

# COAST GUARD CAREER DEGREE PLAN COAST GUARD MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Baccalaureate Level  
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY WORLD CAMPUS  
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN LAW AND SOCIETY

**DEGREE OBJECTIVE** —THIS IS A FLEXIBLE INTERDISCIPLINARY DEGREE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH SKILLS NEEDED TO WORK IN A VARIETY OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LEGAL SETTINGS. The degree is ideal for individuals who have an interest in law enforcement, court services, or public service, or for those looking to enter pre-law or go on to law school. COURSE WORK INCLUDES CONFLICT RESOLUTION, NEGOTIATION, EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP LAW, LAW AND POLICY, LEGAL BRIEF WRITING, AND THE FOUNDATION OF LAW AND GOVERNMENT. A 12-CREDIT POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE OPTION IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND DEFENSE IS AVAILABLE.

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**ACADEMIC RESIDENCY** – 36 hours. Penn State distance learning courses can be used to meet this requirement. The bachelor of arts degree in Law and Society is a 123-credit online program .For more information on this degree:

<http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/BachelorinLawandSociety.shtml>

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4. **Sources of Potential Credit for An Undergraduate Degree**- A list of the sources of credit generally considered by college advisors in issuing a degree plan.

### HOW TO PROCEED

Use the resources in this degree plan to determine whether this is the right degree for you. Consult your Coast Guard Education Center counselor before enrolling. Staff there will advise you about tuition assistance and getting an official Educational Assessment from the Coast Guard Institute. After you determine that a specific degree is a good fit with your career aims both in and out of the Coast Guard, ask the college for an official evaluation and a SOCCOAST Student Agreement degree plan based on this career plan. It will show exactly what you must do to complete the degree.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY**  
**PENN STATE UNIVERSITY WORLD CAMPUS**  
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REQUIREMENT		SH	SOC COAST GT	CG RATING *	CG SCHOOL **	TESTS	CERTIF- ICATION/ LICENSURE	DISTANCE LEARNING
<b>A</b>	Writing Skills (9 Credits) as follows: ENGL 015 CAS 100 ENGL 202 (A,B,C, or D)	9	X					X
<b>B</b>	Natural Sciences (GN) (9 Credits) as follows: Lab Course Others	9				X		X
<b>C</b>	Quantification (GQ) 6 credits	6				X		X
<b>E</b>	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS)	6				X		X
<b>G</b>	Arts (GA) 6 credits	6				X		X
<b>H</b>	Humanities (GH)	6				X		X
<b>J</b>	Health & Phys Ed (GHA) 3 credits	3			X			X
<b>K</b>	9 additional credits from the following general education categories: GN, GQ, GS, GA, or GH	9				X		X
<b>L</b>	Other cultures ----- Language (003 Level Equiv)	3 12			X	X		X
	Prescribed and Supporting Courses  Prescribed Courses (15 credits)  SOC 467 PHIL 010 or PHIL 012 PHIL 105 PL SC 470W PL SC 472  Supporting Courses (21 credits, 9 credits must be at the 400-level)  CAS 321 CAS 404 CRIM 404 CRIM 100	36						X

	CRIM 113 HIST 449 HIST 450 LER 321 LER 370							
<b>M</b>	Free Electives	18-24		X	X	X		X
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123</b>						

- \*The ACE evaluated CG Rate for MLEA Boarding Officer Course (CG-1728-0021) will transfer into the degree program as free electives as follows depending on the version completed:

Version I - 5/88 - 1/91

1 general credit PL SC      K -9cr additional credits from.... or electives  
3 general credits CRIM      K -9cr additional credits from.... or electives

Version II - 2/91 - 10/04

2 general credits CRIM      K -9cr additional credits from.... or electives

Version III - 11/04 - present

3 general credits CRIM      K -9cr additional credits from.... or electives  
1 general credit CI      electives only

**\*\* The following military courses will transfer into the major as free electives as per the indicated ACE evaluation:**

**CG-0709-0011**

**RADIATION DETECTION LEVEL II OPERATORS**

Course Number: 501858.

Exhibit Dates: 5/06–Present.

Credit Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 1 semester hour in radiation safety (8/09)(8/09).

**CG-1728-0021**

**BASIC BOARDING OFFICER**

Course Number: 501304.

Exhibit Dates: 10/08–Present.

Credit Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 2 semester hours in law enforcement practicum, 3 in criminal investigation, and 3 in criminal evidence and procedures (8/09)(8/09).

**CG-1728-0045**

**BOARDING TEAM MEMBER**

Course Number: 341095.

Exhibit Dates: 10/08–Present.

Credit Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 2 semester hours in law enforcement practicum (8/09)(8/09).

CG-1728-0059

**BOARDING OFFICER PRACTICAL**

Course Number: 501853.

Exhibit Dates: 10/08–Present.

Credit Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 2 semester hours in law enforcement practicum (8/09)(8/09).

CG-1728-0060

**PORTS, WATERWAYS, AND COASTAL SECURITY LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Course Number: 502157.

Exhibit Dates: 1/09–Present.

Credit Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 1 semester hour in marine law enforcement (8/09)(8/09).

CG-1722-0026

**SOUTHEAST LIVING MARINE RESOURCE BOARDING OFFICER**

Course Number: 501647.

Exhibit Dates: 1/08–Present.

Credit Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 1 semester hour in fishery management (8/09)(8/09).

CG-1704-0069

**ADVANCED HELICOPTER RESCUE SCHOOL (AHRs) (ADVANCED RESCUE SWIMMER SCHOOL) (ARSS)**

Course Number: 501054.

Exhibit Dates: 1/05–Present.

Credit Recommendation: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 2 semester hours in crew resource management or 2 in search and rescue (8/09)(8/09).

- An "X" indicates that the college guarantees to accept credit from the source shown for at least part of the requirement. See details for credit awarded and for each particular requirement on the following pages.
- ACE Credits for MLEA Boarding Officer Course (CG-1728-0021) will be applied to electives; CG transcript will be evaluated for Rating Credit, military experience, testing, basic training in physical fitness, service courses.
- If a Coastie has completed any certificate or license, he or she should contact the Penn State University Point of Contact to find out how, if any, course credit can be awarded. Course credit, if awarded, would be based upon an individual evaluation of a Coastie's record.
- Penn State offers a 12 Credit post-baccalaureate certificate program in Homeland Security and Defense. The certificate features courses that can serve as electives for current students. Contact Dr. Jeremy Plant, School of Public Affairs, for more information about this program: jfp2@psu.edu

## **RATING-RELATED EXPERIENCES APPLICABLE TO THIS DEGREE: BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM)**

The college guarantees to grant course credits from the Rating-related learning experiences listed below to the extent that they match degree requirements. Maximum credit is shown for each item. It is necessary to match the credit to actual requirements, eliminating duplication and addressing instances where the credit is insufficient to meet the total requirement. For example: Is there a way to compensate for the credit short-fall or does the experience fail to meet the requirement? The college retains the right to determine where credit for a Rating can most appropriately be applied. Other training not indicated below may be considered and should be discussed with the college advisor.

**In table, lists applicable training for a Boatswain's Mate (BM) , including Basic Training, leadership schools, and Rating related work experience.**

MILITARY-RELATED LEARNING EXPERIENCE	A	B	OPTIONAL NOTES ON USE OF CREDIT
CG-1728-0021 (Version 3) Maritime Law Enforcement boarding Officer	10	10	Lower Division/Baccalaureate-Associate Degree Category
CGR-BM-001-BM3 Vessel Maintenance Seamanship	3 3		Lower Division/Baccalaureate-Associate Degree Category
CGR-BM-001-BM2 Vessel Maintenance Seamanship Law Enforcement General Office Procedures	6 6 3 1		Lower Division/Baccalaureate-Associate Degree Category
CGR-BM-001-BM1 Vessel Maintenance Seamanship Law Enforcement General Office Procedures Personnel Supervision	6 6 3 1 2		Lower Division/Baccalaureate-Associate Degree Category
CGR-BM-001-BMC Vessel Maintenance Seamanship Law Enforcement General Office Procedures Personnel Supervision Principles of Management	6 6 3 1 3 3		Lower Division/Baccalaureate-Associate Degree Category
CGR-BM-001-BMCS Vessel Maintenance Seamanship Law Enforcement General Office Procedures Personnel Supervision Principles of Management  Field Experience-Management Management Problems	6 6 3 1 3 3  3 3		Lower Division/Baccalaureate-Associate Degree Category  Upper Division-Baccalaureate Category
CGR-BM-001-BMCM Vessel Maintenance Seamanship Law Enforcement General Office Procedures Personnel Supervision Principles of Management  Field Experience-Management Management Problems	6 6 3 1 3 3  6 3		Lower Division/Baccalaureate-Associate Degree Category  Upper Division-Baccalaureate Category

**Column A** = Maximum credits recommended.

**Column B** = Maximum credits that can actually be used in this degree.

## SOURCES OF POTENTIAL CREDIT FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

**WORK WITH THE COLLEGE EVALUATOR TO SEE WHAT CREDIT SOURCES MAY APPLY TO A SPECIFIC DEGREE. BE SURE TO HAVE A COPY OF YOUR UPDATED TRANSCRIPT AS WELL AS COPIES OF YOUR LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS AVAILABLE. IN APPLYING CREDIT FOR NON-TRADITIONAL LEARNING, COLLEGES ARE GENERALLY GUIDED BY ACE CREDIT EVALUATIONS. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO HOW YOUR MILITARY CREDITS WILL TRANSFER. SCHOOLS MAY ACCEPT ALL, SOME OR NONE OF THEM.**

## **CREDIT BY EXAMINATION**

ACE RECOMMENDED CREDIT FOR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CREDIT-BY-EXAMINATION PROGRAMS (E.G. COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP), DANTES SUBJECT STANDARDIZED TESTS (DSST), EXCELSIOR COLLEGE EXAMINATIONS (ECE) AND CERTIFICATION EXAMS. THESE WILL GENERALLY BE APPLIED TO MEET GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (ENGLISH, MATH, NATURAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES).

## **MILITARY CREDITS**

YOU MAY RECEIVE CREDIT FOR BOOT CAMP, SERVICE SCHOOLS, RANK AND CIVILIAN TRAINING. WORK WITH THE COLLEGE EVALUATOR TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THE CREDIT MEETS THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS (SH) FOR A SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENT OR THAT IT CAN BE COMBINED WITH OTHER CREDIT SOURCES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT. INFORMATION ON MILITARY CREDITS IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION: [WWW.ACENET.EDU](http://WWW.ACENET.EDU). THESE CREDITS ARE GENERALLY BUT NOT ALWAYS APPLIED TO ELECTIVES THEY MAY ALSO MEET OTHER UPPER OR LOWER LEVEL COURSE REQUIREMENTS. IDEALLY, YOU WOULD WANT CREDIT THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO MAJOR OR MAJOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS.

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREE CREDITS**

A DEGREE FROM A COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE MAY MEET THE LOWER LEVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

## **COURSES TAKEN IN RESIDENCY**

THESE ARE COURSES TAKEN WITH THE UNIVERSITY ISSUING THE DEGREE. SOMETIMES THESE COURSES HAVE TO BE TAKEN IN SEQUENCE.

## **CERTIFICATE/LICENSE**

WORK WITH THE COLLEGE EVALUATOR TO SEE IF ANY REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY CREDIT FOR CERTIFICATES OR LICENSES YOU HOLD. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT : <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm>.

## **Distance Learning**

Distance learning sources include college online and offline correspondence courses listed in the DANTES Independent Study Catalog (ISC): [www.dantes.doded.mil](http://www.dantes.doded.mil)  
Courses will be evaluated for transfer credit on a case-by-case basis. Contact your academic advisor for guidance on selecting appropriate courses that may be applied to your degree program.

## COAST GUARD CAREER DEGREE PLAN

**Coast Guard Career Degree Plan** is based on college degrees that align with COAST GUARD MLEA Training and contain specific college courses that match its competencies. (Example: A Homeland Security Degree, Criminal Justice degree with concentrations in Homeland Security or Business and Management degrees with electives that align with Maritime Law Enforcement training).

**Consult** the U.S. Coast Guard Institute Web page for Educational Assessment, Tuition Assistance, official USCG transcripts, Automated Degree Plans, and other voluntary education resources: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cqi>

## Constructing a Degree Plan

### Before you start, collect the following:

- Coast Guard Institute Assessment (available from Coast Guard Institute)
- Undergraduate Course catalog for the University you plan to attend
- Degree Plan for the major you have chosen (you can download the degree plan from the college website)
- SOC Student Agreement form (can be downloaded from SOCCOAST website)

### Become familiar with:

- General Education requirements-you must satisfy all general education requirements for a degree
- Determine the total number of credits you need to graduate
- Count the credits you have already earned and deduct them from the total. That will give you an estimate of how long it might take you to complete the degree

### Organize your course requirements into:

- General Education
- Lower division prerequisites for major
- Upper division prerequisites for the major
- Upper division courses (major)
- Coast Guard Service School/Rating requirements
- Electives

### Block your schedule:

- Divide the year into blocks and fill in your blocks with specific courses. Many online programs are self paced or have flexible start dates. Consider this in creating your blocks.