

Department: MAST

Course No.: 297W

Title: Maritime Studies Capstone Seminar

Credits: 3

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WQ: W

Catalog Copy: 297W. Maritime Studies Capstone Seminar. Second Semester (Avery Point). Three credits. Pre-requisite: MAST 101, MARN 135; ENGL 105 or 110 or 111 or 250 and open only to Maritime Studies Majors.

Topical themes related to diverse aspects of society and commerce in coastal and oceanic zones, such as African Americans and the maritime experience; politics and economics of fisheries; or cultural perspectives of Long Island Sound.

W Criteria: In MAST 297W, students write a 15-20 page paper based on original research, with sources fully cited. Each MAST 297W course has its own topical framework (such as maritime law, or African Americans and the maritime experience), within which each student develops a focused research topic. The course breaks down the process of formulating a research question, conducting research, drafting, and revising, with each step including graded assignments. Revision is based on comments on drafts by both the instructor and by peers in the course. The syllabus will fully explain the writing-related requirements and inform students that they must pass the W component of the course in order to pass the course.