

Nautical Science Program- Naut. 001A

Introduction to Seamanship and Navigation

Academic Units: 2

Spring and Fall Semesters

Sections:

- 1) Monday, 2:00-4:50 -Capt. Harding
- 2) Monday, 6:00-8:50 – Capt.Harding
- 3) Tuesday, 6:00-8:50 – Capt Ugoretz
- 4) Wednesday, 2:00-4:50 – Capt. Prioleau
- 5) Wednesday, 6:00-8:50- Capt. Prioleau

Contact Hours:

Lectures – 15 hours, semester weeks 1-5

Laboratories – 35 hours, (3-hour Dockside Demonstration, 32 hours Sailing Voyage)

Location:

<http://priceschool.usc.edu/naut/>

USC Campus for lectures during weeks 1-5. Port of LA for dockside demonstration laboratory and San Pedro or other locations for the 2-day sailing voyages.

Instructors:

Captain. Lars Harding, Program Administrator

Captain. John Ugoretz

Captain Paul Prioleau

Office: Physical Education Building - PED 104

Office Hours:

Capt. Harding Monday, 1:15PM and Wednesday, 5:15 PM-5:45PM

Capt. Ugoretz, Tuesday, 5:15-5:45 PM during lecture weeks

Contact Info:

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Captain Ugoretz - Ugoretz@usc.edu

Captain Prioleau - Ppriolea@usc.edu

Phone and email messages will be returned within 24 hours during lecture weeks and at least weekly otherwise.

USCG Accreditation:

This course is certificated by the United States Coast Guard for license track students pursuing a “Merchant Mariners Masters Credential” (**USCG Certificate UNIVSC-155**).

Course Description

This level one introductory nautical science class is taught in the classroom and aboard ship. The course provides an introduction to the history, technology and basics of operating and navigating sailing vessels at sea. Lectures focus on vessel construction, nomenclature, hydrodynamics, aerodynamics of sail, safety at sea, charting, geometry, and oceanography as pertinent to navigation. Students will apply the concepts and skills learned in the classroom to the safe operation and navigation of a working sail training vessel during a 2-day overnight ocean voyage. Students must demonstrate an understanding of US Coast Guard rules and admiralty laws governing piloting through commercial coastal waterways. Students also learn about 18th and 19th century wooden tallship construction, design, and rigging during a 1-day seminar conducted at the Port of Los Angeles.

Learning Objectives

Students gain knowledge and an introductory understanding of:

- Traditional and modern ship construction, design and vessel nomenclature
- Basic vessel physics, hydrodynamics, aerodynamics and performance
- Maritime history and changes in vessel design
- United States Coast Guard “Piloting Rules of the Sea Ways”, basic navigation admiralty law.
- Required safety gear and vessel equipment and their application
- Vessel piloting and seamanship skills under power and sail
- Navigation theory and at-sea chart and electronic navigation

Prerequisite(s): None

Co-Requisite(s): None

Concurrent Enrollment: Note: concurrent enrollement in Nautical Science 001B, Advanced Navigation and Seamanship is permitted but is not required.

Course Notes

Course enrollment is for a Letter Grade, Pass/Not Pass, and Audit. Note: the lecture portion of this course meets during the first five consecutive weeks of classes except holidays. For safety reasons, lecture attendance is mandatory in order to participate in the “at sea laboratories”. A Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. “Dockside Demo” laboratory and a “Two-day Sea Voyage”, held on Fridays & Saturday’s are a required portion of the class. Dates for these components of the course will be arranged during the first three weeks of lecture. Copies of lecture slides, instructional videos, and other class information will be posted on Blackboard along with pre-voyage quizzes.

Required Readings and Supplementary Materials

The following are available at the USC Book Store:

Text: The Annapolis Book of Seamanship, J. Rousmaniere (required)

Charts: 1210TR Martha’s Vineyard to Block Island (provided)

18746 Catalina Channel (provided)

18751 Los Angeles Harbor (provided)

Description and Assessment of Assignments

A mid-term examination will be given during the 4th or 5th week of classes to determine readiness to participate in the “2-Day Sea Voyage”. Students will demonstrate proficiency in navigation and seamanship throughout the two-day sailing voyage, letter grades will be impacted by participation. The final examination will include significant demonstration of chart navigation skills and understanding of the course materials.

5%	Lecture attendance. Attendance is required to participate in the off-campus activities
5%	Dockside Demonstration Laboratory attendance
15%	Midterm Examination
25%	2-Day Sailing Voyage (48 hour lab). Skills acquired in this lab will be assessed during the final exam
60%	Final Exam

Grading of Final Examination

(Due to the challenging nature of this exam and historical results the following curve is used)

A	95-100
A-	80-94
B+	77-79
B	66-76
B-	60-65
C+	57-59
C	53-56
C-	50-52
D+	47-49
D	43-46
D-	40-42
F	39 and below

Course Grading Scale

≥ 90% = A ≥ 80% = B ≥ 70% = C ≥ 60% = D, Failing Work < 45% or missing assignments or lack of attendance

Assignment Submission Policy

Mid-term examination must be taken during the scheduled lecture. Participation in both the “Dockside Demonstration Laboratory” and “Two-Day Sea Voyage” are mandatory. Off-campus activities will be scheduled during the first three weeks of class. Changes to scheduled at-sea voyages can only be made with advanced notice and **made in person** with legitimate compelling conflict or documented illness.

Grading Timeline

Final grades will be submitted per university schedules and policies.

Additional Policies

Due to safety considerations, students will not be permitted to participate in the “Two-Day Sea Voyage” without having participated in the five on-campus lectures or on approval of instructor.

Course Schedule: A Weekly Breakdown

	Topics / Daily Activities	Learning Objectives	Readings and Homework	Deliverable/ Due Dates
Week 1	Syllabus Review Nomenclature	Traditional and modern ship construction, design and vessel nomenclature	Annapolis Book of Seamanship: 3-27 Blackboard Anapolis Video 1	
Week 2	Hull and sail design, maritime history	Traditional and modern ship construction, design and vessel nomenclature Maritime history and changes in vessel design	Annapolis Book of Seamanship: 40-45, 46-56 Blackboard Anapolis Video 5	Nomenclature & Sail Plans quiz - due end of Week 2
Week 3	Physics, oceanography, and beginning seamanship	Basic vessel physics, hydrodynamics, aerodynamics and performance	Annapolis Book of Seamanship: 67	
Week 4	USCG Requirements, safety, and watch standing	United States Coast Guard "Piloting Rules of the Sea ways", basic admiralty law. Required safety gear and vessel equipment and their application	Annapolis Book of Seamanship: 189-230 Blackboard Anapolis Videos 2 and 3	Navigation Lights Midterm during lecture week 4
Week 5	Navigation	Navigation theory and at-sea chart and electronic navigation	Annapolis Book of Seamanship: 231-301 Blackboard Anapolis Video 4	Pre-Voyage Quiz – due end of week 5
Weeks 5-15	Dockside Demonstration and Two-Day Sailing Voyage	Traditional and modern ship construction, design and vessel nomenclature United States Coast Guard "Piloting Rules of the Sea ways", basic admiralty law. Required safety gear and vessel equipment and their application Vessel piloting and seamanship skills under power and sail	Schooner diagram Packing and preparation lists Driving Instructions	Dates to be determined during lecture weeks 1-3
Week 15	Final Review Session	Full review of practical navigation and sailing theory learned in course.		Last week of regularly scheduled classes for each section
Exams	Final Examination			Date: Consult the USC <i>Schedule of Classes</i> at classes.usc.edu/ .

Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

Academic Conduct:

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in *SCampus* in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in *SCampus* and university policies on scientific misconduct, <http://policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct>.

Support Systems:

Student Counseling Services (SCS) – (213) 740-7711 – 24/7 on call

Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention. engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1 (800) 273-8255

Provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) – (213) 740-4900 – 24/7 on call

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm. engemannshc.usc.edu/rsvp

Sexual Assault Resource Center

For more information about how to get help or help a survivor, rights, reporting options, and additional resources, visit the website: sarc.usc.edu

Office of Equity and Diversity (OED)/Title IX Compliance – (213) 740-5086

Works with faculty, staff, visitors, applicants, and students around issues of protected class. equity.usc.edu

Bias Assessment Response and Support

Incidents of bias, hate crimes and microaggressions need to be reported allowing for appropriate investigation and response. studentaffairs.usc.edu/bias-assessment-response-support

The Office of Disability Services and Programs

Provides certification for students with disabilities and helps arrange relevant accommodations. dsp.usc.edu

USC Support and Advocacy (USCSA) – (213) 821-4710

Assists students and families in resolving complex issues adversely affecting their success as a student EX: personal, financial, and academic. studentaffairs.usc.edu/ssa

Diversity at USC

Information on events, programs and training, the Diversity Task Force (including representatives for each school), chronology, participation, and various resources for students. diversity.usc.edu

USC Emergency Information

Provides safety and other updates, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible. emergency.usc.edu

USC Department of Public Safety – UPC: (213) 740-4321 – HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24-hour emergency or to report a crime.

Provides overall safety to USC community. dps.usc.edu