

# MASTER IN MARITIME SCIENCE (ADVANCED MASTER)

Interuniversitaire opleiding in samenwerking met de Vrije Universiteit Brussel

60 ECTS CREDITS – LANGUAGE: ENGLISH – DEGREE: MASTER OF SCIENCE

## COURSE CONTENT

The study programme aims at students of diverse academic backgrounds, who have a common passion for and interest in maritime transport. People who are already working in the maritime sector can also feel the urge to enhance their knowledge and skills.

The programme comprises **three main pillars** (a technical-general pillar, an economic-logistic pillar and a legal pillar) and stays true to the multidisciplinary approach, which makes it unique in the global academic landscape.

The study programme is supported by a very strong teaching staff, composed of experts in their respective fields with international exposure and experience.

There is a strong link with the professional maritime sector, providing students with information about the actual operations and common practices on the ground and preparing them for a professional career.

All courses are taught in English, as the maritime sector operates in an international environment. The language that rules the maritime sector is in se English. It is therefore essential that students are able to use the English terminology in a correct and efficient way.

All courses have a **European and an international dimension**, resulting out of the global nature of maritime transport.

As a supplement to the normal academic activities and courses, an **annual study trip to London and several other visits** are being organised during the academic year. The five-day study trip to London and the other field trips and company visits are integrated as a full-fledged component of the curriculum.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The study programme is built on a logical, uncluttered framework, consisting of compulsory courses (39 credits) and optional courses (6 credits). The compulsory courses represent the core of the study programme, while the optional courses offer the student the possibility to choose which (professional) direction he/she wants to go, according to his/her personal interests and ambition, and allow for specialisation in a certain aspect of the maritime world. The three pillars are represented in both categories and these academic courses are supplemented by the writing of a master's dissertation (15 credits). The master's dissertation is a written essay about a maritime or transport oriented subject, wherein the student proves that he can analyse a specific topic thoroughly and individually and write his findings down in a structured and coherent manner. You will clarify and defend your master's dissertation in an oral presentation.

The **legal content** of the study programme aims at developing in-depth knowledge of international law of the sea, maritime law and transport law.

The **economic-logistic content** of the study programme aims at familiarising the student with the unique economic character of maritime transport, which is a global phenomenon with very specific dynamics. Therefore it is crucial that the students know about the economic principles that govern and affect port authorities, shipping companies and transport firms.

The **technical-general content** of the study programme comprises the essential principles of port technology (basic knowledge of the typical technical infrastructure and facilities in ports), ship technology (basic knowledge of the scientific and technical principles that govern ships) and actual port problems (insights into contemporary spatial and economic issues that determine the investment and infrastructure policy in ports).

## CAREER PERSPECTIVES

The degree of master in Maritime Science opens a wide range of possibilities in the legal world, the maritime sector, the transport sector, the insurance sector, government bodies, international organisations ...

Because of the strong link with the professional maritime sector and the practically oriented courses, graduate students are well prepared for a successful career and are able to fill an existing need in the maritime sector.

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## TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

### Na geschiktheidsonderzoek:

- masterdiploma

De aanvraag gebeurt via een formulier beschikbaar op de website.

### TAAL

Je voldoet aan de taalvoorwaarden op basis van je Vlaams diploma.

## PRAKTISCHE INFORMATIE

### Studieprogramma:

<https://studiegids.ugent.be>

> faculteiten > opleidingstypes > ga naar de opleiding van je keuze

### Infomomenten

#### Masterbeurs

[www.ugent.be/masterbeurs](http://www.ugent.be/masterbeurs)

### Studiegeld

Meer informatie vind je op:

[www.ugent.be/studiegeld](http://www.ugent.be/studiegeld)

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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

Due to the interdisciplinarity of the programme, the organisers choose to accept graduates from a wide range of different educational backgrounds. The minimum requirement for admission is a master's degree (master's degree following a bachelor's degree, e.g. Master in Law, Master in Business Economics, etc.), but in specific cases, after an examination of their curriculum and in view of their acquired competences, candidates with an equivalent foreign degree may be admitted. Students who are graduating may apply and can be conditionally admitted, subject to the successful completion of their degree.

Students need to apply for admission to the MSc in Maritime Science programme before the deadline, with the completed application form and all required documents. They can only be accepted after a thorough screening and selection.

### LANGUAGE

More information regarding the required knowledge of English:  
[www.ugent.be/language/requirements](http://www.ugent.be/language/requirements)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme:

[www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue](http://www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue)  
> by Faculty > Programme types > select your programme

### Application deadline

We welcome applications from October until 1 March (students who need a visa) or 1 June (students who don't need a visa) for the upcoming academic year. Early applications are recommended. Applications received after June will only be considered if the number of previously admitted students permits. The application for this advanced master programme is to be started up via the specific website.  
[www.maritimescience.ugent.be](http://www.maritimescience.ugent.be)

### Enrolling institution

Ghent University

### Tuition fee

More information is to be found on:  
[www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](http://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

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