design appropriate solutions
- Articulate responsibilities of anthropologist to society

Project Management

- Develop, implement, document, and present a maritime investigative research and/or field experience using cross-disciplinary approaches and multiple methods of inquiry
- Design and execute projects reasonably with given time constraints
- Develop back-up planning skills
- Collaborate effectively with team members

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

The Interdisciplinary Maritime Studies major includes both direct and indirect measures of student learning outcomes. During the summer between your junior and senior year or during your senior year you will select a field experience or internship. With this capstone course, you will demonstrate by solid academic performance what you can do a Maritime Studies major and gain practical experience in sampling, recording, or other practical aspects of professional work in the field environment. Assessment of student learning outcomes in Maritime Studies also includes a written exit survey that you will complete during your last semester of coursework.

Job Prospects for Maritime Studies Majors

Anthropologist	Coastal Zone Manager
Archaeologist	Coast Guard
Military Service	Economic Developer
Environmental Consultant	Harbor/Port Manager
Earth Scientist	Marine Vessel Manager
Tourism Developer	Maritime Lawyer
Maritime Historian	Maritime Law Enforcer
Recreation Specialist	Navigator
Nautical Archaeologist	Cruise Administrator

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