

Southampton Solent University

MSc - INTERNATIONAL MARITIME STUDIES

- Ship and Shipping Management**
- Shipping, Ports and the Environment**
- Shipping and Commercial Law**
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INTRODUCTION

“The start of the new millennium signifies another chapter in human endeavour and with it, a clear dependence on the planet’s oceans. We recognise that the oceans not only play a crucial role in the planetary processes that sustain life on earth, but also yield an increasingly diverse set of resources to support global economic prosperity. This creates a difficult balance between exploitation and sustainability.”

Professor Jacqueline McGlade

The Faculty of Maritime & Technology offers a taught MSc programme in International Maritime Studies (IMS) designed to provide a period of intensive study in a specialist maritime area. The Programme comprises 4 shipping-related courses:

MSc Ship and Shipping Management (SSM);

MSc Shipping, Ports and Environment (SPE);

MSc Shipping and Commercial Law (SCL)

MSc Shipping and Logistics (SL).

The IMS Programme builds on the experience and success of a suite of related postgraduate courses that have operated since October 1997 and offers intellectually challenging courses with a diversity of learning experiences that aim to provide students with the skills and knowledge to operate competently within these developing areas. Based in Southampton, the location provides an additional attraction as it is now the foremost maritime centre in UK.

THE FACULTY OF MARITIME & TECHNOLOGY

The Faculty of Maritime & Technology can trace its origins back to 1932 when the Gilchrist Navigation School was incorporated into University College, Southampton. Degree courses were started in 1967 and the School eventually became part of Southampton Institute in 1984. The Institute obtained university status in 2006 and was renamed Southampton Solent University with its own degree-awarding powers. In March 2011, the Warsash Maritime Academy – a separate Faculty of the University specialising in the training of professional mariners – was merged with the Faculty of Technology to form the Faculty of Maritime & Technology. The new Faculty offers a wide range of shipping-related courses, both academic and professional in nature, and has a research centre specializing in the “Human Element” aspect of Maritime Safety.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME STUDIES (IMS) TAUGHT MASTERS (MSc) PROGRAMME

All the courses (pathways) within the International Maritime Studies Programme aim to:

- Provide an intellectually challenging period of study in the area of international maritime studies.
- Provide a flexible and stimulating learning experience in the discipline.
- Provide an appropriate balance of theoretical and practitioner knowledge and skills that will serve maritime professionals in their current and future roles.
- Develop and further refine management and research-related skills.
- Provide an opportunity to reflect on current issues affecting the Shipping Industry.

Specific aims of the individual courses (pathways) are as follows:

Ship and Shipping Management course:

- To provide students with a detailed knowledge and understanding of the management of shipping operations.
- To enable students to provide solutions to a range of problems associated with the management of the shipping industry.

Shipping, Ports and Environment course:

- To provide students with a detailed knowledge and understanding of the principles and practices of health, safety and environmental management with respect to shipping and ports.
- To enable students to evaluate problems and provide solutions associated with the development of both shipping and ports.

Shipping and Commercial Law course:

- To provide students with a detailed knowledge & understanding of the legal principles and theory apposite to both the shipping industry and maritime business in general.
- To enable students to analyse, evaluate and provide solutions for a range of problems associated with the legal framework pertaining to shipping and maritime business.

Shipping and Logistics course:

- To provide students with a detailed knowledge and understanding of both the operations and strategies of shipping as a single transport mode within the context of international multimodal logistics.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The programmes comprise a taught component (5 units) in Periods 1 and 2 (beginning of October to the end of May), followed by the Masters' Project (dissertation), which is carried out in Period 3 (beginning of June to beginning of September). The general structure of the IMS taught Masters (MSc) programme is as presented in Figure 1 below.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE COURSES

The International Maritime Studies (IMS) programme, last validated in 2009, is accredited by the London-based Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) and successful completion of any one of the IMS courses entitles the student to exemptions for a number of the ICS membership entry exams. For more details, contact the IMS Admissions Tutor.

Figure 1

International Maritime Studies

PATHWAY UNITS				PATHWAY TITLE	PROJECT
International Maritime Law (30 CATS)	Management of Shipping Operations (30 CATS)	Maritime Business & IT Strategy (30 CATS)	Maritime Business Law (30 CATS)	Shipping and Commercial Law	Project (45 CATS)
International Maritime Law (30 CATS)	Management of Shipping Operations (30 CATS)	Maritime Business & IT Strategy (30 CATS)	Safety & Enforcement (30 CATS)	Ship and Shipping Management	
International Maritime Law (30 CATS)	Management of Shipping Operations (30 CATS)	Maritime Environmental Management (30 CATS)	Safety & Enforcement (30 CATS)	Shipping, Ports and Environment	
Maritime Business Law (30 CATS)	Management of Shipping Operations (30 CATS)	Maritime Business & IT Strategy (30 CATS)	Maritime Transport & Logistics (30 CATS)	Shipping and Logistics	
Project Proposal (15 Cats)					

UNIT OUTLINES

International Maritime Law

This unit provides the opportunity for the student to critically evaluate the development, aims and applications of International Maritime Law including offshore energy law. Special attention is given to problem-solving through the use of a negotiating exercise. The unit investigates the allocation of rights and duties concerning the exploitation of natural resources in the marine environment, and international and European regulation of shipping and the marine environment.

Management of Shipping Operations

This unit provides students with an understanding of the total management issues required in managing a shipping operation both on-board ship and ashore. The inter-relationship of different management functions throughout the shipping operation, and how ship and shore are linked is studied to promote an understanding of how this will enhance the commercial, safety and environmental protection aims of the maritime venture. These issues are all examined in relation to the requirements of current international maritime legislation.

Maritime Business & IT Strategy

This unit blends the complementary subjects of strategic management and Information and Communication Technology (I&CT) strategy in the context of maritime enterprises and organisations. The unit recognises the increasing role of Information Technology in the strategic development of the maritime enterprise and considers appropriate methods for developing strategies in this context. Enterprise processes are recognised as an important approach providing the means to integrate the areas of business and technology strategy with strategic business improvement. The implementation of strategic change in the enterprise allows consideration of marketing management, project management and the human issues related to major enterprise change.

Maritime Business Law

This unit will enhance the student's learning experience and stimulate learning outcomes by challenging the student to explore issues in Maritime Law from the mature outlook of the Post Graduate level. Now their conceptions of the maritime world have changed with their studies – as a result they see that world differently, so that they are able to evaluate a specific issue for themselves, and form a personal view about its validity. This will be particularly valuable insofar as the unit takes forward elements of the content introduced in the International Maritime Law unit, so the two units complement each other.

The unit presents challenging issues, in areas which are not only those established as important to a well-developed masters' student's appreciation of shipping and commercial law but, also, address current contentious and evolving areas.

Maritime Environmental Management

This unit explores the concept of marine and coastal environmental quality and identifies the key environmental issues and impacts associated with shipping and ports. The need for an integrated and holistic approach to environmental management is developed and the techniques and approaches available to the management of maritime industry are reviewed and analysed. These approaches include both resource-use specific tools aimed at discharge and pollution control and maritime spatial planning as a means of applying geographical jurisdiction.

Safety & Enforcement

This unit provides students with an appreciation of the issues and the role/influence of key organisations and “players” associated with health, safety and maritime law enforcement within both the shipping and offshore industries. It also explores ways of addressing these issues and examines the relationship between safety and enforcement.

Maritime Transport & Logistics

This unit focuses on the commercial and logistics environment within which maritime transport operates, in particular organisations which own, operate or manage shipping. Senior managers need to understand the economic and logistics demands which drive this competitive and volatile industry. The unit analyses the commercial operation of ships in the bulk and liner shipping freight markets and the way in which maritime transport integrates in global supply chains.

Project Proposal

This unit develops the research and academic study skills relevant to being successful at Masters Level in Higher Education. More specifically it introduces students to the research process and details the theoretical underpinning philosophies of research along with the methodological options for both data gathering and data analysis. The intent of the unit is to enable students to produce a realistic and achievable research proposal that they can then implement in order to produce a Masters Level project.

Project

Maritime professionals need to develop and demonstrate competence in identifying, investigating and analysing problems associated with their existing, or potential, areas of responsibility. They need to be able to communicate the findings effectively and to influence others, as well as lead changes in policy or practices.

This unit develops these skills, from identifying an area for research, through planning and implementing a programme of research, to analysing, evaluating, interpreting and communicating the findings. These skills are applied to an area relevant to the programme of study and in an area of personal interest to the student.

The unit also provides the opportunity to carry out research and further development in an area relevant to a student’s future career.

TEACHING

Teaching is based on small group lectures and seminars, and frequently uses case studies and workshops to focus on the international and practical aspects of each course. Active and problem-based learning is employed to enhance the student experience.

In addition, the course includes presentations by guest speakers from Industry & UK Government organisations plus the following visits:

- Port of Southampton (including the Vessel Traffic Services)
- HM Naval Dockyard, Portsmouth and BVT Shipbuilding
- Oil Spill Response (OSRL) Limited, Southampton
- International Maritime Organisation (IMO), London
- Lloyd's of London

There is also a residential field trip to a major European port – usually the Port of Rotterdam, with whom the University has close links. The travel & accommodation costs associated with visits to London & Rotterdam are not included in the course fee.

ASSESSMENT

Each taught unit is assessed by a combination of presentations, written coursework and / or an examination. The exact combination of assessments, and their timing, depends on the subject nature of each unit.

AWARDS

A Master of Science degree will be awarded to students successfully completing all units of their programme with a mark of at least 40% in each unit. Students averaging 70% or above will be awarded a “Distinction”.

A Postgraduate Diploma in International Maritime Studies will be awarded to students obtaining 120 CATS and a Postgraduate Certificate awarded to students gaining 60 CATS.

Details of the awards will conform to the University's current Assessment Regulations. Individual units may also be available for study towards credit accumulation.

DURATION OF COURSE

For students attending on a **full-time basis**, all courses are 1 year (12 months) in length, with all 5 of the taught modules being delivered during the period: beginning of October to the end of May; thereafter, students study independently (but with access to supervisors) on their projects (dissertations), handing in their completed projects in early September.

A short (normally 5-day) induction course is run during the week immediately preceding the course start date & students are strongly advised to attend this. Programmed teaching takes place on the Thursday & Friday of each teaching week (total of 26) with visits taking place, whenever possible, on Wednesdays.

Part-time study (only available to applicants ordinarily residing in one of the European Union States), provides an alternative route, normally of two years duration. During the 2 years, students will be required to attend lectures/tutorials 1 day per week (Fridays in Year 1 & Thursdays in Year 2) while the taught units are being delivered (beginning of October to end of May). Project proposals should, ideally, be submitted towards the end of March in Year 1 and no later than the end of March in Year 2. Completed projects must be submitted at the end of year 2.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For all IMS courses, the normal academic entry requirement is a minimum of a Lower Second (2.2) Honours degree (or equivalent) in any one of the following: Maritime-related Studies; Environmental Science; Engineering; Management; Transport; Economics; Geography; Business or Law. Please note that this list is not exclusive.

Alternatively, a Higher National Diploma (Merit or Distinction award) or Ordinary degree in a maritime-related subject combined with an appropriate track record of achievement in a professional context at senior managerial level, may be sufficient.

In the case of professional mariners, the entry requirements are as follows:

Deck Officer: Masters (Unlimited) Certificate + at least 2 years experience as Chief Officer.

Ship Engineer: Chief Engineer (Class 1) Certificate + at least 2 years as Chief Engineer.

For professional & mature applicants, proof of prior learning and relevant work experience is necessary. For further information about the IMS programme, please contact either:

Programme Leader – Dr Anthony Gallagher (anthony.gallagher@solent.ac.uk) or

Admissions Tutor – Tim Hallpike (tim.hallpike@solent.ac.uk).

As all the courses are delivered in English, students will be expected to have an adequate command of both written and spoken English. As a guide, an IELTS score of at least 6.5 or a TOEFL score of at least 92 (for internet-based exam) is required. Southampton Solent University has a well-established International Service whose staff will be pleased to advise overseas applicants on language requirements, accommodation and expected costs of living. Historically, the Faculty of Maritime & Technology has accepted a high percentage of international students reflecting the international nature of the Shipping Industry.

Please note that, during the course, students will be required to use computers, both for the preparation and submission of assignments and also for researching topics on the Internet. If you are unfamiliar with using computers, some training and/or practice in their use is strongly recommended.

COST

The course fees for full-time students in 2011/2012 are as follows:

- for students ordinarily residing in the UK and European Union £3,625
- for students ordinarily residing outside of the European Union £9,150

For part-time students ordinarily residing in a member state of the European Union, the fees for courses commencing in September 2011 are as follows:

Year 1: £1825

Year 2: £1825 + small increment to reflect inflation.

For each year, fees can be paid in 2 instalments, with the second instalment due approximately 4 months after the start of the academic year. Students who pay the full course fee (for the year) before the end of induction week will be given a 5% discount.

Responses to applications from overseas (outside the European Union) will, initially, be sent by email and the official offer letter will then be forwarded by post. In the case of an unconditional offer, applicants will be asked (by the International Office of the University) to pay a deposit of £2000. Once this has been received, the University will issue the applicant with a second letter (stating the "CAS" number) which the applicant will need to submit with his/her visa application form. In the case of a conditional offer, the applicant will not be asked to pay a deposit until such time that he/she has satisfied the conditions (specified in the conditional offer letter). In the event of the visa application being refused, the deposit would be refunded.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Course fees and living costs are the responsibility of each student. However, a number of opportunities from which previous students have obtained funding are described below.

UK Applicants

1. Career Development Loans

These deferred repayment loans are offered by most of the high street banks e.g. the National Westminster Bank.

2. Educational charities, trusts and institutions

Many charities, trusts and institutions offer financial support to students - the difficulty is finding suitable ones. *The Directory of Grant Making Trusts*, published by the Charities Aid Foundation, or *A Guide to Major Trusts*, published by the Directory of Social Change, may be useful sources of information. All such sources are always over-subscribed and hence the awards are extremely competitive.

One example is the Society for Underwater Technology (SUT), which operate an Educational Support Fund which is open to both UK and international students. Further details and an application form can be obtained from:

The Society for Underwater Technology,

1, Fetter lane,

London, UK

EC4A 1BR

Tel: +44 (0) 2034405535

Email: Cheryl.ince@sut.org

3. Sponsorship

Company sponsorship schemes may assist existing or potential employees to fund a year's study. These opportunities occur more frequently for the funding of part-time study due to the increasingly competitive commercial environment.

In cases where the applicant has obtained Company/Government sponsorship, a copy of the letter (confirming sponsorship) should be included with the application.

International Applicants

1. International equivalents to those opportunities described for UK students exist in many countries for study overseas i.e. loans, educational charities and trusts, and government or company sponsorship.

For example the Educational Support Fund of the Society for Underwater Technology (SUT) is also open to international as well as UK applicants. The details are given above.

2. *Southampton Solent University Scholarship & Bursary Schemes*

The Faculty of Maritime & Technology offers up to 4 academic scholarships each year for postgraduate students who are normally resident in non-European Union countries. Applicants (for the IMS programme) who have accepted an unconditional offer and paid the required course fee deposit will be considered by the Scholarship Awarding Panel at the beginning of July of each year. Only self-funded applicants are eligible for a scholarship. Applicants who are seeking other sources of funding must declare this on the course application form. For further information about the scheme, please contact Melissa Caals (email: Melissa.caals@solent.ac.uk)

In addition, the International Office offers a number of £1000 Bursaries each year. For further information about this scheme, please contact Kevin McCarthy - International Recruitment Administrator, Tel: +44 (0)23 8031 9129, E-mail: kevin.mccarthy@solent.ac.uk

3. *The British Council*

The British Council offer a number of opportunities to assist international students to study in the UK. One example is the British Chevening Scholarship scheme. This scheme is for potential students normally under the age of 30 with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) score from their first degree of approximately 3.00 out of 4.00, or 7.00 out of 10.00, or equivalent. Applicants must also have an excellent command of written and spoken English. Application forms are available in June each year with a deadline for applications in mid-October, with commencement of the study programme in the September/October of the following year. Further information can be obtained from any British Council office, or on their internet site: <http://www.britcoun.org>

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications are made on the University form "Application for Admission as a Postgraduate Student". This form can be obtained from the Postgraduate Course Administrator, Faculty of Maritime & Technology, and the International Office (see "Further Information" below for contact numbers/email addresses). Alternatively, the form (plus instructions for completing the form) can be downloaded from the University website <<http://www.solent.ac.uk>> by clicking on: "Our Courses" > "Postgraduate Taught Courses" > "Maritime & Env Science Courses" (right-hand part of the screen) > chosen course in section headed "Maritime Industry" > "How to Apply" (right-hand part of the screen) > "Postgraduate Application Form" (in blue).

Completed application forms, along with two confidential references, should be returned to Postgraduate Course Administrator (see "Further Information" below for postal address)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The courses aim to produce graduates who are both technically competent and capable of management at project level and above.

It is expected that those who have completed the course may look towards roles such as:

- project managers within relevant maritime organisations and business;
- research and development professionals;
- managers involved in the development of policies; and
- managers involved in the implementation of policies.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or discussion about this programme please contact:

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