“I was looking for an engineering degree that would lead to an exciting career with world travel and great salaries.”

Cadet Cassandra Sattler
Marine Engineering Technology major
Derby, Kansas
It’s Time for Leadership

The Texas Maritime Academy is the heart of Texas A&M University at Galveston, the only branch campus of Texas A&M University in the Western Hemisphere.

Our faculty and staff hold the highest levels of professional experience, education, and licensing. Whether you are seeking an engineer’s or deck officer’s license in the U.S. Merchant Marine or pursuing a career in the U.S. Navy or other military services, it’s time to begin your journey.
U.S. Merchant Marine Licensing (LO) Cadets

- LO Cadets are seeking licenses as either Third Mate’s (Unlimited Oceans and Unlimited Tonnage) or Third Assistant Engineer’s (Unlimited Oceans and Unlimited Tonnage). These Cadets are preparing for careers as professional mariners in the U.S. Merchant Marine (commercial shipping).

- In addition to their academic studies, these cadets participate in the Corps of Cadets, train on the ship docked at the campus, and sail on three summer training cruises.

- LO Cadets seeking the Third Mate’s license must major in Marine Transportation, Marine Biology License Option, or Marine Sciences License Option. LO Cadets seeking the Third Assistant Engineer’s license must major in Marine Engineering Technology. LO Cadets who already have an undergraduate degree may choose to major in a master’s degree program.

- LO Cadets are not required to pay out-of-state tuition (except graduate students), but they purchase their uniforms, pay to attend summer cruises, and have additional expenses associated with maritime training and licensing.

- LO Cadets may volunteer to serve in the U.S. Navy Strategic Sealift Officer’s (SSO) program, a Navy reserve program for merchant marine officers. This program involves coursework taught by U.S. Navy officers, an $8,000 per year stipend while in college, and a commitment to serve after graduation.

- LO Cadets who either have military service, are married, have an undergraduate degree, or are over 25 years of age may apply to participate in Victor Company. Victor Company Cadets participate in all Cadet activities, but are not required to live on-campus.

Cadet Ny’Eshia Murray
V-Company Commander
Marine Transportation major
New Orleans, Louisiana

“I picked TAMUG because it is important to me to get an Aggie degree, but entering an exciting career path is equally important.”
Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC)

- NROTC Cadets are seeking an officer’s commission in the U.S. Navy. These Cadets participate in training and coursework administered by U.S. Navy personnel who are stationed on the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus.
- When a NROTC Cadet accepts a scholarship/advanced standing, they agree to serve in the U.S. Navy upon graduation.
- NROTC Cadets may choose any undergraduate major, but their major will be revised to include additional coursework mandated by the U.S. Navy.
- NROTC Cadets purchase some of their uniforms and have additional expenses associated with their training, but most of their uniforms are provided by the U.S. Navy.
- NROTC Cadets participate in shore side training supervised by the U.S. Navy, and may be required to participate in a summer cruise aboard a U.S. Navy vessel.

“Getting the Aggie degree has always been one of my goals. Now, seeking an officer’s commission in the U.S. Navy is opening the door to my future.”

Cadet Rex Jones
Corps Commander
NROTC, Marine Sciences major
Fredericksberg, Texas

“ I have traveled extensively while in college—as part of my maritime training. This career preparation starts you thinking in worldwide terms.”

Cadet Nicholas Edwards
A-Company Commander
Marine Transportation major
Fayetteville, Georgia

Drill and Ceremonies (D&C) Cadets

- D&C Cadets choose to participate in the Corps of Cadets without committing to either LO or the NROTC programs.
- D&C Cadets may choose any major and participate in most Corps Activities.
- D&C Cadets pay tuition rates based on their residency and must purchase their uniforms.
- All Cadets may join the Sea Aggie Band, the Drill Team, and the Hearn Honor Guard.
JOIN US

Apply to the University
To join the Texas Maritime Academy, you must apply to Texas A&M University at Galveston at www.applytexas.org. If you are a License Option applicant, you must major in Marine Transportation, Marine Biology License Option, Marine Engineering Technology, Marine Sciences License Option or any Graduate Studies-LO Program. NROTC applicants may choose any major.

Apply to the Corps
Submit an application for the Texas Maritime Academy or NROTC, available from www.tamug.edu/corps. We cannot accept you into the Texas Maritime Academy until you are first accepted to attend TAMUG. Texas Maritime Academy Cadet applicants must also submit a birth certificate and a copy of your Social Security card. Deadlines may apply.

Get a physical
Texas Maritime Academy License Option Cadets and NROTC Cadets must submit different physicals. Make sure you fill out the correct Physical Form. Both physicals (LO or NROTC) may be downloaded at the website www.tamug.edu/corps.

Submit Housing Application
You must submit an on-line housing application available at the www.tamug.edu housing website and a $300 deposit to be admitted to Corps Housing. Students with significant financial need may qualify for a deposit waiver. If you are not admitted to housing because of deadlines, you may not be permitted to participate in the Corps of Cadets.

Welcome to the Texas Maritime Academy
You will be admitted or denied as quickly as possible when your application is complete. If you are admitted, you will receive an acceptance packet with more information. Prior to the beginning of your initial academic semester, you will attend O-Week to learn about shipboard safety and the life and activities of the Corps of Cadets.

“I love the size of TAMUG. I feel like I am attending small school classes while earning a big university degree.”
-Cadet Sara Ballard
Marine Biology License Option major
Fort Worth, Texas

“...a voyage of discovery. After two years in this program, I have crossed the Pacific Ocean four times.”
-Cadet Cameron Warden
Marine Transportation major
Houston, Texas
The Texas Maritime Academy incorporates the academic degree programs of Texas A&M University at Galveston with professional licensing for the U.S. Merchant Marine and officer training for the U.S. Navy. TAMUG is Texas’ most unique university, offering ocean-oriented graduate and undergraduate courses in business, oceanographic/physical and biological sciences, engineering, liberal arts, and transportation.

**Students:** The Texas Maritime Academy Corps of Cadets includes approximately 400 U.S. Merchant Marine Cadets, 75 U.S. Navy Midshipmen, and 30 Cadets who are enrolled in Drill and Ceremonies. Overall TAMUG enrollment is over 2,000.

**Faculty:** Student to faculty ratio is 14 to 1, with more than 175 teaching faculty members. 87% hold the highest academic or professional credentials in their fields.

**Costs:** Texas Maritime Academy Cadets pay about $9,000 per semester in estimated tuition, fees, and room and board for a full-time undergraduate student, plus additional expenses for summer cruises ($6,000), uniforms, and special training. Cadets enrolled in the License Seeking training programs are not required to pay out-of-state tuition (except Cadets seeking a master’s degree and a license). About 65% of students are awarded $15 million in Financial Aid.

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Visit Us and Begin Your Journey

If you have questions about the Texas Maritime Academy, or the application process, go to www.tamug.edu/corps
Toll Free: 87-SeaAggie (877.322.4443)
Email: corpsinfo@tamug.edu

Campus Visits—Go to www.tamug.edu and click on Prospective Students to arrange your campus visit. The tour begins in the Sea Aggie Center with a one-hour presentation followed by a student-led walking tour. You will have an opportunity to talk with an admissions, financial aid, or Corps advisor after the tour.

Location—The campus is accessible from either airport in Houston. Take I-45 south to Galveston, I-45 leads directly to Broadway Blvd, turn left on 51st, continue over the Pelican Island causeway to the Mitchell Campus on Pelican Island.