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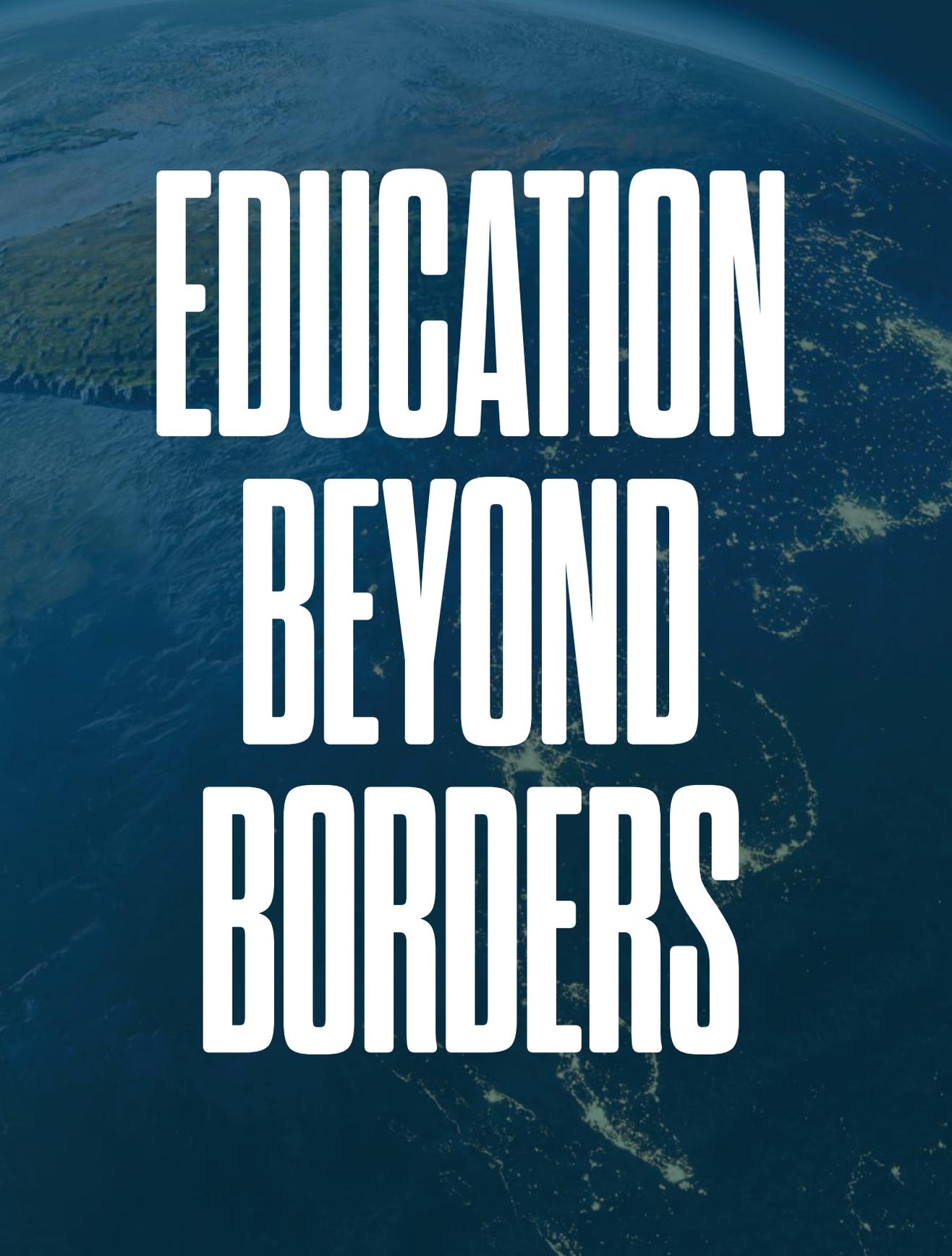
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Hello From John...



Hello, and welcome to MLA College, your Global Gateway to UK Higher Education!

At MLA College we are committed to fostering education, professionalism and excellence. Our students are the core of everything we do, which is why our degree programmes are crafted to be accessible to everyone, regardless of who, or where in the world you are. We know that not every student can attend a traditional university or study full-time; that's why our flexible, self-paced learning programmes are tailored to fit your unique circumstances.

Our innovative Total Learning Package empowers you to study on your own terms. Giving you the freedom to decide when and where to pursue your education allows you to seamlessly integrate your studies with your other life, career, and family responsibilities.

With three entry points per year, MLA College offers more than just a traditional university experience. We provide a cutting edge, unique educational journey that stands out as the ideal choice for students seeking something different.

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Professor John Chudley PhD CMarEng CEng FIMarEST

Rector





Hello From Mohammad...



Welcome to MLA College, a unique and high-quality UK higher education institution providing accessible, inclusive, innovative, and flexible 21st-century skills-based education. We are at an exciting next phase of our development, looking at expanding our portfolio and offering more subject areas in line with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Our mission is rooted in excellence and sustainability. We are proud education partners of CIFAL City of London, a vital part of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Our pioneering delivery model and dedication to sustainability make us a forward-thinking institution worldwide.

Our students are our priority. We recognise modern learners' diverse backgrounds and commitments, so we offer flexible, part-time, and full-time digital learning programmes. Our Total Learning Package (TLP) lets you choose when and where to study. We go beyond traditional universities to provide a unique educational journey that equips you with the critical skills and adaptability needed in today's global knowledge economy.

We look forward to being your partner in education, empowering you to grow, innovate, and lead for the betterment of your workplace, community, and global society.

Professor Mohammad Dastbaz PhD FBCS FHEA FRSA

Principal and Chief Executive Officer

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University Of Plymouth

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University of Plymouth

Named as one of the top 25 institutions globally and ranked 4th in the world for marine research and teaching in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022, the University of Plymouth is a world class research university.

The University of Plymouth, which is based predominantly in Plymouth, England, has campuses and affiliated colleges across South West England.

Students studying with MLA College are also enrolled with the University and are invited to the University of Plymouth Graduation upon completion of their degree.

All MLA College degree programmes are validated by the University of Plymouth.

In partnership with



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CIFAL City of London

CIFAL City of London is part of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). It is the 25th international training and research centre of the CIFAL Global Network and is the only centre in the United Kingdom.

The vision for CIFAL City of London is to support local, regional and national leaders in acquiring skills that would allow them to advance sustainable development in their communities and ultimately improve the quality of life of their citizens.

CIFAL City of London will specialise in sustainable transportation, with a particular focus on training for the maritime sector as well as social inclusion, gender equality, environmental sustainability and maritime-related affairs.

MLA College is proud to be the academic partner of CIFAL City of London.



Scan to find out more about CIFAL City of London.



UNITAR

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was created in 1963 to train and equip young diplomats from newly independent UN Member States with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate through the diplomatic environment. Over the years, UNITAR has acquired unique expertise and experience in designing and delivering a variety of training activities.

UNITAR provides innovative learning solutions to individuals, organisations and institutions to enhance global decision-making and support country-level action for shaping a better future. With a strategy fully focused on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UNITAR supports Governments to implement the 2030 Agenda.

The Sustainability degree programmes offered by MLA College are tailored around an understanding of addressing the United Nations SDGs.

MLA College is proud to be the strategic partner of UNITAR.

The Vision Of UNITAR

"A world in which individuals, institutions and organizations are equipped with the knowledge, skills and other capacities to overcome global challenges"



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WHY CHOOSE MLA?

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Who We Are

MLA College is a global, award-winning Higher Education provider specialising in the delivery of UK distance learning degrees, predominantly for the marine and maritime sector, but now with the addition of a range of sustainability based programmes endorsed by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

We were founded in 2012 and formerly known as Marine Learning Alliance. Initially we were based within the University of Plymouth, our partner institution, but now, we are a registered Higher Education Institution in England in our own right.

Our aim is to enrich the student experience, extend industry relevance, provide world-class education, and foster creative collaboration and strategic partnerships with other national and international educational institutions and the private sector.

We remain committed to a clearly defined set of core values where the learner is placed at the centre of everything we do.

CORE VALUES

Educational Excellence

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Integrity

Creativity

Academic Freedom For All

Accessibility

KEY FEATURES



Part-Time Distance Learning

We understand that sometimes life can make it difficult to commit to furthering your education. That's why all of our programmes are designed and tailored to be fully flexible around your commitments, whether that be work, family, hobbies, or anything else.



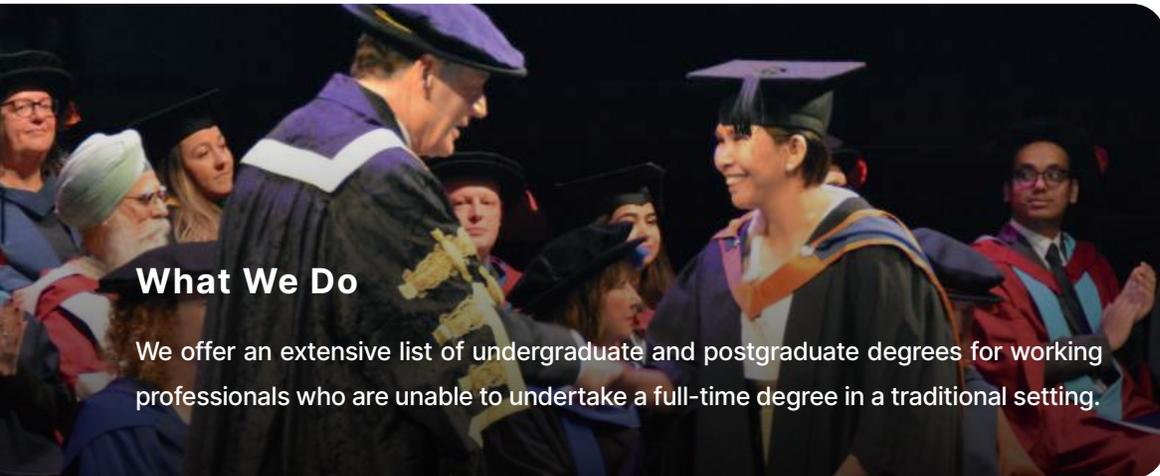
Worldwide Higher Education

We operate on a truly global platform and deliver educational programmes to students from over 65 countries. No matter where you are in the world, we have the capability to support your studies.



High Quality Programmes

All of our programmes are validated by the University of Plymouth. This means we go through a rigorous approval phase before any programmes are delivered.



What We Do

We offer an extensive list of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees for working professionals who are unable to undertake a full-time degree in a traditional setting.

Programme Delivery

Our degrees are delivered in a unique way that enables students to choose when and where they study. This flexible approach enables people to fit their study in around their work, life and career commitments.

Programme Creation

At MLA College, we pride ourselves on the quality of our programmes and work alongside an array of industry specialists, who are also tutors at the College, to create our own programme content. With our innovative production team, we record all lectures in-house in our recording studio and then edit the learning materials to provide you with cutting-edge, cinema-style videos which are access through the Total Learning Package (TLP).

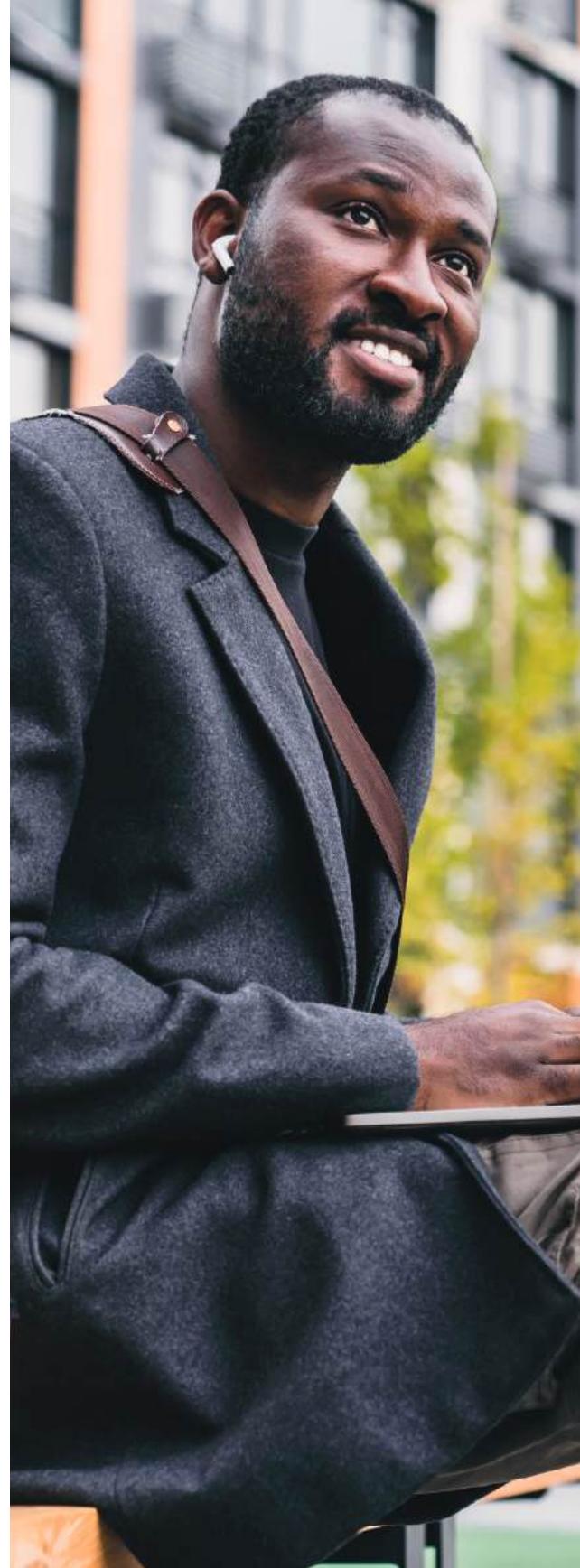
Once these learning materials are downloaded you can work through module lectures without the need for internet access - perfect if you are working away at sea or somewhere with limited connections.

Partner Organisations

Our commitment to learning and education extends beyond our degree programmes. We are actively involved in helping to create a sustainable future and are the official Academic Partner of CIFAL City of London, the 25th international training and research centre of the CIFAL Global Network and part of the UNITAR organisation.

CIFAL City of London aspires to build capacity in the maritime sector to create a sustainable future whilst working towards the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015.

Through our commitment to supporting CIFAL City of London and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) we have launched a suite of new programmes in sustainability, that help us work towards a globally sustainable future.



KEY FEATURES



Three Start Dates Per Year

You can start your programme in either January, May, or September, making it easy to begin your education at a time convenient to you.



Flexible Payment Options

We have a number of payment plan options available and are happy to accept payments by card, bank transfer, or PayPal. We also have a number of scholarships and bursaries available which may be applicable to you.



Fully Tutor Supported

Whilst we deliver our programmes from a distance, that doesn't mean we expect you to achieve everything without a friendly voice to guide you. Our expert team of academics are on hand to support you throughout your studies.

100%

of students think their tutors consistently make the subject engaging and that their programme of study is intellectually stimulating.



IT Resources & Facilities Supported My Learning

100% AGREED



Library Resources Supported My Learning

96% AGREED



Access To Subject Specific Resources Was Easy

93% AGREED

THE RESEARCH THESIS WAS CHALLENGING AND A UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE WHICH IS TRULY VALUE-ADDING



100% AGREED

New subjects and skills are introduced in a way that builds on prior knowledge.

100% AGREED

Teaching staff supported students' learning and development.

96% AGREED

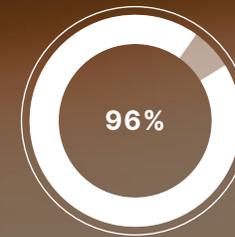
Students' opinions on the programme are valued by staff.

All data based on a 2025 Survey

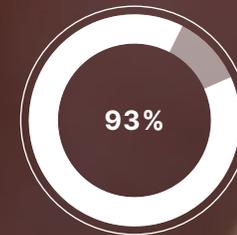
Student Feedback Is Clearly Acted Upon



96% AGREED



of students think their course has the right balance of independent and directed study.



of students think information about the mental wellbeing support services was well communicated.

100%

of students said it was easy to contact teaching staff when they needed to.

97%

of students felt free to express their ideas, opinions, and beliefs.

100%

of students said assessments allowed them to demonstrate what they had learned.

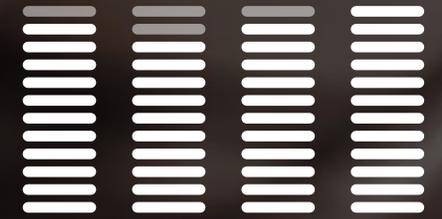


– 96% think caregivers get good support.

– 87% say there are visible female role models.

– 96% think women are appropriately represented in senior positions.

– 100% see themselves as positively represented, regardless of ethnicity, disability, sex, or gender.



96% 87% 96% 100%

Total Learning Package

Our programme delivery has been designed with the working professional in mind. Whether at sea or ashore, our Total Learning Package (TLP) allows you to study an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, regardless of your global location.

Our award-winning Total Learning Package (TLP) is a custom-designed, interactive learning platform that enables you to study anytime, anywhere in the world, at a pace that suits your lifestyle.

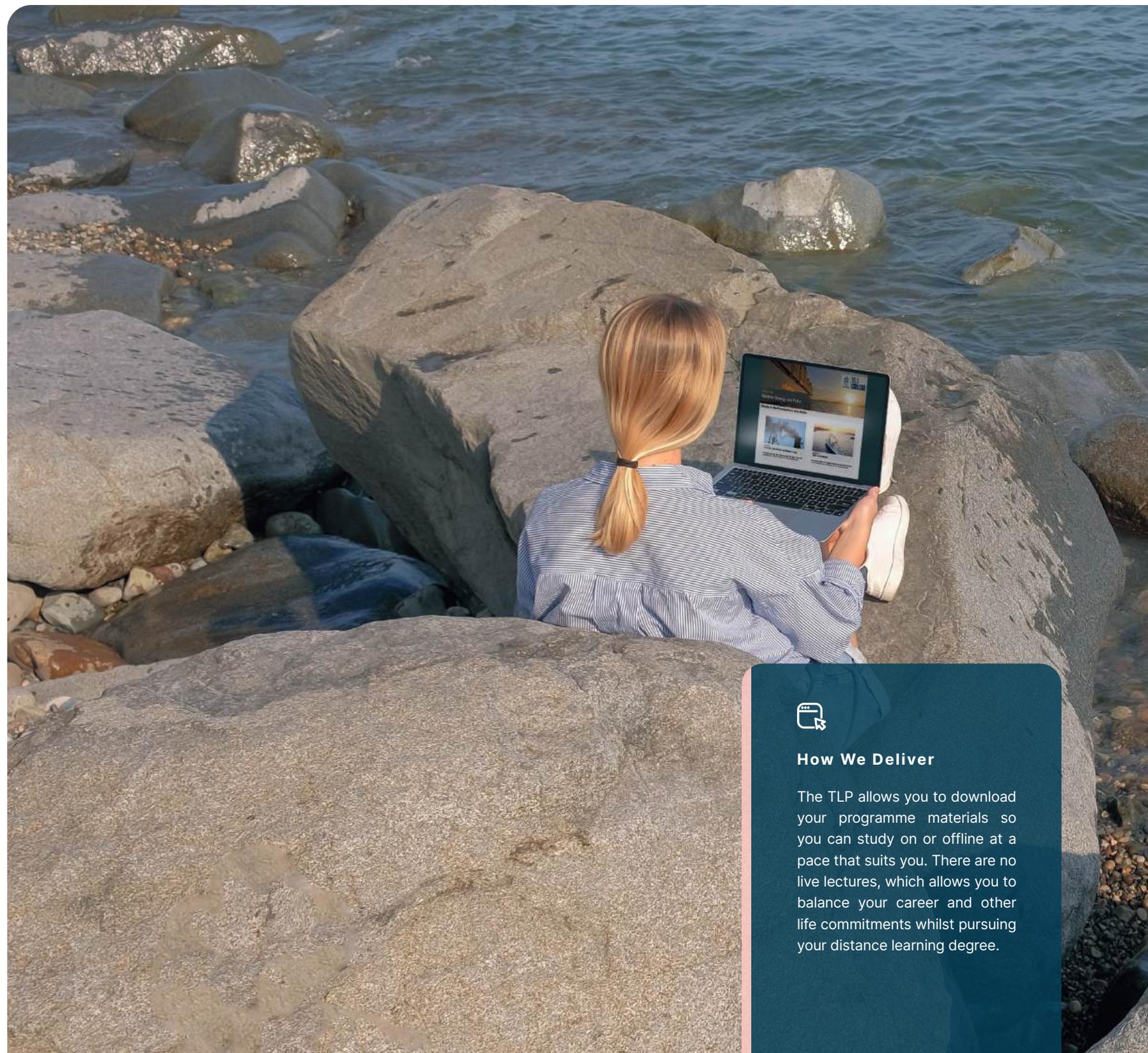
With the TLP, you're not limited by scheduled lectures, you have the freedom to learn whenever and wherever you choose. The platform can be downloaded for offline use, giving you full access to your course materials without needing an internet connection.

More than just a collection of learning resources, the TLP includes everything you need to start and succeed on your educational journey. This includes a comprehensive student welcome pack, which offers essential information to help you get started, as well as a range of study guides designed to enhance your learning and build your information literacy skills.

You'll also have access to dedicated support throughout your studies, including your MLA Student Support Officer and 24/7 Mental Health Services, all conveniently accessible through the Total Learning Package.



Scan the QR code to get a real insight into the TLP and how it works.



How We Deliver

The TLP allows you to download your programme materials so you can study on or offline at a pace that suits you. There are no live lectures, which allows you to balance your career and other life commitments whilst pursuing your distance learning degree.

Supporting Your Success: Meet The Student Experience Team

Abigail White and Charlie Vosper are the primary contacts for enrolled students needing pastoral support, including issues related to the Extenuating Circumstances policy that affects academic progress. They are also responsible for monitoring student engagement and academic progression, and will proactively reach out if intervention is needed.

Support services are provided through MLA College and our partner, the University of Plymouth. Our wide range of services include access to wellbeing support, disability services, career guidance, and more. We understand the unique challenges of distance learning, especially in balancing professional and family commitments. When unexpected situations arise, our Student Experience team is here to help.

At MLA College, despite the remote nature of learning, we strive to foster a vibrant student community, ensuring that you never feel isolated. We are dedicated to amplifying the voices of both current students and graduates, regularly checking in to track your progress and gather valuable feedback.

We encourage you to share any concerns with us, assured that they will be handled with the utmost sensitivity and confidentiality. Our inbox and phone lines are always open, whether you have questions, concerns, or simply need someone to talk to. All our contact information can be found in your student handbook, the TLP, or on our website.

We wish all MLA students the very best in their studies and look forward to supporting you in achieving your goals!



Supporting You

From the moment you enrol as an MLA College student, your Student Experience Officers will be available to provide any assistance you may require. The Student Experience team is your main resource for guidance, advice, and support throughout your academic journey. Whether you need help with extenuating circumstances, connecting with tutors, or accessing resources, we are committed to finding the best solutions for you.



Abigail White
Student Experience Manager



Charlie Vosper
Student Experience Officer

Wellbeing Services

Although MLA College students will not be able to access the in-person services offered by the University of Plymouth unless they live locally, there is a wide range of online resources available such as SHINE (Self Help Inspiring E-resources). You can find out more about the wellbeing services that are available by visiting the University of Plymouth website.

Disability Services

Our Student Experience Team are the first point of contact for students who may require additional support whilst studying. You can contact the team as soon as you have completed enrolment to discuss any additional requirements you may have.

Learning Development Services

Alongside the support and guidance you will receive from your personal tutor, the University of Plymouth host an online collection of guides and resources that are available to MLA College students. Cite Them Right (an online referencing guide) and LinkedIn Learning are amongst the services on offer and can be accessed through the University of Plymouth website.

Careers & Employability Services

The University of Plymouth has a wide range of online resources available to assist with gaining future employment once you have completed your studies. Along with MyCareer, which holds a database of UK based Employment and Careers events, the University has a range of online tools for students and graduates to use to develop their employability skills.

Disabled Student Commitment

At MLA College, we want every student to have a fair and positive experience of learning with us. We've recently signed the AdvanceHE Disabled Student Commitment, a pledge to improve access and inclusion for disabled students, and we are putting an action plan in place to make this a reality.



What This Means For You

If you have a disability, long-term health condition, or specific learning difficulty, you are entitled to reasonable adjustments. These might include extra time in assessments, assistive technology, or adapted materials.

We are reviewing how our courses are designed, delivered, and assessed to reduce barriers and make learning more inclusive.

Our facilities and digital resources are being audited to improve accessibility. If you spot an issue, please tell us. Your feedback makes a difference.

Our Promise

We are committed to listening, acting, and continuously improving. By working together, we can make MLA College a place where every student feels valued, supported, and able to succeed.

Support & Involvement

Our Student Experience Team is your first point of contact. They will listen to your needs, agree adjustments, and work with academic staff to put them in place.

Your voice is important. We want disabled students involved in shaping change through surveys, focus groups, or direct feedback, so improvements reflect real experiences.

You are entitled to fair treatment and full inclusion. Discrimination or harassment will not be tolerated, and we have clear procedures if you ever need to raise a concern.



Celebrating Student Success: Singapore 2025 Graduation

In an inspiring milestone for MLA College, its inaugural graduation ceremony was held in Singapore with great joy and anticipation. The event, which was held at the Pan Pacific Hotel, was attended by nearly 150 guests, which included graduates, their families, and esteemed guests.

The attendance of family and friends made the day even more memorable. The event was more than just a celebration of academic achievement; it was also an opportunity to celebrate the MLA College community and its shared values of educational excellence and professional development.

With notable guests such as Lissy Vadakel, Country Director of British Council Singapore and Professor Yoo Sang Choo, Consultant at Technology Centre for Offshore & Marine, the ceremony highlighted the importance of global collaboration and the role MLA College plays in advancing higher education internationally.

One of the most inspirational aspects of the ceremony was the recognition of students who had excelled beyond their expectations. Many graduates celebrated not only their degree but also two awards, demonstrating their hard work and commitment. Also, it was encouraging to see that a significant number of students have continued their academic journeys with MLA,

pursuing second-degree programmes that demonstrate a dedication to lifelong learning.

The ceremony also featured some remarkable stories, with many students travelling unique and challenging paths to reach this point. Wayne Lim, one of the graduates, said: *"I am excited to enter the next phase of my career, and looking forward to a very exciting time."* It was a sentiment shared by many graduates as they prepared to embark on new professional ventures, armed with the knowledge and skills they gained through MLA's innovative distance learning programmes.

Professor John Chudley, the Rector of MLA College, remarked, *"This is our first-ever graduation ceremony for MLA College. Our largest single group of students is here, and that is why we are in Singapore – to celebrate. We are celebrating success, celebrating distance learning and new ways of studying that enable professionals to earn their degrees without having to leave their workplace."*

The event was a celebration of academic achievement as well as a demonstration of MLA College's commitment to make higher education accessible and flexible for working professionals all over the world. Congratulations to all of the graduates, and we look forward to hearing about your future accomplishments.



A person wearing a blue shirt is holding a rolled-up diploma tied with a purple ribbon. The background is a blurred image of other people in similar attire.

**THREE
INTAKES
PER YEAR**

A group of people wearing white shirts are shaking hands in a celebratory gesture. The background is a blurred image of other people in similar attire.

**JANUARY
MAY
SEPTEMBER**



Unlock Your Potential:
Work Towards Professional Recognition With Chartered Status



In order to stand out in your profession and progress in your career, achieving professional recognition is crucial. One way of obtaining this recognition is through Chartered status, which is seen as the ultimate accolade in many industries.

For those working in the marine sector, Chartered status can be achieved through several avenues, including becoming a Chartered Engineer (CEng)/Chartered Marine Engineer (CMarEng), Chartered Marine Scientist CMarSci (Hydrography), Chartered Marine Scientist CMarSci (Oceanography), or Chartered Marine Technologist (CMarTech).

To attain these statuses, it is necessary to possess the requisite knowledge and competencies within

your field. This is where the MSc Engineering for Marine Professionals, MSc Advanced Hydrography for Professionals, MSc Advanced Oceanography for Professionals, and MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations programmes can help.

These programmes provide in-depth knowledge and understanding that have been designed to align with the competencies set out for Chartered status, assisting you to achieve recognition as a professional within your field.

So, if you're looking to work towards Chartered status and unlock your potential, don't hesitate to enrol on one of these programmes. Take the first step towards your professional recognition today.





DEGREE OPTIONS

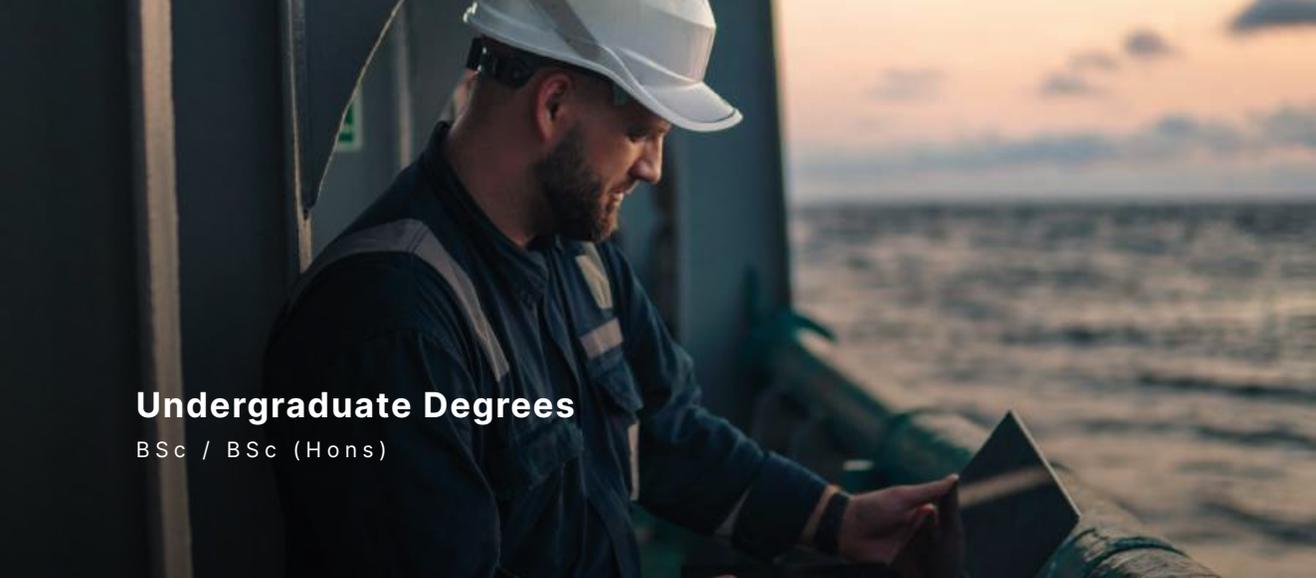
Undergraduate Degrees

Postgraduate Degrees

MBA By Research Project

MSc By Research Project





Undergraduate Degrees

BSc / BSc (Hons)

Description

Classed as a Bachelor of Science Ordinary or Bachelor of Science Honours, our taught undergraduate degrees are classed as top-up programmes. This means they are the equivalent of the third and final year of a full Bachelor's degree. Complete the taught modules and you will be awarded the BSc Ordinary degree or continue and complete the 6-month Honours Project and be awarded the BSc (Hons).

Delivery

Study a number of compulsory and optional modules, each covering a different subject, via part-time distance learning using the MLA College Total Learning Package. Each module contains approximately 30 hours of taught video lectures. The Honours Project is an independent research project.

Assessment

You are assessed on module coursework and project submissions.

Duration

Modules start every January, May, and September with taught modules lasting 13 weeks each. The BSc Ordinary degree will take you 12 months to complete and a further 6 months for the Honours Project, making a total of 18 months.

Degrees Available

- BSc Sustainable Maritime Operations
- BSc (Hons) Sustainable Maritime Operations
- BSc (Hons) Global Sustainable Development (This degree takes 24 months to complete)



Postgraduate Degrees

PgDip / MSc

Description

A Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Masters degree are the next levels of study after a Bachelor's Degree. They are associated with a higher level of knowledge in a set subject and therefore help career progression. A Bachelor's degree isn't required to be eligible for a postgraduate degree if you have industry experience. More information about eligibility can be found on the programme pages.

The difference between a PgDip and Masters degree is undertaking a 12 month independent research module following the learning modules.

Delivery

Choose the MSc and you will study five taught modules followed by an independent Research Project. The programme is delivered via part-

time distance learning using the MLA College Total Learning Package. Each module contains approximately 30 hours of taught video lectures.

Assessment

You are assessed on module coursework and project submissions.

Duration

Modules start every January, May, and September with taught modules lasting 13 weeks each. The Research Project takes 12 months to complete, making the duration of the full programme 2.5 years.

Degrees Available

- PgDip Engineering Management
- MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations
- MSc Global Sustainable Development



Scan to see our undergraduate & postgraduate degrees on our website.



MBA By Research Project

Description

Much like the Masters by Research Project, the MBA is aimed at those in senior positions that already possess the skills and knowledge equivalent to having a Postgraduate Diploma in the chosen specialism and can study the Research Project as a stand-alone module. Upon successful completion you will be awarded the full MBA in the area of expertise you have chosen.

Delivery

Starting with a short lecture on Research Techniques, this project is a 12-month independent study in the chosen MBA pathway. Normally undertaken as a workplace-based project, this qualification can benefit you as well as the company in which you work. The project is fully tutor-supported.

Assessment

You are assessed on your project submission.

Duration

The MBA by Research Project takes 12-months to complete.

Degrees Available

- MBA Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- MBA Maritime Operations
- MBA Financial Technology (FinTech)
- MBA Marketing
- MBA Capital Markets & Finance



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MSc By Research Project

Description

Designed for those in senior positions with the knowledge and skills equivalent to a postgraduate diploma, this degree option enables you to go straight to the final module. This means your work experience, or a previously obtained Postgraduate Diploma in the subject, can be topped-up to gain a full Masters Degree by completing the Research Project as a stand-alone module. Upon successful completion you will be awarded the full MSc qualification.

Delivery

Starting with a short lecture on Research Techniques, this project is a 12-month independent study in the chosen Masters specialism. Normally undertaken as a workplace-based project, this qualification can

benefit you as well as the company in which you work. The project is fully tutor-supported.

Assessment

You are assessed on your project submission.

Duration

The Masters by Research Project takes 12-months to complete.

Degrees Available

- MSc Sustainability in Practice
- MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations
- MSc Advanced Hydrography for Professionals
- MSc Advanced Meteorology for Professionals
- MSc Advanced Navigation for Professionals
- MSc Advanced Oceanography for Professionals
- MSc Engineering for Marine Professionals



Scan to watch an explainer about our MSc/MBA By Research Project Courses.



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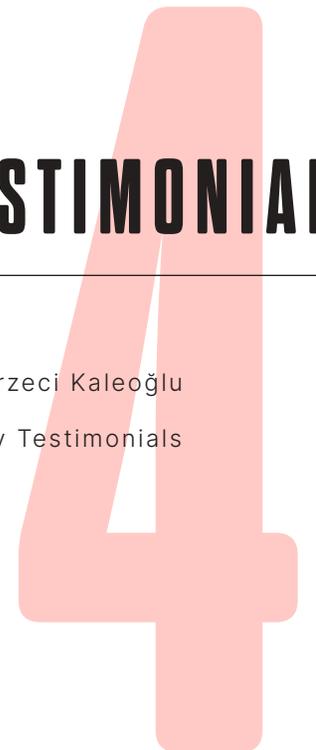


STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Maritime Testimonials

An Interview With Alara Merzeci Kaleoğlu

Engineering & Sustainability Testimonials



Maritime Testimonials



"Some of the sustainability parts of the course have been really useful. I've moved to a bigger company and I came in with the knowledge that this is what a plan is for the future. It's not just about reacting, it was proactive knowledge of the industry, which was very useful when it came to the interview process."

Jacob Bennett
*BSc Sustainable
Maritime Operations*



"I do spend a lot of time watching the videos because I feel it's interactive and easy to access. I would recommend MLA College because it's convenient, you can actually study everywhere in the world, and it's fast; you can just download the TLP. MLA College is the perfect school."

Noraisah Saman
*BSc Sustainable
Maritime Operations*



"My experience studying with MLA was amazing. The material was very well structured and I had guidance every step of the way. I have many colleagues who I believe would be excited to join."

Lito Vertzini
*MSc Sustainable
Maritime Operations*



DREAM & BELIEVE



An Interview With: Alara Merzeci Kaleoğlu

Hi. Please tell us more about yourself and why you decided to study with MLA College.

Hello, my name is Alara Merzeci Kaleoğlu and I am a current student at MLA College studying MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations programme. In 2020, I have graduated from Durham University with a law degree, and I am currently completing my law equivalency and accreditation courses at Istanbul University, Turkey, whilst also doing my internship at Ülgener Law firm which focuses on Maritime Law.

Even before starting my law degree at Durham University, I was certain that I wanted to focus on maritime law for my career path. Unfortunately graduating at the time of the Covid-19 pandemic had its difficulties to pursue further studies in the UK due to the travel restrictions. I am happy that I found out about MLA College's online programme opportunities at the time, which made it possible for me to start my master's degree on the field where my interests lie.

Please tell us more about your programme and why you chose it?

As a lawyer to be, of course along with all the invaluable legal knowledge, I believe it

is important to comprehend the background operations of your chosen practice area, the functioning of the principal organizations and understanding the current challenges faced by that sector. The MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations programme not only covers all these components and much more, but also brings together many successful businessman and women, people who have years of experience in the maritime sector, providing a global maritime network. As a recent graduate, I did not have enough experience or was not involved in the maritime sector before starting my master's degree however, with the help and support of my academic tutors, I have now a high-level understanding of the functioning of the maritime sector.

What inspired you to pursue a UK degree from your home country?

Britain is undeniably one of the most favoured places to learn about maritime due its history of being one of the maritime powers since centuries. For that reason, I was aware that not many other places would be able to provide me with this level of accumulated knowledge. As much as MLA College provides a high-level education for all who are interested in learning

IT IS POSSIBLE FOR STUDENTS TO UPLOAD A DRAFT VERSION OF THEIR COURSEWORK BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR DETAILED FEEDBACK ON WHAT TO IMPROVE TO GET A HIGHER MARK. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ENHANCE THEIR WRITING METHODS.

about the depths of maritime, also, being in collaboration with University of Plymouth, which offers one of the top five maritime university programs in the UK, is a combination that inspired me to pursue my further studies in the form of a distance learning UK degree.

How are you finding your online learning experience? What are some challenges you faced in the beginning and how did the College help you overcome them?

I find online learning experience to be very practical and adaptable to your day-to-day life. As I am now moving on to my final module when I look back to my last one and a half years there is not much of a challenge I can even remember of. The functioning of the online modules is very much systematic and effective, you can watch your recorded modules anytime from anywhere after uploading the Learning Package to your computer. But in the case of a challenge, a simple question, or any little inconvenience MLA College has the most supportive and kind team to help you solve the problem as soon as possible by guiding you throughout the way.

Is it challenging balancing other responsibilities with your studies?

During my studies at the MLA college, I have met students who at the same time leaders of large numbers of crew members or who are seaman travelling for months and many other people balancing their responsibilities and workload. As I have mentioned above, I am currently completing my law equivalency courses, doing my internship at a law firm and at the same time have finished most of my master's degree and moving on to my last module. Along with this programme, I always have had other responsibilities which I had to manage in parallel with each other. Perhaps the best part of obtaining a degree online is being able to achieve much more within the same period. This programme allows you to self-organize, there are no strict schedules of weekly classes, the modules are all pre-recorded and uploaded to the system so you can set your own pace without being overloaded with work.

How are you finding the learning materials? Is it easy to understand and learn?

The learning materials are very well organised and are easy to follow, recordings all have transcript versions attached below the module videos which helps to keep up and so you do not have to pause every few seconds to take notes. Also, the language used by the tutors is very friendly for foreigners also, nothing is rushed, and everything is explained for everyone to understand. The content of the modules is also carefully planned since every module include not only the core content but also informs about the challenges faced for that matter, supported by legal matters or research previously conducted when interrelated.

What is the support like from your lecturers and other MLA staff?

Up until now I have completed five modules and each one of my tutors have been incredibly helpful and supportive. Also, it is possible for students to upload a draft version of their coursework before the deadline for detailed feedback on what to improve to get a higher mark. This is a great opportunity for students who would like to enhance their writing methods, most particularly academic writing. I

have once missed my deadline for a coursework, and I can remember the email my tutor sent me as a reminder and was offering any help possible if anything was wrong. It was a very polite way of giving the chance for the other person to explain themselves. Overall, I can say that supporting and being friendly is a priority for all members of the MLA College which makes the process much more enjoyable.

How are you hoping your career will progress once you have graduated?

As mentioned above I hope to become a lawyer soon and my hope is to pursue my career particularly within the maritime world. I believe what I will be taking home with me once I successfully finish this programme is invaluable and having this knowledge will allow me to be better at what I do.

Would you recommend other potential students to study with MLA College, if so, why?

I would like to mention a memory of mine, during my internship I was once at a courthouse and there was a witness hearing, the witness was a ship manager. After the hearing, at some point I realised we were in a heated conversation about the emission rate restrictions

imposed by different countries. Essentially, I realised at that moment how this programme had benefitted me to learn about the background functioning and daily challenges of the maritime world. Overall, the purpose of me mentioning this memory is that this programme may seem to be formed especially targeting the people directly involved with the shipping sector however I would suggest this program for everyone from all sectors such as myself who are interested in maritime law.

STRIVE & ACHIEVE



Engineering & Sustainability Testimonials



"You can download all your materials, keep it on your computer, and watch it at your leisure; while you're on your flights or waiting for boats. You can always catch up and replay your videos. It's a very good experience."

Premnath Nardarajan
MSc Engineering for Marine Professionals



"This is what I've been looking for because I can't stop to study because I am married with kids and I can't go back to university. I have to still support my family, so this is a really good opportunity. I would recommend MLA College to everyone."

Mohanavanan Selvaraju
MSc Engineering for Marine Professionals



"What's good with MLA College is that we have this TLP programme where it's self-based. What I enjoyed about it is that the videos are really direct to the point. It's not boring; it's not so long that you have to stay more than an hour."

Rubelyn Valdehueza
MSc Sustainability in Practice



FUNDING & SCHOLARSHIPS

Flexible Payment Options / Student Loans

MLA Bursary Scheme

United Nations Scholarship Scheme

Singapore Maritime Cluster Fund

UK Armed Forces Discount / Refer a Friend Scheme

Women in Maritime Bursary / Women in STEM Bursary

Professional Membership Discount / Alumni Society Discount



Flexible Payment Options

Undertaking a degree programme can be a financial burden, especially for self-funding students. That is why MLA College provides the opportunity to spread the cost via a flexible payment plan.

Tuition fees are required to be paid no later than four weeks prior to starting the programme. This date may change nearer the time should spaces on a programme permit late enrolments.



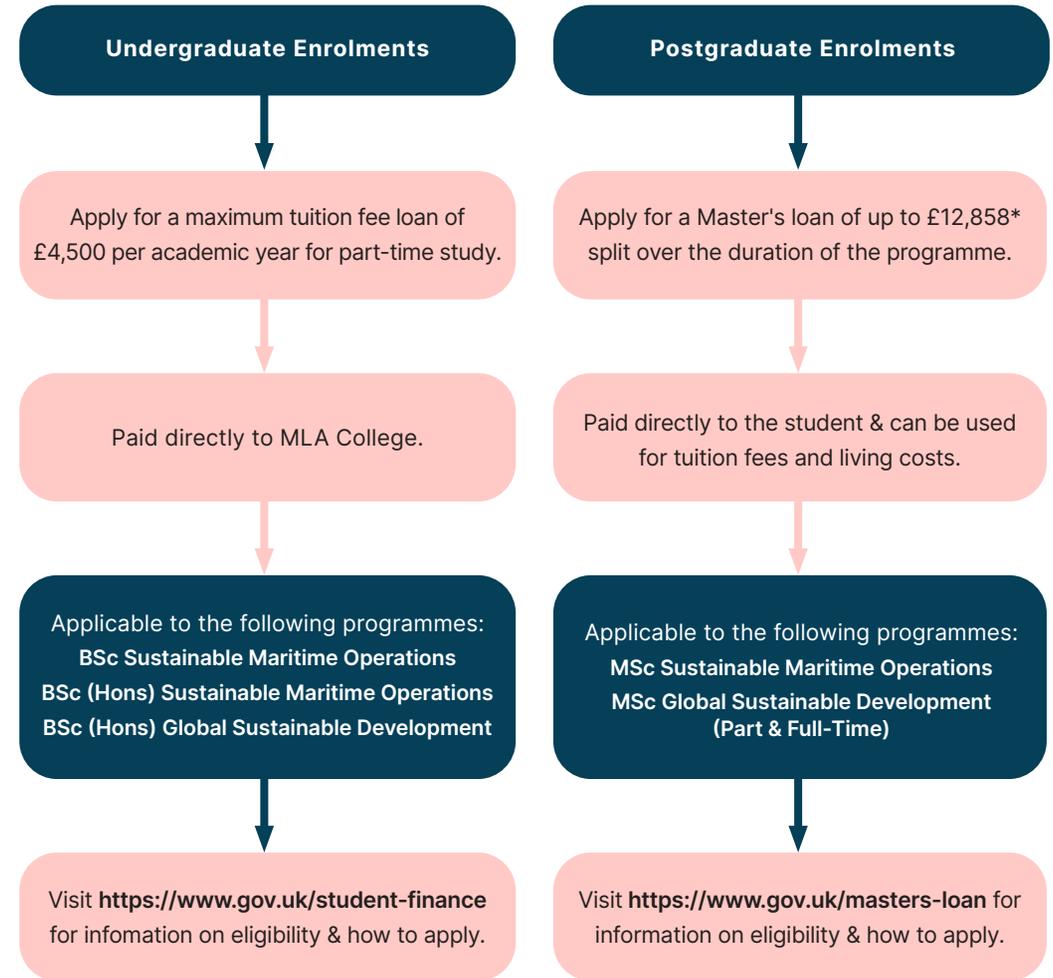
How It Works

Students who need more flexibility with their payments can opt in for the flexible payment plan. Interested students must inform the Student Finance Team of their desire to spread the payments during the enrolment stage prior to starting the programme.



Student Loans

Students from the UK, and some from the EU/EEA who normally reside in England and Northern Ireland, can apply to the Student Loans Company to help fund their studies.



**this figure will change yearly. For the most up-to-date information visit the Student Loans website. Please note, MSc By Research Project programmes are not eligible for a Master's loan.*



Scan for more information on student loans and eligibility.



MLA Bursary Scheme

MLA College's bursary scheme is available for applicants who have annual incomes of less than £25,000 (or equivalent). The bursary of £500, which comes in the form of a fee reduction, will be made on completion of the enrolment process, following the production of the required evidence. Please note, this is not an annual award.

Available Bursaries*	Bursary Value	Quantity Available
For UK Resident Students Over Age 25 On Enrolment	£500	6
For Non-UK Resident Students Over Age 25 On Enrolment	£500	6
For Women Over Age 25 On Enrolment Who Are UK Or Non-UK Resident Students	£500	6

Bursary Eligibility

1. Be enrolled/holding an unconditional offer (as confirmed by the relevant Programme Manager) on a MLA College Higher Education programme.
2. Be paying the expected tuition fee, either in full or via an agreed installment plan.



Application Process

1. Eligible students are required to complete the Student Bursary application form which can be downloaded via the QR code to the right.
2. If a student does not provide evidence of income MLA may be unable to make an assessment of the student's financial situation and/or award a Bursary.

**The number of bursaries is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of MLA College and are not a student entitlement.*



United Nations Scholarship Scheme

MLA College, the official education partner of CIFAL City of London and a strategic partner of UNITAR, has launched its 'United Nations Scholarship Scheme' which provides a 10% reduction in programme fees for all United Nations employees and their immediate families.

Who Is Eligible For The Scheme?

Any personnel currently employed by the United Nations, or a United Nations Agency and immediate family members. Evidence of employment will be required at the application stage.

What Programmes Are Included?

The discount can be applied to any degree programme with MLA College, a full list of degrees, in addition to the Sustainability Suite, can be viewed via the QR Code. The discount cannot be used in conjunction with any other scholarship or bursary scheme, except for the 'Women in Maritime' Bursary.

How Much Is The Scholarship And How Is It Applied?

The Scholarship provides a 10% fee reduction on tuition fees for any degree programme offered by MLA College, subject to admissions criteria. Details of the discount will be outlined in your offer letter when applying for your degree. Offer letters and Scholarships are valid for the term you have applied for. If you defer until a later term, fees may change. The offer cannot be exchanged for cash.

**MLA College reserve the right to discontinue the Scholarship scheme at any time.*



How Do I Apply?

When applying for a degree you will need to make the Admissions Team aware that you wish to apply for the Scholarship. You can do this by uploading one of the below documents to your online application:

- A payslip clearly showing United Nations employment.
- A copy of your contract of employment

Immediate family members wishing to take advantage of the scheme must provide one of the above which relates to the family member currently employed by the United Nations or a United Nations Agency, plus:

- A copy of a birth, marriage certificate or civil partnership which clearly shows the relationship.



Scan for more information on the scholarship.

Singapore Maritime Cluster Fund

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

The MCF Training Grant is available for eligible participants. Please scan the QR code for more information on the MCF Training Grant.



Scan for more information on the MCF Training Grant.



UK Armed Forces Discount Scheme

Whether you are an Serving Member, Reservist, Veteran, Cadet or an immediate family member you can receive a 10% fee reduction on our degree programmes.

When applying for a degree you will need to make the Admissions Team aware that you wish to apply for the fee reduction. You can do this by uploading a copy of one of the following documents to your online application:

- Your Armed Forces or Veteran ID Card
- Your Certificate of Service
- Your birth certificate (applicable for family members. Please also include the ID or Certificate of Service for the family member that is or has served in the military).

Alternatively, you can email the Admissions Team at student.recruitment@mla.ac.uk



MLA College has made a pledge to support the British Armed Forces Community by signing the Armed Forces Covenant; a promise by the nation that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, should be treated fairly and should not face disadvantages when seeking to access public or private goods and services in the UK.

Refer A Friend Scheme

Did you hear about MLA College from a friend or colleague? Perhaps you are a current or former student at MLA College and you've told your friend about us? If so, you could benefit from our Refer a Friend Scheme and earn £250.



We offer a generous referral scheme to current and former students who refer friends or colleagues to study at the college. If your referral enrolls onto an MLA College degree programme, and successfully completes their first term, you will each receive a reward of £250 in either a fee discount or Amazon vouchers.

To qualify for this offer, the referred student must be a new student at MLA College and must have been referred by a current student or alum. Only degree programmes offered by MLA College are eligible for this offer.

So, why not spread the word about MLA College to your friends and colleagues? Not only will you be helping them to advance their careers and broaden their horizons, but you will also earn a reward in the process. It's a win-win situation!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to earn while you learn. Refer a friend to MLA College today and reap the rewards!



Scan to find out more about how to participate in this scheme.



Women In Maritime Bursary

Launched in March 2021 to support International Women's Day, and to tackle gender inequalities in the sector, our Women in Maritime Bursary scheme offers all new female students enrolling onto any of our maritime related degree programmes* a bursary of £500. This comes in the form of a fee reduction.

Women In STEM Bursary

Much like the Women in Maritime Bursary scheme, MLA College will award all women working in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics a £500 bursary. This will come in the form of a tuition fee discount and will be applied to all new females enrolling onto an MLA College degree programme.

**For more information on what classifies as a maritime degree programme, please contact us.*



***The Professional Bodies listed below is not exhaustive so please get in touch to discuss your professional body. Discount levels may change.*

If you are a member of a Professional Body such as the Nautical Institute, the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers or IMarEST then we want to know about it. Students who are a member of a Professional Body could receive a 10% discount on tuition fees**.

Make the admissions team aware of your memberships at the application stage as they will need to be verified.

Alumni Society Discount

Are you someone that likes to continue studying? There are various reasons why individuals may choose to study more than one degree and if this sounds like something you would like to do you may be entitled to our 25% Alumni Society Discount.

Upon successful completion of an MLA College degree you will be invited to join the Alumni Society. As part of this we will support your personal growth and development by offering you a 25% Alumni Society Discount on every subsequent MLA College degree you wish to study (subject to eligibility).

Perhaps you wish to study the MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations after completing the BSc (Hons) Sustainable Maritime Operations? Maybe you've just completed the MSc Engineering for Marine Professionals and now you'd like to study the MBA – Maritime Operations. Alternatively, you may be working your way through the BSc (Hons) Global Sustainable Development progressing onto the MSc Global Sustainable Development.

Whatever your study combination, we will support your journey with a quarter off your tuition fees.





MAKING AN APPLICATION

The Application Journey

International Qualification Equivalence

English Language Proficiency



The Application Journey

Studying at MLA College is an exciting opportunity that can change your life. But where do you start? How do you apply? With these 5 simple steps and 3 entry points every year, in January, May and September, we're ready to accept your application right now!

- 1 Choose Your Course**

The first step is to choose the course that you're interested in. MLA College offers a range of programmes in areas such as marine and maritime, sustainability or business.
- 2 Check Eligibility**

Make sure you meet the eligibility requirements for the course you've chosen. You can find this information on each of the programme pages on the MLA College website or in this prospectus. Contact the team at info@mla.ac.uk if you're still unsure.
- 3 Apply Online**

The next step is to submit your application, and this can also be done from the MLA College website at www.mla.ac.uk. The process is quick and easy, and you'll need to provide some basic personal and academic information.
- 4 Submit Required Documents**

As a part of your application, you'll need to provide some supporting documents such as your CV, previous academic transcripts, and a personal statement as well as a copy of your passport and certification to prove your English language proficiency for international students.
- 5 Wait For An Offer**

Finally, just sit back and wait for your offer of admission. A representative from MLA College will be in touch with you shortly to let you know the outcome.



International Qualification Equivalence

We welcome applications from students all over the world with a variety of backgrounds. Entry requirements will vary depending on which programme you are applying for, but generally we will be looking for a mix of qualifications and work experience.

All students will need to meet the eligibility criteria for their chosen degree programme, and if you are an international student you

could find this confusing. Here, you will find information on the UK entry requirements and what this may look like in other countries. We are unable to list everything but if you are unsure our Student Admissions Team will be able to help.

The tables on the right have been provided as examples only. In some cases other certification can be accepted such as a Certificate of Competency. Decisions on eligibility are made by the Admissions Panel and their decision is final.



Unsure Of Your Levels?

If you are unsure of the level of your qualifications, please contact our student admissions team who will be able to help you. They can be reached by email on:

admissions@mla.ac.uk

Undergraduate Programme

UK Entry Criteria	Equivalence Examples
A Higher National Diploma (HND) OR A Foundation Degree (FdSc) OR A Higher National Certificate (HNC) + 2-3 years of relevant work experience.	Singapore: Polytechnic Diploma (or equivalent) Hong Kong: Higher Diploma (or equivalent) Nigeria: Higher National Diploma (or equivalent)

Postgraduate Programme

UK Entry Criteria	Equivalence Examples
A Bachelor (Hons) Degree OR A mixture of qualifications and/or work experience that would equal a Bachelor Degree.	Singapore: Bachelor (Honours) Degree & Some Bachelor Degrees Hong Kong: Bachelor Degree (Honours) Nigeria: Bachelor Degree

MBA By Research Project / MSc By Research Project

UK Entry Criteria	Equivalence Examples
A Postgraduate Diploma in the same subject (or very similar). OR A mixture of qualifications and/or work experience that would equal a Bachelor Degree.	Singapore: Graduate Diploma, when studied at NUS. Hong Kong: Postgraduate Diploma Nigeria: Postgraduate Diploma

English Language Proficiency

To study a degree programme with us international students will need to submit a suitable English language certificate as part of your application.

English Language Certificate	Entry Criteria
IELTS	You must achieve an overall score of 6.0 or above for an undergraduate programme, or an overall score of 6.5 or above for a postgraduate programme, with a minimum of 5.5 in all four components (listening, reading, speaking and writing).
Singapore / Cambridge GCE O-Level	A grade of C6 in English will need to be obtained regardless of degree level you wish to study. In some cases we are able to accept the Singapore N Level, Band 3.
Kenya (KCSE)	If you have a Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education we can accept it with a Mean Grade C (Plain) or above for an undergraduate programme or a Grade B or above for a postgraduate programme.
Indian School Certificate	A Year 12 certificate scoring 70% or more, awarded by either the CICSE or CBSE (All India Senior School Certificate)
West Africa (WAEC/NECO)	If you hold a West African Examination Council (WAEC) or National Examination Council (NECO) certificate, we can accept it with a grade C6 or above for any of our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.



Scan for a full list of accepted certification.



No English Certificate?

If you do not have a suitable English language certificate we still want to hear from you. If you meet all other entry criteria for your chosen programme we may be able to put you forward for an accredited English test.



UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE

Sustainable Maritime Operations Access Course

Global Sustainable Development Access Course

BSc Sustainable Maritime Operations

BSc (Hons) Global Sustainable Development

BSc (Hons) Sustainable Maritime Operations

PgDip Engineering Management

MSc Global Sustainable Development

MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations



SMOAC

Sustainable Maritime Operations Access Course



This 8 week module will introduce you to sustainable maritime operations as a subject, and distance learning as a study method, before committing to a full degree programme. The SMOAC course is suitable for all professionals and will provide an excellent foundation for your future studies.

Programme Overview

The SMOAC is a short introductory module that aims to give you an overview of the breadth of today's offshore and maritime operations, as well as providing an introduction into distance learning and academic research and writing. It is particularly suitable for those working in Ship Management, Port Operations, Marine Renewables, Offshore Oil and Gas and Engineering and Defence.

Compulsory Module

- Sustainable Maritime Operations Access Course

Module Chapters

- The Energy Business
- Marine Technologies
- Managing the Marine Environment
- Managing Sustainable Maritime Operations

Entry Requirements

- One of the following:
- Experience working within the marine or maritime industry.
 - Evidence to demonstrate a desire to enter the industry.
- AND
- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

Application Requirements

- Your CV & passport photo page copy.
- Academic certificates and/or transcripts.
- A 200-300 word personal statement.
- An English language certificate. (For International Students Only)

Key Information

Start Dates

January, May or September

Duration

8 Weeks

Language

English

Cost

£900



For more information scan the QR code above



“ I REALLY ENJOYED COMPLETING THIS FIRST INTRODUCTORY MODULE AND FOUND DISTANCE LEARNING TO BE AN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE WAY OF LEARNING. ”



GSDAC

Global Sustainable Development Access Course



This 8 week module will introduce you to global sustainable development as a subject, and distance learning as a study method, before committing to a full degree programme. The GSDAC course is suitable for all professionals and will provide an excellent foundation for your future studies.

Programme Overview

The GSDAC is a short module that aims to give you an introduction into distance learning and academic research and writing on our Global Sustainable Development undergraduate programme. Concentrating on the Nine Planetary Boundaries, we will introduce you to these concepts, encourage you to explore them yourself, and test your academic skills.

Compulsory Module

- Global Sustainable Development Access Course

Module Topics Include:

- Climate Change & Freshwater Use
- Biogeochemical Flows & Land-System Change
- Biospheric Integrity & Stratospheric Ozone Depletion
- Atmospheric Aerosol Loading & Novel Entities
- Ocean Acidification

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Experience working within the sustainability industry.
- Evidence to demonstrate a desire to enter the industry.

AND

- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

Application Requirements

- Your CV & passport photo page copy.
- Academic certificates and/or transcripts.
- A 200-300 word personal statement.
- An English language certificate. (For International Students Only)

Key Information

Start Dates

January, May or September

Duration

8 Weeks

Language

English

Cost

£900



For more information scan the QR code above





BSc

Sustainable Maritime Operations



This programme provides students with the knowledge and skills required to operate within the maritime sector in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner, making them valuable assets to the industry.

Programme Overview

Students will be introduced to the challenges and current affairs in the maritime industry whilst exploring key historical developments, before looking at the social, economic, and political aspects of maritime sustainability. From there, students choose their own pathway by selecting optional modules.

Following completion you can choose to proceed onto the 6 month Honours Project module to graduate with the BSc (Hons) Sustainable Maritime Operations degree (see page 84).

Compulsory Module

- Maritime Industry in the 21st Century

Optional Modules (Choose 2)

- Metocean Processes and Impacts
- Maritime Regulation and Governance
- Maritime Operations

Entry Requirements

- One of the following:
- A Higher National Diploma (HND) or a Foundation Degree (FdSc) in a relevant subject.
 - Evidence of industry work experience.
- AND
- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

Application Requirements

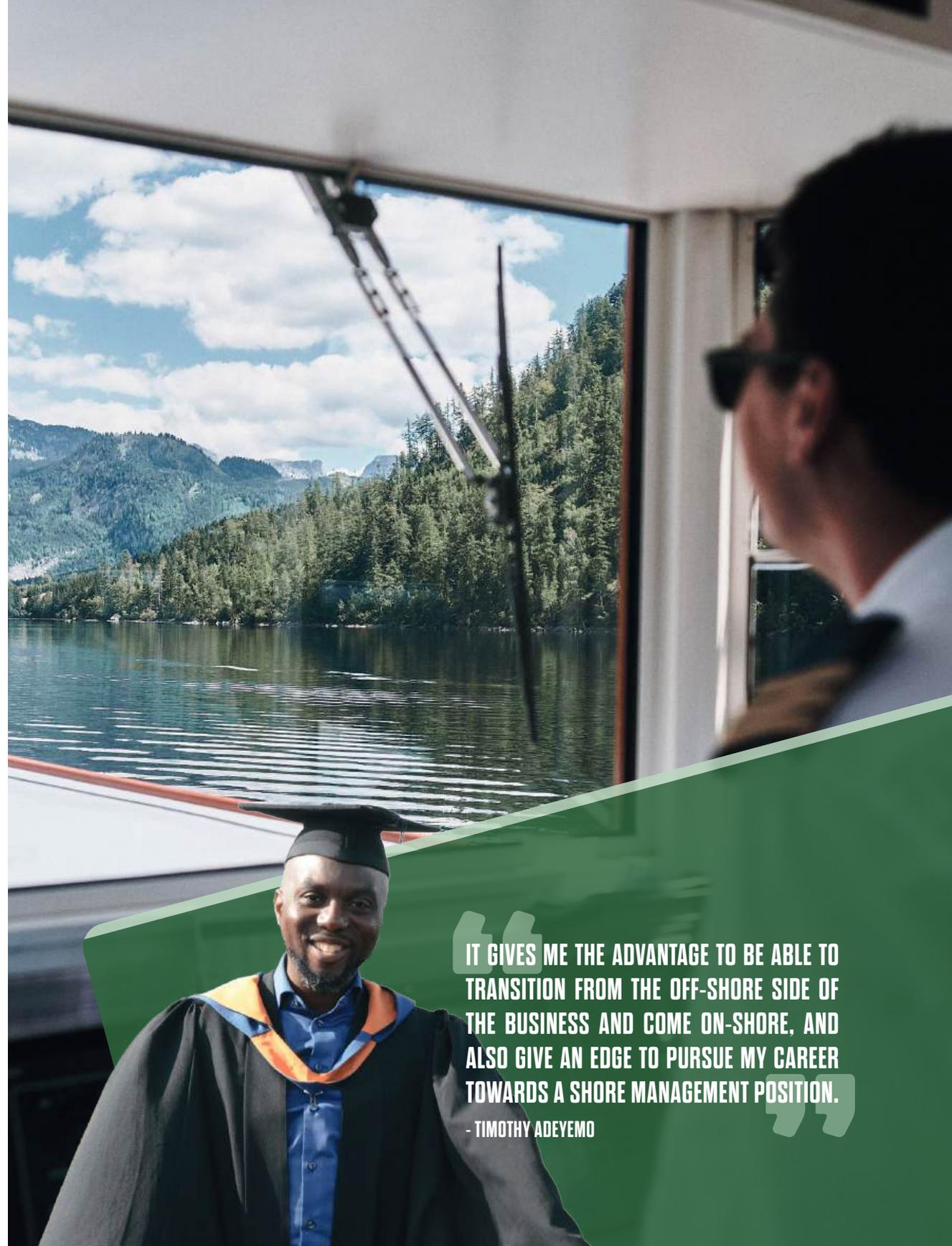
- Your CV & passport photo page copy.
- Academic certificates and/or transcripts.
- A 200-300 word personal statement.
- An English language certificate. (For International Students Only)



Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
BSc Sustainable Maritime Operations	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£8,300	12 Months

For more information scan the QR code above



IT GIVES ME THE ADVANTAGE TO BE ABLE TO TRANSITION FROM THE OFF-SHORE SIDE OF THE BUSINESS AND COME ON-SHORE, AND ALSO GIVE AN EDGE TO PURSUE MY CAREER TOWARDS A SHORE MANAGEMENT POSITION.

- TIMOTHY ADEYEMO



BSc (Hons) Global Sustainable Development



Supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) this programme explores how society, the economy and the environment present the greatest challenges and opportunities for forging a sustainable world.

Programme Overview

By studying this programme you will gain a sound and critical understanding of sustainable development, and how it is conceived and practiced differently across the globe. You will begin to understand the role of individuals, communities and institutions, as well as the societal, economical and environmental impacts and connections in terms of sustainability.

Compulsory Modules

- Sustainability on Your Doorstep
- Methods For Sustainability Research

Optional Modules (Choose 2)

- Space and Society: A Social Lens for Sustainability
- Sustainability and the Natural World
- Economics, Business & Sustainability

Compulsory Module

- BSc Honours Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Foundation Degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject area.
- Relevant work/life experience, evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

AND

- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

Application Requirements

- Your CV & passport photo page copy.
- Academic certificates and/or transcripts.
- A 200-300 word personal statement.
- An English language certificate. (For International Students Only)



Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
BSc (Hons) Global Sustainable Development	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£9,535	24 Months

For more information scan the QR code above





BSc (Hons) Sustainable Maritime Operations



Studying the BSc (Hons) programme will provide opportunities to enhance your career within the marine or maritime industry, equipping you with the skills and knowledge to make a move ashore.

Programme Overview

You will learn about the theories, principle and models relevant to the modern maritime industry in the 21st Century, equipping you with a broad understanding of the challenges and current affairs. You will develop skills in gathering, analysing, evaluating, and interpreting data in Sustainable Maritime Operations.

Compulsory Module

- Maritime Industry in the 21st Century

Optional Modules (Choose 2)

- Metocean Processes and Impacts
- Maritime Regulation and Governance
- Maritime Operations

Compulsory Module

- BSc Honours Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Higher National Diploma (HND) or a Foundation Degree (FdSc) in a relevant subject.
 - Evidence of industry work experience.
- AND
- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

Application Requirements

- Your CV & passport photo page copy.
- Academic certificates and/or transcripts.
- A 200-300 word personal statement.
- An English language certificate. (For International Students Only)



Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
BSc (Hons) Sustainable Maritime Operations	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£9,535	18 Months

For more information scan the QR code above



“MY DEGREE HAS MADE ME A GENERALLY MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE SEAFARER, THE SKILLS LEARNED HAVE CERTAINLY MADE ME BETTER AT ACADEMIC WRITING AND ANALYSIS AND IN TURN THIS WILL HELP MY FUTURE CAREER AMBITIONS.”

- ROSS CLELAND



PgDip Engineering Management



This programme is tailored for experienced engineers who aspire to boost their career opportunities by honing their leadership and management skills, in addition to enhancing their technical expertise.

Programme Overview

Students will be introduced to core management, leadership, communication and teamwork concepts as well as contemporary sustainable production challenges. This is supplemented by a contemporary understanding of data and decision analysis, optimisation and simulation and the use of Industry 4.0 technologies.

Compulsory Modules

- Managing People & Global Organisational Culture
- Sustainable Production Systems
- Management Science in Engineering & Enterprises

Optional Modules (Choose 2)

- Strategy, Accounting and Finance
- Logistics & Supply Chain Management
- Manufacturing Operations & Lean and Agile Enterprises
- Project Management

Entry Requirements

- One of the following:
- Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
 - Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).
- AND
- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

Application Requirements

- Your CV & passport photo page copy.
- Academic certificates and/or transcripts.
- A 200-300 word personal statement.
- An English language certificate. (For International Students Only)

Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
PgDip Engineering Management	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£8,300	18 Months

For more information scan the QR code above





MSc

Global Sustainable Development

(Part-Time or Full-Time Study Available)



With a focus on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this programme takes a more advanced look into researching sustainability, how to interpret data and foster evidence-based debates and arguments.

Programme Overview

The programme covers the various ways we analyse sustainability. Optional modules focus on sectors allowing specific analysis of sustainability within these areas and the programme finishes with a significant research project on a topic of your choice.

Compulsory Modules

- Debating Sustainability
- Researching Sustainability

Optional Modules (Choose 3)

- Using Sport to Address Development Goals
- A Cultural Lens on Sustainability
- Hungry for Change: Food & Sustainability
- Water's Sustainable Future
- Developing Sustainable Energy
- Managing Waste for a Sustainable Future

Compulsory Module

- MSc Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

AND

- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

Application Requirements

- Your CV & passport photo page copy.
- Academic certificates and/or transcripts.
- A 200-300 word personal statement.
- An English language certificate. (For International Students Only)



Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
MSc Global Sustainable Development	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£10,700	32/12 Months (Part/Full-Time)

For more information scan the QR code above





MSc

Sustainable Maritime Operations



This programme combines critical thinking, analysis and communication required by a senior manager with an academic examination and appreciation of the important strategic and technological issues in today's maritime world.

Programme Overview

Ready to take the next step in your maritime career? This programme is a natural progression from BSc (Hons) Sustainable Maritime Operations, and provides you with the critical thinking and analysis skills required to pursue a management position.

Compulsory Modules

- Marine Science & Engineering Management
- Project Data Management
- Maritime Industry Practice

Optional Modules (Choose 2)

- Protecting the Marine Environment
- Ship and Marine Operations
- Offshore Renewable Energy
- Coastal Zone Management
- Maritime Strategy & Policy

Compulsory Module

- MSc Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A relevant Higher National Diploma (HND) or Foundation Degree (FdSc), plus two or more years experience as a senior officer.
- A relevant Bachelor's degree.
- Relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

AND

- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

Application Requirements

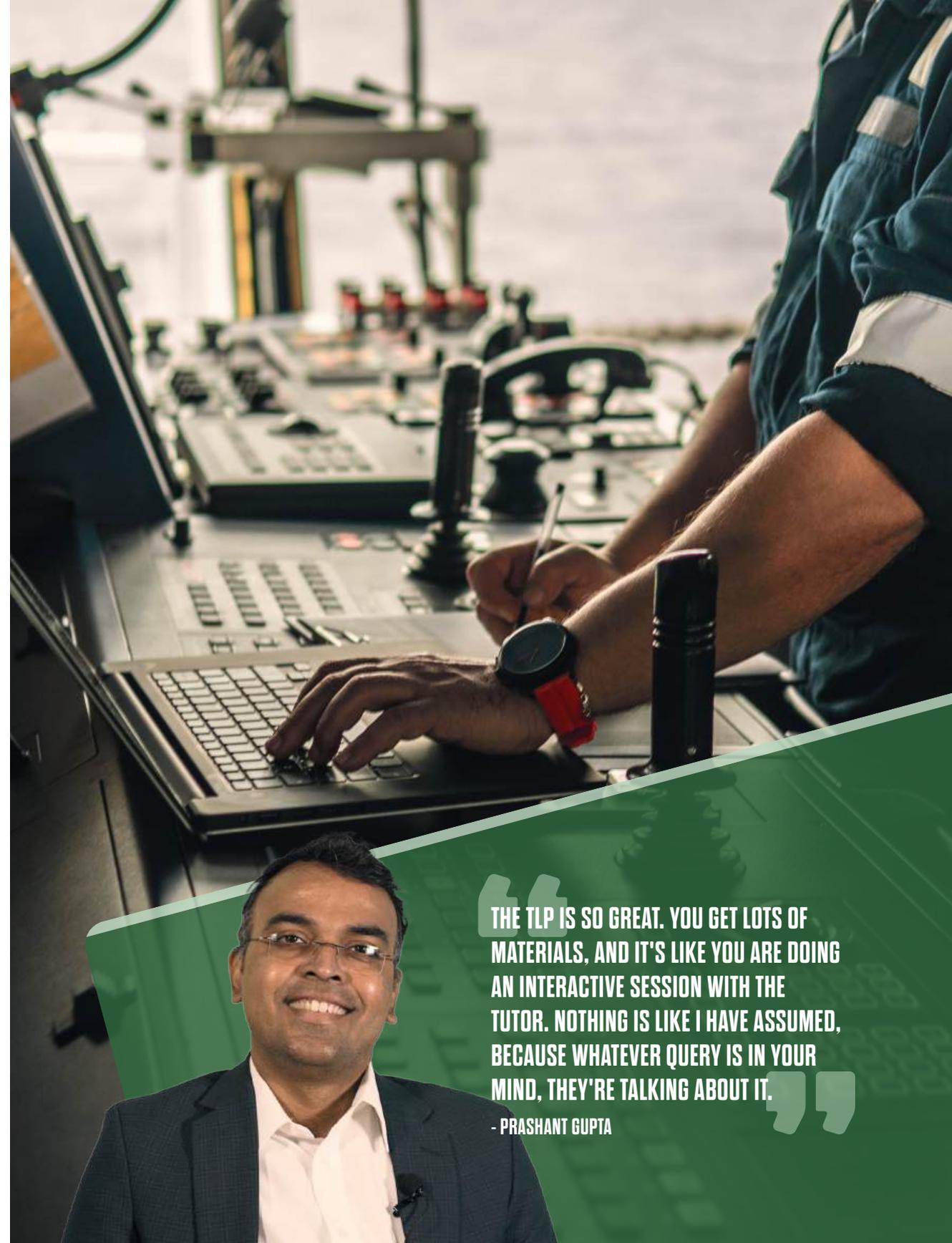
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- An English language certificate. (For International Students Only)



Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£10,700	32 Months

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THE TLP IS SO GREAT. YOU GET LOTS OF MATERIALS, AND IT'S LIKE YOU ARE DOING AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH THE TUTOR. NOTHING IS LIKE I HAVE ASSUMED, BECAUSE WHATEVER QUERY IS IN YOUR MIND, THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IT.

- PRASHANT GUPTA



MBA BY RESEARCH PROJECT

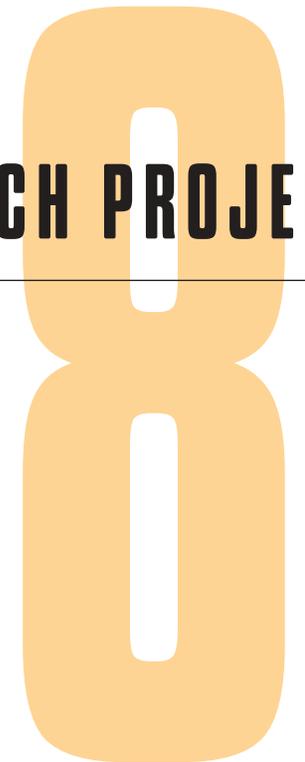
MBA Entrepreneurship & Innovation

MBA Maritime Operations

MBA Financial Technology (FinTech)

MBA Marketing

MBA Capital Markets & Finance





MBA By Research Project Entrepreneurship & Innovation



Are you an entrepreneur, someone that has created a new product or service, or have you taken an idea and launched a successful business? If the answer is yes, you may be able to gain an MBA in just 12 months with our MBA by Research Project degree option.

Programme Overview

This Master of Business Administration degree programme is designed for those that already have the skills and knowledge in their chosen pathway and do not need to learn the theory of entrepreneurship and innovation.

If you are eligible for this programme you can use your expertise to go straight to the Research Project module. Choose an area of study you are passionate about and undertake this 12-month independent research project. Upon successful completion you will be awarded the full MBA qualification.

Compulsory Module

- MBA Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

AND

- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

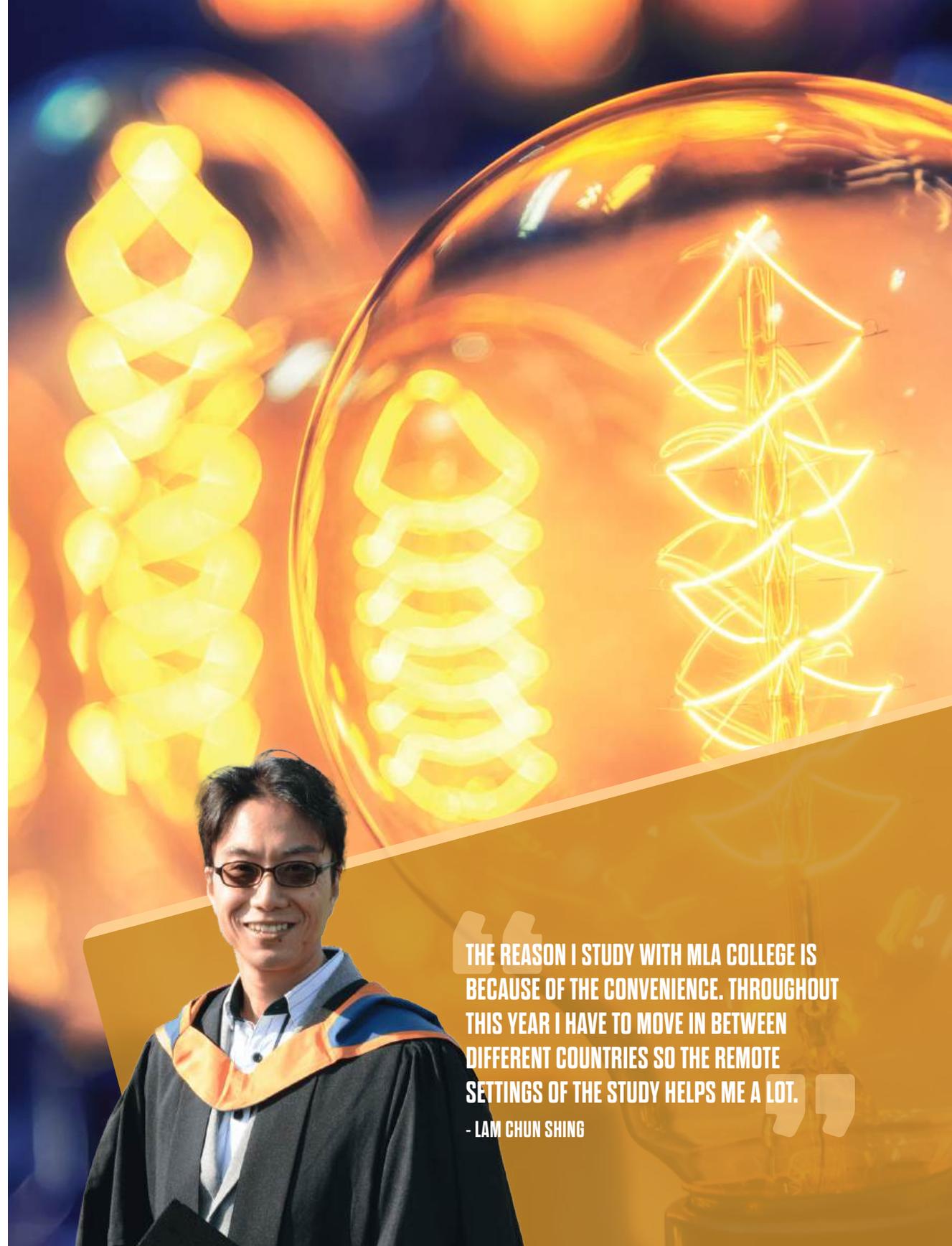
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Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
MBA Entrepreneurship & Innovation	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£8,700	12 Months

For more information scan the QR code above



“THE REASON I STUDY WITH MLA COLLEGE IS BECAUSE OF THE CONVENIENCE. THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR I HAVE TO MOVE IN BETWEEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES SO THE REMOTE SETTINGS OF THE STUDY HELPS ME A LOT.”

- LAM CHUN SHING



MBA By Research Project Maritime Operations



This degree programme is designed for those that already have the skills and knowledge in their chosen pathway and do not need to learn the theory behind maritime operations. Using this theory you will be able to use your expertise to undertake an independent 12 month research project.

Programme Overview

Through a comprehensive independent study, you will choose a project relevant to you and/or your workplace. Using a variety of research methodologies and techniques you will explore your topic and identify, analyse and propose solutions to operational challenges faced in the maritime industry, from a business perspective.

Upon successful completion you will be awarded the full MBA qualification.

Compulsory Module

- MBA Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

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- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

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Key Information

Degree Title MBA Maritime Operations	Language English	Awarding Body University of Plymouth
Start Dates January, May or September	Cost £8,700	Duration 12 Months

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- GORDON FOOT



MBA By Research Project Financial Technology (FinTech)



The goal of this programme is to encourage investigation into the challenges and opportunities presented by technology changing the financial industry. Possible research topics include blockchain, cryptocurrency, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and big data analytics.

Programme Overview

If you already have a solid background working in financial technology you may be able to complete a 12 month independent research project and gain an MBA qualification.

This research project involves the exploration and analysis of the intersection between finance and technology, with a particular focus on the impact of technological innovations on financial services and institutions. It could also involve a thorough review of existing literature, along with original data collection and analysis, as well as case studies of specific companies or financial institutions that are leading the implementation of innovative financial technologies.

Compulsory Module

- MBA Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
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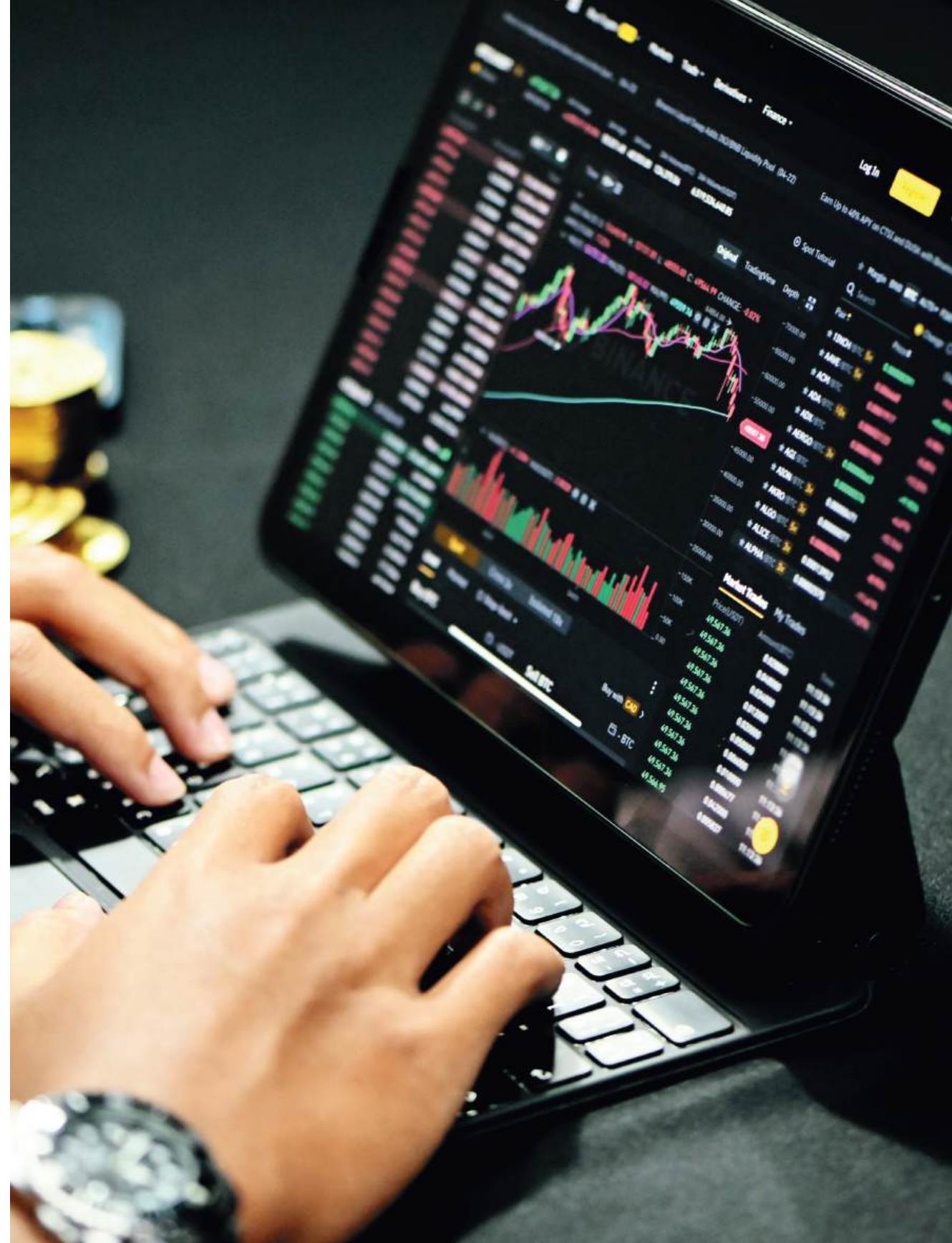
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Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
MBA Financial Technology (FinTech)	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£8,700	12 Months

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MBA By Research Project Marketing



Using a variety of research methodologies and techniques you will explore a chosen topic and identify, analyse and propose solutions in the world of marketing. Research topics could include; analysing consumer behaviour or researching new marketing trends and/or technologies.

Programme Overview

If you are a senior marketer, or have Postgraduate qualifications in the field, you can use this experience to work towards an MBA qualification in marketing. On a part-time basis, over 12 months, you can undertake a comprehensive independent research project relevant to your interest and/or workplace.

During the project you will use a variety of research methodologies and techniques to explore your topic whilst identifying, analysing and proposing solutions.

Possible research topics could include; how does brand credibility affect customer loyalty, or how does language affect purchasing.

Compulsory Module

- MBA Research Project

Key Information

Degree Title MBA Marketing	Language English	Awarding Body University of Plymouth
Start Dates January, May or September	Cost £8,700	Duration 12 Months

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Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

AND

- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

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“THE ENTIRE LEARNING PACKAGE THAT YOU GET IS EXTREMELY RELEVANT TO TODAY'S BUSINESS CONTEXT, AND HOW YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO GROW IN YOUR CAREER.”

- ISMAIL TAN



MBA By Research Project Capital Markets & Finance



This programme provides the opportunity for those working in stocks, shares, investments and finance to undertake an independent research project relating to the industry. Take your knowledge, skills and expertise to the next level, and gain an MBA qualification along the way.

Programme Overview

This degree programme is designed for those that already have the skills and knowledge in their chosen pathway and do not need to learn the theory of capital markets and finance.

If you are eligible for this programme you can use your expertise to go straight to the Research Project module. Choose an area of study you are passionate about and undertake this 12-month independent research project. Upon successful completion you will be awarded the full MBA qualification.

Compulsory Module

- MBA Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

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- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

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Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
MBA Capital Markets & Finance	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£8,700	12 Months

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MSc BY RESEARCH PROJECT

MSc Sustainability In Practice

MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations

MSc Advanced Hydrography For Professionals

MSc Advanced Meteorology For Professionals

MSc Advanced Navigation For Professionals

MSc Advanced Oceanography For Professionals

MSc Engineering For Marine Professionals





MSc By Research Project Sustainability In Practice



Aimed at mid to senior management, this programme is designed for individuals in charge of teams or workplace sustainability. Eager to learn, develop, and drive organisational change, this 12 month research project will see you create sustainable solutions to workplace or community challenges.

Programme Overview

You will start by planning a series of sustainable changes to your workplace or community, and then actually work to implement them. This 'Participatory Action Research' is about you getting involved and making changes, not just 'directing traffic'. These authentic solutions to problems will address at least one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). You might not fully implement the changes intended by the end of the programme, but you will reflect upon the process and identify opportunities for future projects.

Compulsory Module

- MSc Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

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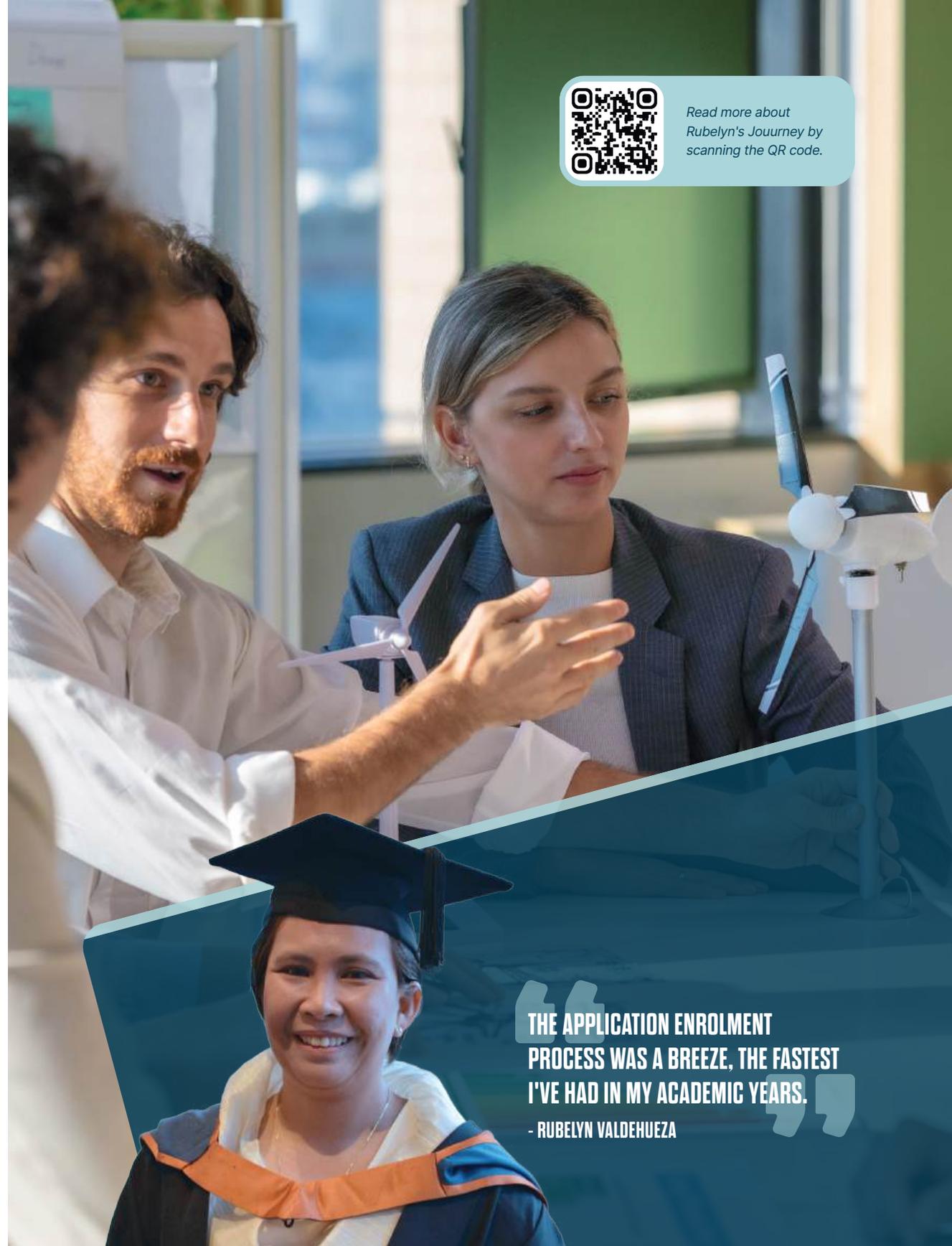
Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
MSc Sustainability in Practice	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£7,200	12 Months

For more information scan the QR code above



Read more about Rubelyn's Journey by scanning the QR code.



“THE APPLICATION ENROLMENT PROCESS WAS A BREEZE, THE FASTEST I'VE HAD IN MY ACADEMIC YEARS.”

- RUBELYN VALDEHUEZA



MSc By Research Project Sustainable Maritime Operations



Through a comprehensive independent study, you will choose a project relevant to you and/or your workplace. Using a variety of research methodologies and techniques you will explore your topic and identify, analyse and propose solutions to challenges faced in the maritime industry.

Programme Overview

With several years as a senior marine / maritime professional, you will already have the skills, knowledge and expertise to undertake this stand-alone independent, workplace-based project. You will be encouraged to discover your own subject for investigation, surrounding important strategic and/or technological concepts in the maritime industry. During the 12 months you will then plan, execute, and report on your chosen project.

Compulsory Module

- MSc Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

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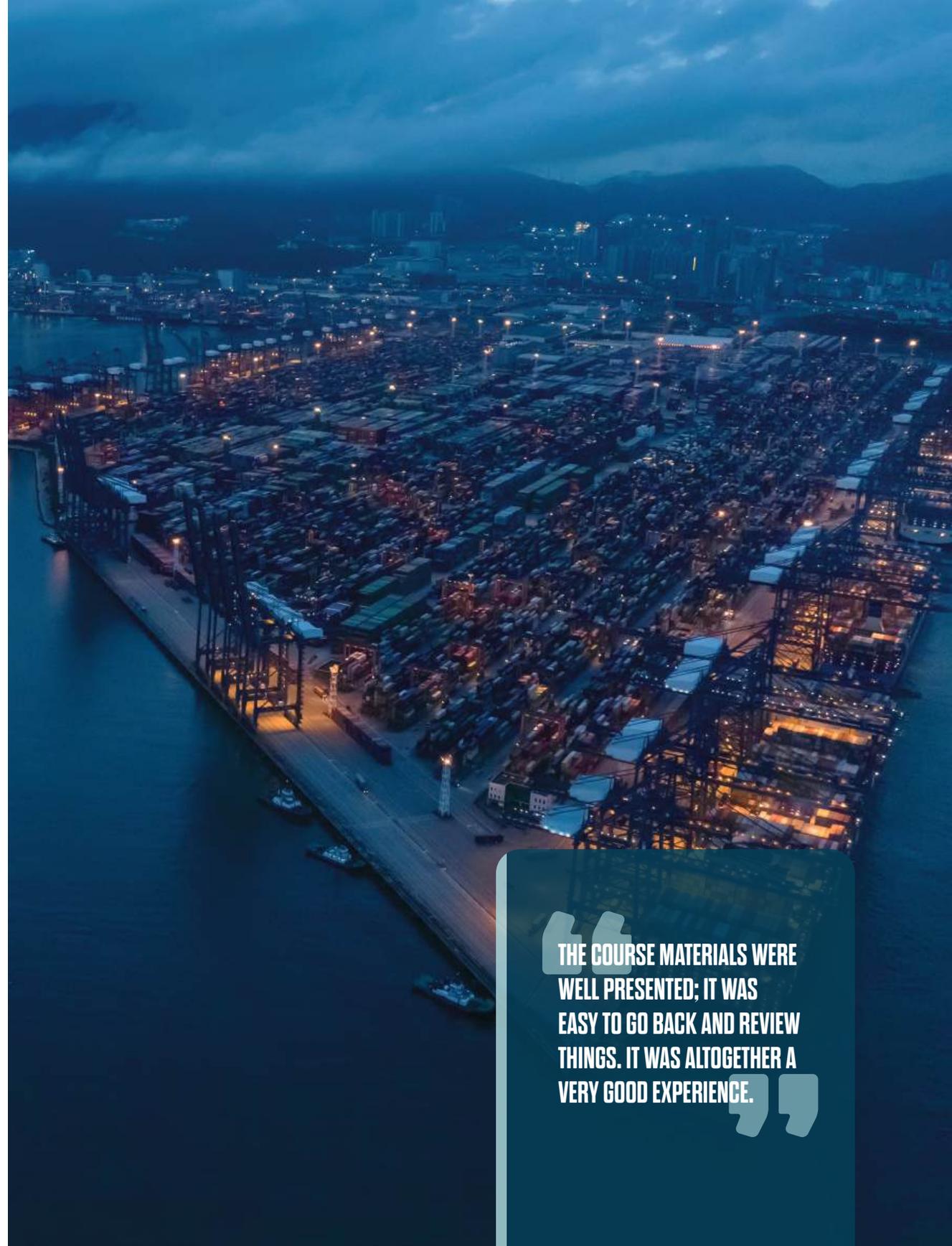
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Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
MSc Sustainable Maritime Operations	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£7,200	12 Months

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MSc By Research Project

Advanced Hydrography for Professionals



This Master's degree programme consists solely of a 12 month research project. With several years as a senior hydrographer under your belt, you will already have the skills, knowledge and expertise to undertake this stand-alone independent, workplace-based research project.

Programme Overview

You will be encouraged to discover your own research subject for investigation, whether that is researching new technologies, reviewing the science behind hydrography operations or proposing an innovative initiative. Whatever you decide, we recommend your project be aligned with your aspirations in your current or chosen field of work.

During the 12 months you will plan, execute, and report on your chosen project. Following successful completion, you will graduate and be awarded the MSc Advanced Hydrography for Professionals.

Compulsory Module

- MSc Research Project

Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
MSc Advanced Hydrography for Professionals	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£7,200	12 Months

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

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MSc By Research Project

Advanced Meteorology for Professionals



This Master's degree programme consists solely of a 12 month research project. With several years experience as a senior meteorologist, you will already have the skills, knowledge and expertise to undertake this stand-alone independent, workplace-based research project.

Programme Overview

You will be encouraged to discover your own research subject for investigation, whether that is researching new technologies, reviewing the science behind human activity, climate change and the weather or proposing an innovative initiative to improve reporting accuracy. Whatever you decide, we recommend your project be aligned with your aspirations in your current or chosen field of work.

During the 12 months you will plan, execute, and report on your chosen project. Following successful completion, you will graduate and be awarded the MSc Advanced Meteorology for Professionals.

Compulsory Module

- MSc Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

AND

- English language GCSE Grade C or above, or international equivalent.

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Key Information

Degree Title

MSc Advanced Meteorology for Professionals

Language

English

Awarding Body

University of Plymouth

Start Dates

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Cost

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Duration

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MSc By Research Project

Advanced Navigation for Professionals



This Master's degree programme consists solely of a 12 month research project. With several years senior marine navigation experience you will already have the skills, knowledge and expertise to undertake this stand-alone independent, workplace-based research project.

Programme Overview

You will be encouraged to discover your own research subject for investigation, whether that is researching new technologies, investigating sustainable operations, or reviewing the science behind the day-to-day navigation strategies. Whatever you decide, we recommend your project be aligned with your aspirations in your current or chosen field of work.

During the 12 months you will plan, execute, and report on your chosen project. Following successful completion, you will graduate and be awarded the MSc Advanced Navigation for Professionals.

Compulsory Module

- MSc Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
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Key Information

Degree Title

MSc Advanced Navigation for Professionals

Language

English

Awarding Body

University of Plymouth

Start Dates

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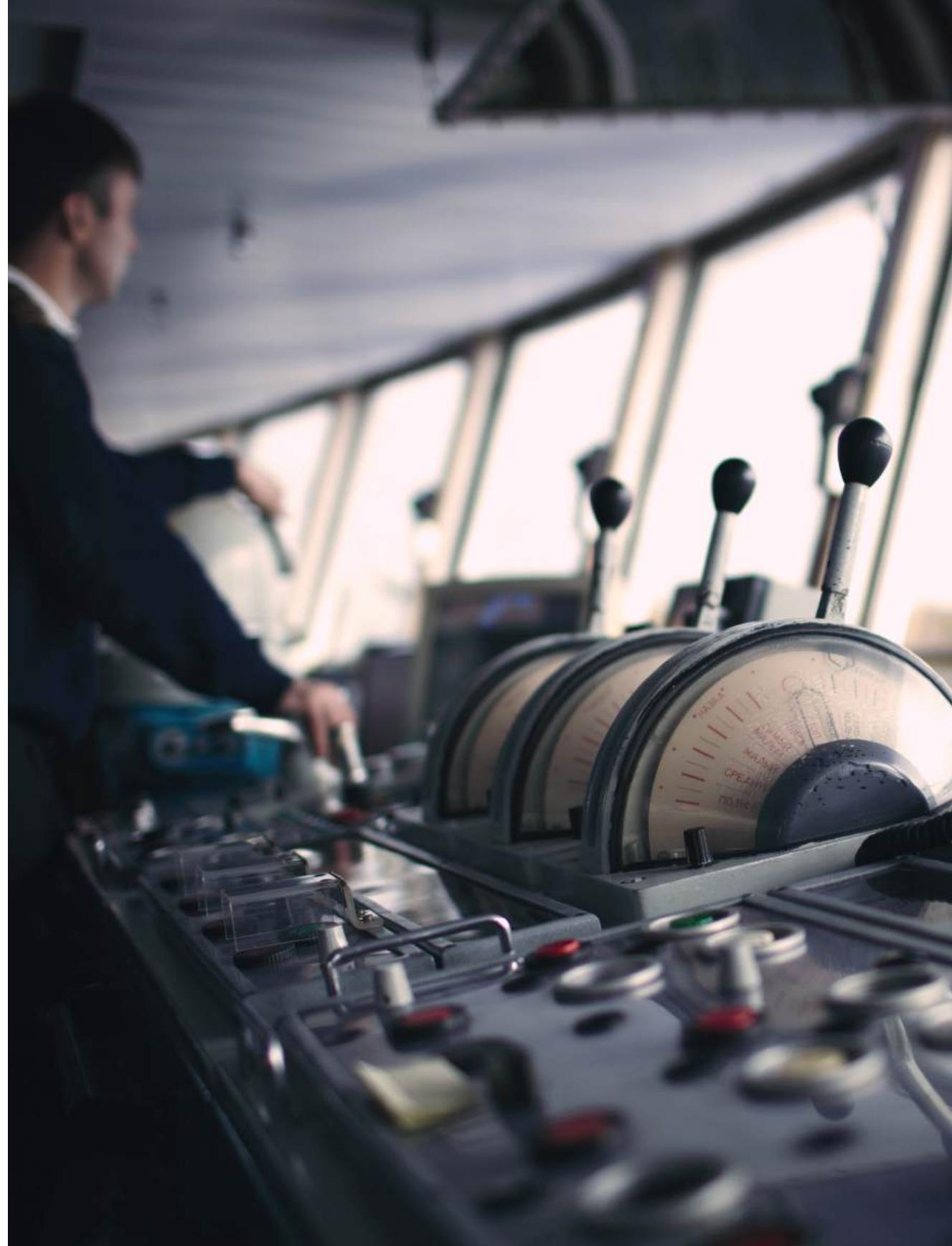
Cost

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Duration

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MSc By Research Project

Advanced Oceanography for Professionals



This Master's degree programme consists solely of a 12 month research project. With several years experience as a senior oceanographer you will already have the skills, knowledge and expertise to undertake this stand-alone independent, workplace-based research project.

Programme Overview

You will be encouraged to discover your own research subject for investigation, whether that is researching new technologies, reviewing the science behind the day-to-day oceanography strategies or the impact of climate change on the ocean and whether the role of an oceanographer might evolve. Whatever you decide, we recommend your project be aligned with your aspirations in your current or chosen field of work.

During the 12 months you will plan, execute, and report on your chosen project. Following successful completion, you will graduate and be awarded the MSc Advanced Oceanography for Professionals.

Compulsory Module

- MSc Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education (e.g. Foundation Degree) and relevant work experience evidenced by Recognised Prior Learning (RPL).

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Key Information

Degree Title	Language	Awarding Body
MSc Advanced Oceanography for Professionals	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£7,200	12 Months

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MSc By Research Project Engineering For Marine Professionals



If you are a First Engineer, Chief Engineer or Superintendent in the marine sector, this programme is for you. As a professional with several years senior marine engineer experience you will already have the skills, knowledge, and experience required to undertake a stand-alone 12 month research project.

Programme Overview

During the 12 months you will plan, execute, and report on a programme of research that is aligned with your aspirations and your current or chosen field of work within the maritime sphere.

You will be encouraged to discover your own research subject for investigation; however, your assigned tutor, who is there to support you through your studies, can assist you in developing an interesting subject to take forward. Following successful completion of the research project you will graduate and be awarded the MSc Engineering for Marine Professionals

Compulsory Module

- MSc Research Project

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in a related subject area.
- Combination of higher education and a First/Chief Engineer Certificate of Competency, plus several years' experience sailing at that level or above.
- Chartered Marine Engineer status, or another recognised chartered registration.

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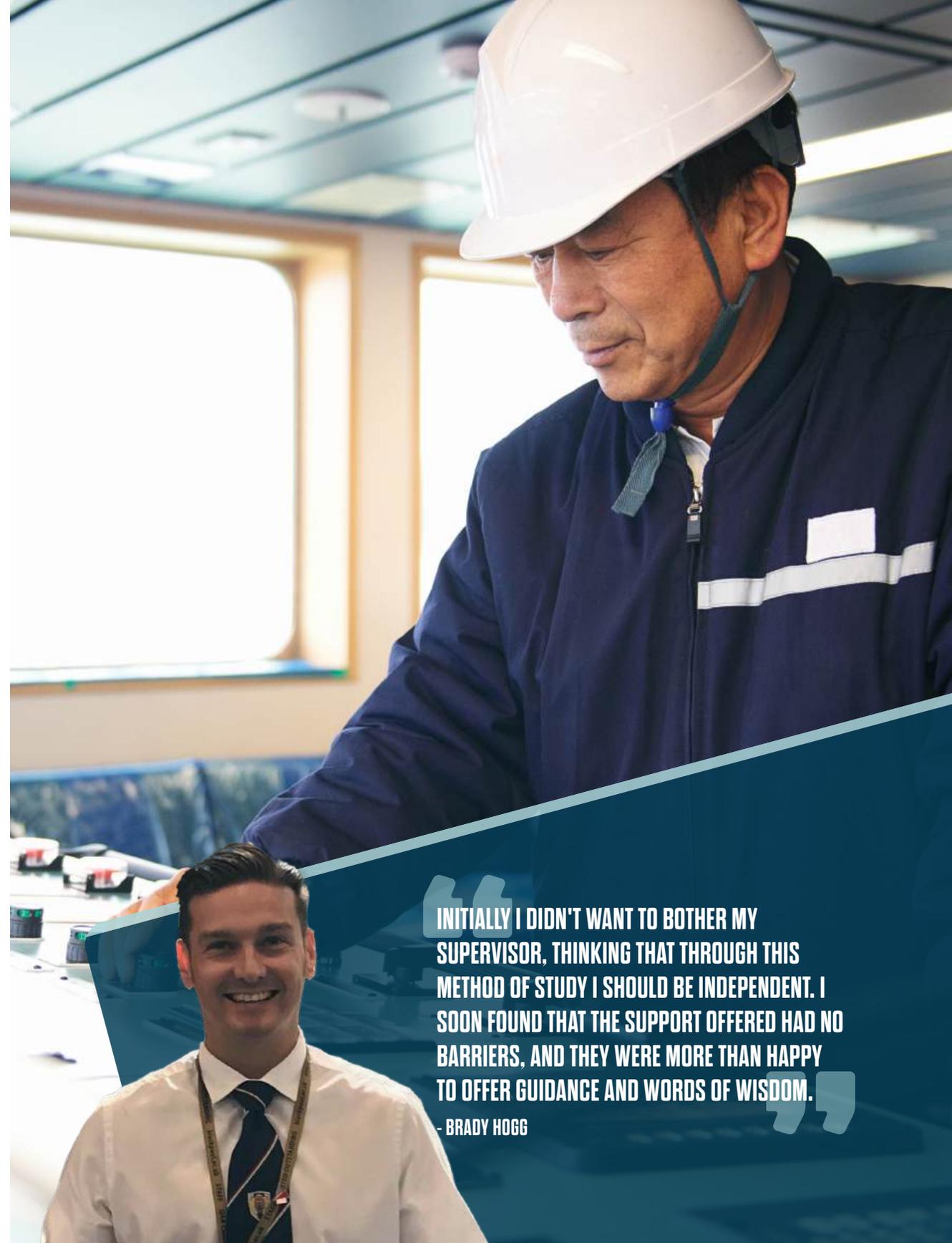
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Key Information

Degree Title MSc Engineering for Marine Professionals	Language English	Awarding Body University of Plymouth
Start Dates January, May or September	Cost £7,200	Duration 12 Months

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INITIALLY I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER MY SUPERVISOR, THINKING THAT THROUGH THIS METHOD OF STUDY I SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT. I SOON FOUND THAT THE SUPPORT OFFERED HAD NO BARRIERS, AND THEY WERE MORE THAN HAPPY TO OFFER GUIDANCE AND WORDS OF WISDOM.

- BRADY HOGG

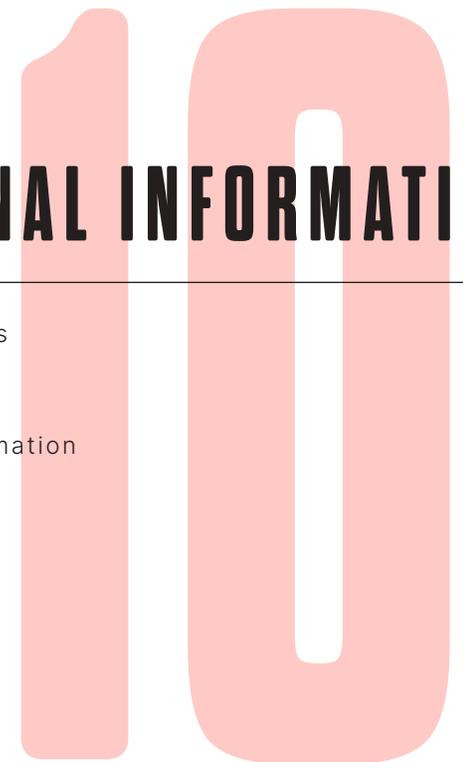


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Partners & Associates

MLA College is proud to work with the following organisations. If you too would like to work with us please get in contact.



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Equality and Diversity Statement

Each application made to MLA College will be reviewed in a fair and equal manner in accordance to our Admissions Policy. The entry criteria provided for each programme is given as a guide; however, the Admissions Panel may decide that you will need to undertake an Admissions Assessment and/or Access Course prior to a decision being made. This is normally for cases where individuals may not have sufficient academic and/or relevant work experience for direct entry onto the applied for programme.

We are committed to ensuring equality of opportunity to prevent unlawful or unfair discrimination and harassment. We value and celebrate diversity, seeing this as critical to achieving our strategic aims and long-term success. We work to recruit and develop students and staff from a wide range of backgrounds and promote an inclusive culture where:

- A supportive and inclusive learning, working and social environment is fostered to ensure that everyone feels valued and can work to achieve their full potential.
- Opportunities are open to everyone, and decisions are based on merit and are free from bias.

- All of our employees, staff, contractors and visitors are treated with dignity and respect.
- Everyone within the MLA College community feels free to be themselves.

Sustainability Statement

At MLA College we recognize that sustainability is not only a critical issue facing our planet, but also a responsibility that we hold as a leading academic institution. We are committed to integrating sustainability into every aspect of our operations and to ensuring that our students are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to make a positive impact in their communities and the world.

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we offer a range of academic programmes that encourage our students to engage with sustainability issues and to develop their leadership skills. Our students have the opportunity to participate in sustainability-focused research projects and to learn from faculty members who are recognized leaders in sustainability research and practice.

At MLA College we believe that sustainability is not just a buzzword, but a core value that must be embedded in our institutional culture and practices. Through partnerships with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and CIFAL City of London we are proud to be a leader in sustainability in higher education and to be preparing our students to be responsible and engaged global citizens.

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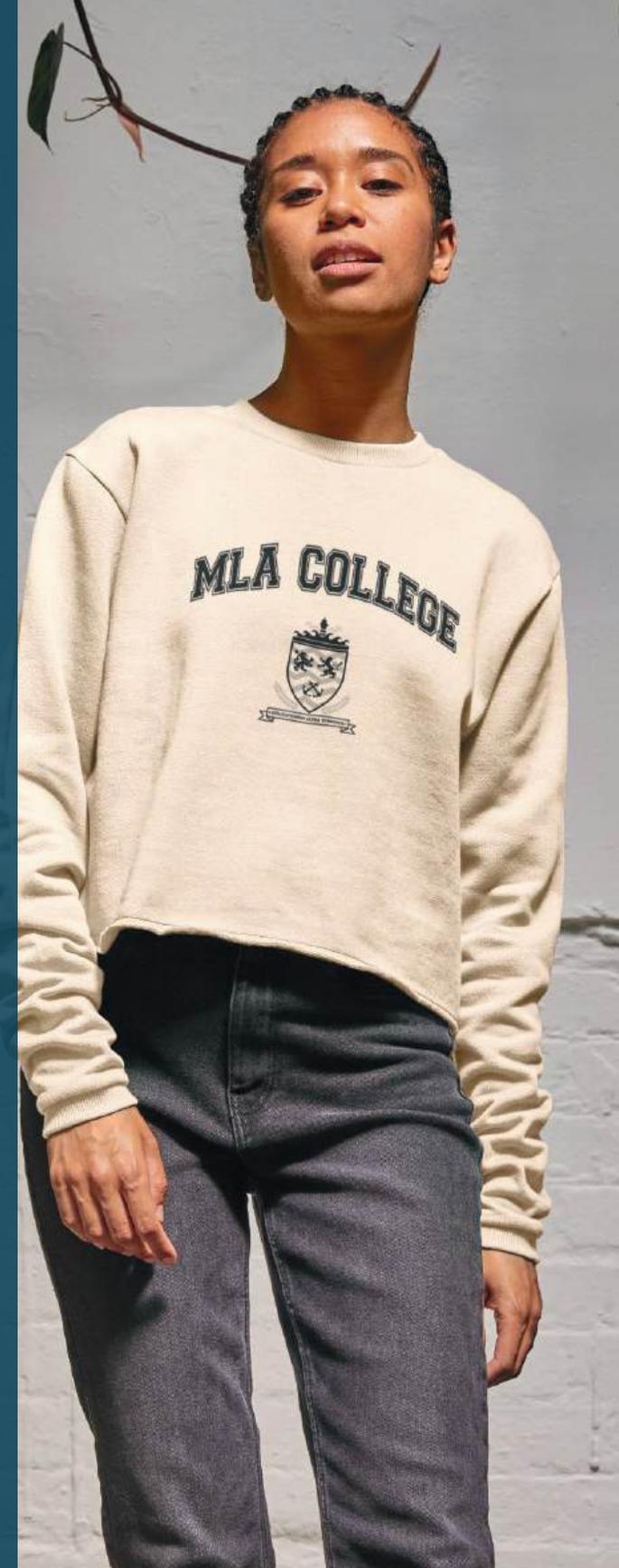
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- Deliver outstanding flexible education and training.
- Promote the conservation and sustainable use of the environment for the advancement of the global community.
- Develop people who are committed to values that benefit humanity.

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