

Graduate Council Report

February 3, 2012

Special Consideration Item:

The Graduate Council approved Texas A&M University at Galveston proposal for a Graduate Degree License Option Programs at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

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Approved by GC:
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Seitz', written over the date and the 'Approved by GC:' text.

To: Dr. Karen Butler-Purry, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies
From: Dr. Bill Seitz, Associate Provost, Texas A&M University
Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Office, Texas A&M University at Galveston
Subject: Graduate Degree License Option Programs at TAMU Galveston
Date: January 24, 2012

Dr. Butler-Purry,

The Texas Maritime Academy recently sought approval from the United States Coast Guard to offer the TAMU Galveston License Option curriculum in partner with TAMU Galveston approved graduate level programs.

The formal memo from the Superintendent of the Texas Maritime Academy is attached and outlines the license option curriculum that was approved.

Any student pursuing this option with the Texas Maritime Academy will be enrolled as a degree-seeking graduate student in one of three programs; the Master of Marine Resources Management, the Master of Science in Marine Biology, or the Master of Maritime Administration and Logistics.

Students will complete all graduate degree requirements as stated in the respective catalog entries for each degree. No modifications will be made to the graduate degree requirements.

Applications to the graduate program and to the Texas Maritime Academy will be made separately and students will be evaluated by two different admissions committees. Students may not graduate with their license without fulfilling all requirements of both the license option curriculum and the graduate program curriculum.

This pairing of programs will, in no way, change the degree requirements of the established graduate programs at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Thank you.

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To: Donna Lang

From: William W. Pickavance, Jr. 

Date October 12, 2011

RE: Graduate Degree License Option Programs

Texas Maritime Academy recently received approval of Texas Maritime Academy and Texas A&M University at Galveston to offer graduate degree plans which to include License Option. All Graduate Degrees will retain all the rules and regulations set for by our governing accreditation bodies, as well as STCW '95, USCG NMC, and MARAD requirements.

Each degree candidate will be required to fulfill the existing university degree requirements posted in curriculum catalog, plus all License Option requirements and the following additional courses:

Shoreside Courses

MART 103 Basic Safety and Lifeboatman
MART 203 Seamanship I
MART 204 Terrestrial Navigation
MART 301 Seamanship II
MART 303 Celestial Navigation
MART 304 Electronic Navigation
MART 305 Construction and Stability
MART 306 RADAR/ARPA
MART 307 Global Marine Distress Safety System
MART 321 Maritime Law I
MART 406 Marine Cargo Operations II
MART 410 Bridge Watchstanding

Cruises

MART 200 Basic Communications, Navigation and Seamanship
MART 300 Intermediate Communications, Navigation and Seamanship
MART 400 Advanced Communications, Navigation and Seamanship

MARAD 310 Required Course

NVSC 200 Naval Science for the Merchant Marine Officer

Courses complete a Training Record Book which includes USCG required Basic Safety Training, Ratings Performing a Navigational Watch, First Aid Provider, and Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch. Furthermore the cadets are required to complete mandatory sea service, participate in the USCG approved Corps of Cadets License Option Program, complete a degree, and pass license administered by governing body. Candidates will also have to follow all regulations set forth in 46 CFR 310, STCW 95 as amended, and USCG Texas Maritime Academy approved SOP and any other regulation required by TMA LO programs. See License Option Corps Requirements in Curriculum Catalog for more details.