

# United States Merchant Marine Academy

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## CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	66
Fire Safety Rating	60*
Green Rating	60*
Type of school	public
Environment	village

## STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	1,058
% from out of state	87
% frosh from public high school	72
% frosh live on campus	100
% ugrads live on campus	100
# of fraternities	0
# of sororities	0
# of countries represented	4

## ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	67
% students returning for sophomore year	92
Calendar	Trimester
Profs interesting rating	67
Profs accessible rating	67
Most classes have 10–19 students.	
Most lab/discussion sessions have 10–19 students.	

### MOST POPULAR MAJORS

engineering; naval architecture and marine engineering; transportation and materials moving

## SPECIAL STUDY OPTIONS

Honors program, independent study, internships. Career services: Alumni network, alumni services, career/job search classes, career assessment, internships.

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

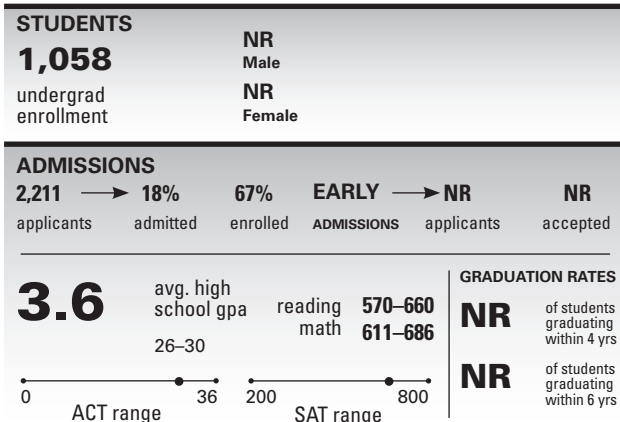
Known for having the hardest academics out of all the military academies, the United States Merchant Marine Academy offers students free tuition, rigorous academics, and the widest range of career options available to graduates of U.S. service academies following graduation (including officers in any branch of the armed forces, or a number of civilian occupations). Professors are undoubtedly more than qualified in their fields of study, ranging from former NASA scientists to highly decorated and accomplished officers in the military.

The notorious freshman year is spent inducting students into a completely new way of life, in which they learn new terms, the quality of endurance, how to perform under pressure, and the definition of a wakeup call at “0-dark-thirty.” The “sea year” spent studying on merchant vessels gives students a hands-on perspective that not many other engineering schools offer, and students typically visit ten to fifteen countries in the course of the school year. When liberty time is allowed, students have access to New York City, as well as a multimillion-dollar waterfront packed with powerboats (not to mention the know-how to use them). At the end of it all, students graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree, as well as the specialized training for licensing as a merchant marine officer, the military knowledge for commissioning in a reserve component of the armed forces, and a strong network of alumni that know how capable a USMMA graduate really is.

The United States is a maritime nation, and every hour of every day, ships of all types ply the waters in and around it. It’s a dangerous and lucrative business, and that’s why the country relies on graduates of the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, to serve the economic and defense interests of the United States through the maritime industry and armed forces. This “prestigious academy, paid for by the federal government” offers “opportunities upon graduation [that] are endless.”

## BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

After graduation, students are automatically qualified to enter any branch of the armed forces as an officer, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or NOAA. Virtually 100 percent of graduates obtain well-paying employment within six months of commencement, with the majority at work within three months, and most with offers of employment before graduation day. Most students that attend the USMMA have their sights set on a solid job that only requires them to work six months out of the year. The Academy’s four-year program centers on a regimental system that turns its students—called midshipmen (a term used for both men and women)—into “top notch officers who are not only capable at sea, but have the ability to work under stress in any situation.”



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## STUDENT BODY

Students are quick to form a “mutual bond with one another” and “get along very well.” “Outgoing and focused,” “everyone is strong-willed and generally respectful.” The vast majority of students describe themselves as “white, male, intelligent, athletic, conservative, and competitive.” Students are bonded by a fraternal patriotism and a strong work ethic. Regiments inspire an “esprit d’corps.” “We are tight. We know everybody, and we are dedicated to everyone’s success.” Freshman year “is tough, both regimentally and academically.” “As a plebe, a freshman, you are an outcast from the rest of the regiment in order to build unity among their class. [Plebes] must complete a long series of steps before they become recognized.”

## Why Students Love U.S. Merchant Marine

“If you need help with something, somebody will be there for you.”

## WHY STUDENTS LOVE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

With “strong alumni support,” and “100 percent job placement,” the “academically challenging” USMMA “will push you far beyond what you thought you could do; it will also train you to assume a leadership role in any company.” Many students cite “the ability to do whatever you want after graduation” as a huge draw of the school, as well as “the bond the students have with each other.” Not to mention the fact that “they put us on a boat for months at a time and let us sail around the world learning in real life.” With each midshipman carrying a specific responsibility, “the regiment is primarily run by the students. All life revolves around going to sea.” On weekends (well, once you’re past your first year), students can engage in a more traditional college experience, and because “New York City is sixteen miles east of school . . . students take frequent trips on the weekends and enjoy the city life.”

## GENERAL INFO

**Activities:** Choral groups, concert band, drama/theater, marching band, student government, student newspaper, yearbook, campus ministries. **Organizations:** 3 religious organizations. **Athletics (Intercollegiate):** *Men:* Baseball, basketball, crew/rowing, cross-country, diving, football, golf, lacrosse, riflery, sailing, soccer, swimming, tennis, track/field (outdoor), volleyball, water polo, wrestling. *Women:* Basketball, crew/rowing, cross-country, diving, golf, riflery, sailing, softball, swimming, tennis, track/field (outdoor), volleyball.

## BOTTOM LINE

The federal government pays for all of a student’s education, room and board, uniforms, and books; however, midshipmen are responsible for the payment of fees for mandatory educational supplies not provided by the government, such as the prescribed personal computer, activity fees (athletic, cultural events, health services, student newspaper, yearbook, etc.), and personal fees. These fees range from \$755 to \$2,530, depending on class year (loans are available). The service commitment for each student is determined by their choice of career following graduation.

## SELECTIVITY

<b>Admissions Rating</b>	97
# of applicants	2,211
% of applicants accepted	18
% of acceptees attending	67
# offered a place on the wait list	235
% accepting a place on wait list	100
% admitted from wait list	0

## FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	570–660
Range SAT Math	611–686
Range ACT Composite	26–30
Minimum paper TOEFL	533
Minimum web-based TOEFL	73
Average HS GPA	3.6
% graduated top 10% of class	28
% graduated top 25% of class	66
% graduated top 50% of class	95

## DEADLINES

Regular deadline	3/1
Nonfall registration	no

## FINANCIAL FACTS

<b>Financial Aid Rating</b>	60*
Required fees	\$882
Books and supplies	\$767
Average % of frosh need met	100
Average % of ugrad need met	100