



Baccalaureate Degree Policy

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Policy Administrator:	Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Policy Initiator:	Registrar
Authority:	Title V California Code of Regulations, Article 5, General Requirements for Graduation; Article 6, Undergraduate Degrees; California State University Executive Order 1100; 46 U.S.C. Subtitle II, Part E Sections §7101, §7102, and Subtitle V, Part B, Sections §51103, §51501; and 46 CFR Shipping, Chapter II, Subchapter H, Section §310
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Approved:	President, Thomas A. Cropper
Approval Signature:	/s/

Purpose:

In accordance with Title V Education, California Code of Regulations, the campus has the responsibility for enforcing academic standards established by the state. In addition to the aforementioned standards, the campus is responsible for enforcing federal and international standards established for United States Coast Guard National Licensure and certification in Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) for Seafarers, 1978, as amended. It is imperative that the institution complies with course requirements placed by external regulatory bodies and accrediting agencies.

Scope:

This policy applies to all cadets continuing enrollment at California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime).

Accountability:

The Registrar is responsible for administering this policy and ensuring compliance.

Policy:

It is the policy of Cal Maritime that students are expected to satisfactorily complete degree requirements prescribed by their chosen major.

Procedure:

Cadets will utilize the [University Catalog](#) to follow curriculum degree requirements in their major which will include major courses, electives, sea training and/or co-operative education courses, and general education breadth courses. Baccalaureate degree requirements broadly include:

- A. All current degree requirements of [Title 5 of the California Educational Code](#), and California State University (CSU) requirements.
- B. A cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.0 ("C" average) in all baccalaureate level units completed; in all units completed at Cal Maritime; and in all units completed in the major.
- C. Completion of the general education program, as outlined in [CSU Executive Order 1100](#). Specific information on exceptions and curricular paths can be found in those University Catalog sections devoted to specific majors.
- D. Demonstration of competence in written communication through completion of the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). At Cal Maritime, all students who have achieved junior standing and have completed EGL 100 - English Composition and at least 60 units of academic coursework must either take EGL 300 - Advanced Writing or successfully complete the Graduate Writing Examination (GWE). Exemptions exist for students who previously met this requirement at another CSU campus prior to transferring to Cal Maritime.
- E. Residency requirements: Students must complete a minimum of 30 units of upper division coursework at Cal Maritime.
- F. In accordance with [46 CFR, Chapter II, Subchapter H, Section §310](#), eligible students pursuing a degree and a USCG License must complete all requirements of the current USCG approved program.