



MARITIME STUDIES

MASTER OF COMMERCE AND POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MARITIME STUDIES

The Unit for Maritime Studies offers a specialised Master of Commerce in Maritime Studies and a Postgraduate Diploma in Maritime Studies. These Programmes focus on Shipping Law, Maritime Economics and Customs and Excise.

Who should attend?

The Programmes are recommended for professionals in the shipping industry, including professionals consulting in international trade departments in law and accounting firms, customs and excise professionals and various public sector professionals involved with transport.

Course content

The Masters Programme consists of six modules and a mini dissertation (20 000-word research project), while the Postgraduate Diploma requires completion of eight modules. In both Programmes, there are two compulsory modules, namely Analysis of Sea Freight Markets and International Business Transactions in Shipping.

The balance of the required coursework modules may be selected from a number of electives from a broad spread of modules in Shipping Law, Maritime and Port Economics and Customs and Excise. Students may select freely across elective modules.

Programme teaching method

To accommodate individuals who are in employment or outside the Durban area, students are generally required to attend one weekend lecture bundle per month for three months for each registered module. A weekend lecture bundle generally consists of a Friday evening and a full Saturday. Lectures are delivered by shipping experts.

Working students are advised not to take more than two modules per semester. Working students have as a maximum five years to complete the Masters degree.



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Entrance requirements

To be considered for the Programmes, the applicant should have a recognised undergraduate degree in Commerce, Law, Engineering or Science with at least a 55% average or an equivalent certificate of competence from a recognised Maritime agency, such as full membership of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

Closing date for applications

- 20 December for the first semester of the following year
- 30 June for the second semester of the current year

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The School of Accounting, Economics and Finance will also consider applications for Masters and PhD study by Research in the fields of Accounting, Economics and Finance. Prospective students may contact the School for further information.

