



## Frequently Asked Questions

### College of Maritime Science

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#### 1) What is the Maritime Industry?

- a. The Maritime Industry is waterborne commerce. It consists of everything that is connected to the sea or waterways throughout the world, especially in relation to navigation, shipping, and marine engineering.
- b. Did you know that:
  - i. 74% of the world's trade is carried by ship
  - ii. 95% of the U.S. international trade is transported by ship
  - iii. 55% of the U.S. population lives within 50 miles of a coastline
  - iv. 60% of the U.S. energy is imported by ship.
- c. To read more about the maritime industry, visit this link:  
<https://www.northeastmaritime.com/blog/what-is-the-maritime-industry/>
- d. To watch a video that breaks down the maritime industry, visit this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFKmtho5NOK>.

#### 2) What is a Maritime College?

- a. A Maritime College provides you with both the theoretical and practical experience to prepare you for a career in the maritime industry. Maritime Colleges help you move up in the ranks much faster than if you were to enter the maritime industry as an inexperienced individual with no training or certifications.
- b. At NMI's College of Maritime Science, our Nautical Science program combines four on-campus semesters and two summer externship experiences.
- c. Upon graduation, you will receive an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Nautical Science, and you will also qualify for licensing under the United States 46 CFR regulations and STCW sections A-II/3 and A-II/5 with multiple endorsements.
- d. To learn more, visit this link: <https://www.northeastmaritime.com/blog/what-is-a-maritime-college/>

#### 3) What is a Merchant Mariner?

- a. Merchant Mariners are individuals who work on commercial vessels delivering goods, supporting maritime-based industries, carrying passengers on all types of waterways around the world. Merchant mariners are vital to the world economy and ensure that global trade is maintained no matter the circumstances in the world.



- b. Merchant Mariners are not members of the military, although some run ships that support the Navy and other branches of the Armed Forces.
- c. To read more about what a Merchant Mariner is, visit this link:  
<https://www.northeastmaritime.com/blog/what-is-a-merchant-mariner/>

**4) Do I need any sea experience to apply?**

- a. No. We accept applicants looking to pursue a maritime career, whether they have experience or not. The Northeast Maritime Institute College of Maritime Science understands the importance of receiving a multi-faceted, experiential-learning based education. Hands-on learning is a key component of the Applied Nautical Science program, transferring the concepts covered in the classroom to practical applications in labs, in our full-bridge simulators, on board our training vessels, and during summer externship experiences. We believe this approach provides a stronger educational experience for our students and prepares them for shipboard employment.

**5) How long does it take to complete the program?**

- a. The Associate Degree program is a two-year program, consisting of four residential semesters and two 90-day summer externships aboard a commercial vessel.

**6) Is Northeast Maritime Institute regimented?**

- a. No - NMI is not regimented, and we are not a military academy. Although it is not regimented, NMI does have a formal set of rules for our students. NMI operate with standards of high morals and professionalism and we expect the same from our students. Students' schedules are 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday. We require a uniform of Khaki pants and an NMI polo.

**7) How many programs do you offer, and what will I graduate with?**

- a. Currently, we only have the Associate in Applied Science in Nautical Science degree program. To read more about the program, please visit this link:  
<https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/about/>.
- b. We are working on developing a Restorative Aquaculture Program and are hoping to have it approved soon. To learn more about this Program, please visit this link:  
<https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/office-of-restorative-aquaculture/>

**8) What can I do with a Degree in Nautical Science?**

- a. Knowledge of Nautical Science is important for mariners to ensure that they can navigate, manage, and operate a ship on the ocean transporting cargoes for goods and services around the world and along coastlines everywhere. Nautical science is the study of the principles and practices of operating different types and sizes of



vessels safely, efficiently and cost-effectively. Some topics within nautical science include navigation, ship stability and ship handling, meteorology, propulsion, fire safety, security and more.

- b. A degree in Nautical Science will give you many options for employment in the maritime transportation industry. You will be a certified seafarer with the ability to continue working your way into senior ranks through continuing education.
- c. You will have the opportunity to work in different maritime industries on different types of vessels, such as:
  - i. Container Ships, Cruise Liners, Bulk Carriers, Ferries, Oil & Gas Tankers, Deep Water Berths, Off-Shore Energy, Cargo Ships, Dredging Companies, Port Work and more.
- d. To read more, visit this link: <https://www.northeastmaritime.com/blog/what-to-do-with-a-nautical-science-degree/>

**9) Will I get practical experience while at NMI, or will I only get that through my externships?**

- a. Yes! You will get practical experience throughout your entire time at NMI. We are a hands-on program preparing you for work in the industry. You will participate in labs and boat building, and you will get onboard NMI's training vessels at least once a week. You will also receive great hands-on experience through your externships and will be able to learn from those working alongside you.

**10) What should I expect from the externship experiences?**

- a. The purpose of the summer externships is for our students to gain real-life, hands-on experience working onboard ships, to accumulate sea-time and to fulfill course credits.
- b. To learn more, please visit this link: <https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/experiential-learning/>

**11) What License/Credentials and endorsements might I qualify for after completing the program?**

- a. Master of 100 Gross Ton Near Coastal
- b. Mate of 200 Gross Ton Near Coastal
- c. Able Seaman (limited)
- d. STCW Basic Safety Training
- e. Assistance Towing
- f. Proficiency in Survival Craft
- g. Radar Observer (Unlimited)
- h. Auxiliary Sail
- i. ECDIS
- j. Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA)

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- l. RFPNW

**12) Will I graduate with my US Coast Guard License?**

- a. When you graduate, you will have completed the required professional licensing examinations to apply for your US Coast Guard License. Our Registration office will assist you in submitting your US Coast Guard License application shortly thereafter.

**13) What is the tuition?**

- a. Tuition: \$22,000 (*as of 8 November 2021*)
  - i. Full-time enrollment (12-22 credits per semester) per year (Fall and Spring semesters)
- b. Fees: \$1,300 (*as of 8 November 2021*)
  - i. Mandatory full-time enrollment fees including, but not limited to course lab fees, random drug testing program enrollment, activities and technology. External professional licensing fees are not included in this amount.
- c. To see the current accurate tuition fees, visit this link:  
<https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/tuition-and-fees/>

**14) How do I apply?**

- a. To apply, please visit this link:  
<https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/how-to-apply/>

**15) Where can I learn more about Financial Aid Policies and Scholarships?**

- a. The College of Maritime Science offers many payment options, including:
  - i. Payment Plans
  - ii. Deferred Tuition
  - iii. Work Study
  - iv. Scholarship Opportunities
  - v. G.I. Bill and Veterans Benefits (*\*see next question for more info*)
- b. Visit this link: <https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/financial-aid-scholarships/>

**16) Do you offer G.I. Bill and Veterans Benefits?**

- a. Yes! To learn more, visit this link:  
<https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/gi-bill-veterans-benefits/>

**17) Do you offer student housing?**

- a. Yes! We offer multiple housing options both on campus and adjacent to campus. Currently, students are in residential settings with single and double bedrooms

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and shared living spaces and full kitchens. To learn more about student housing, please contact our registration office.

**18) Do you have any COVID-19 restrictions?**

- a. Yes. To ensure the safety of our students, faculty, staff and overall community, we have guidelines in place to manage COVID-19 to the best of our ability. As these guidelines can change based on the current situation, please visit this link to learn about our current COVID-19 restrictions:  
<https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/covid-19/>

**19) Do you offer any student disability services?**

- a. Yes. To learn about our student disability services, please visit this link:  
<https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/student-disability-services/>

**20) Do you offer any student activities?**

- a. Yes. We have a club sailing team, an open gym, Student Government, a Propeller Club chapter, and more! To learn more, please visit this link:  
<https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/student-life/>

**21) Where can I access your College Catalog?**

- a. To access our College Catalog, please visit this link:  
<https://collegeofmaritimescience.northeastmaritime.com/college-catalog/>.

**22) Once I graduate, will I be on my own in the search for a job?**

- a. No! NMI will always be here to help you in your job search. We have connections with many companies who are often looking to hire. Not only are we here to help you succeed during your studies, but we are also here to help you succeed in the industry.

**23) Where is your campus located?**

- a. Our campus is located in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. We are about an hour South of Boston, 30 minutes from Providence and 25 minutes from Cape Cod.
- b. To get to know our Fairhaven campus, please visit this link:  
<https://www.northeastmaritime.com/blog/news/get-to-know-our-fairhaven-campus/>

**24) How can I contact the Northeast Maritime Institute's College of Maritime Science?**

- a. Email: [registration@northeastmaritime.com](mailto:registration@northeastmaritime.com)
- b. Phone: 508-992-4025



**25) Do you have online courses I can sign up for outside of the 2-year College program?**

- a. Yes, we have a Professional Maritime Training program. You can visit [www.northeastmaritime.com](http://www.northeastmaritime.com) or reach out to our Registration Office for more information!