

EDUCATION BEYOND BORDERS

2025/2026

PROSPECTUS

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KEY PARTNERS

University Of Plymouth

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UNITAR



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.



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WHY CHOOSE MLA?

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Total Learning Package

Meet The Student Experience Team

Celebrating Student Success

Work Towards Chartered Status

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.



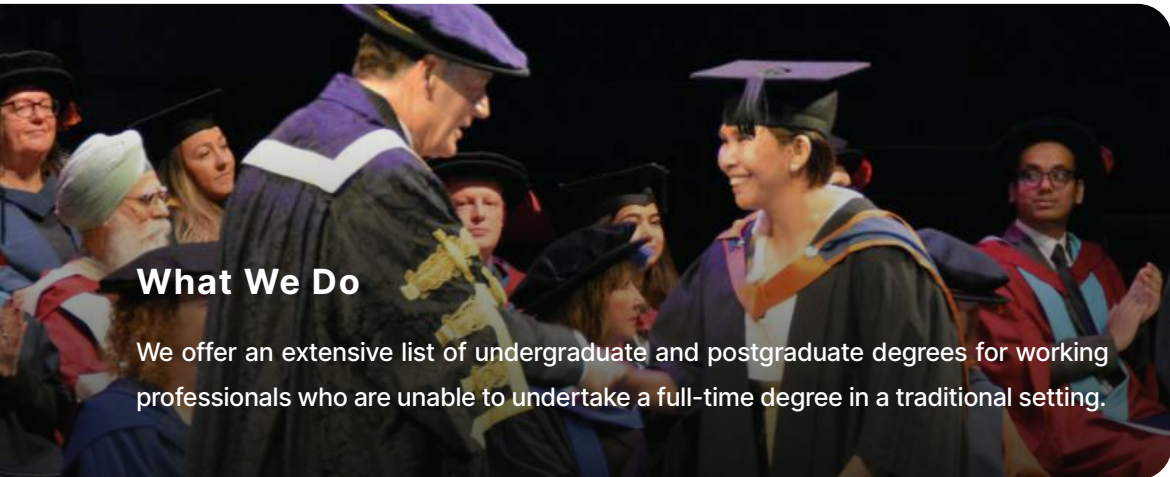
Worldwide Higher Education

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

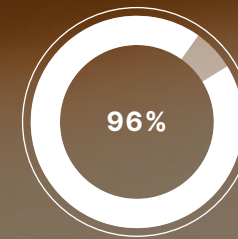
Students' opinions on the programme are valued by staff.

All data based on a 2025 Survey

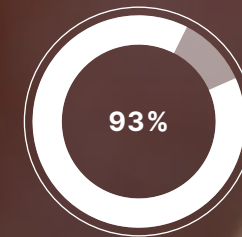
Student Feedback Is Clearly Acted Upon



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%

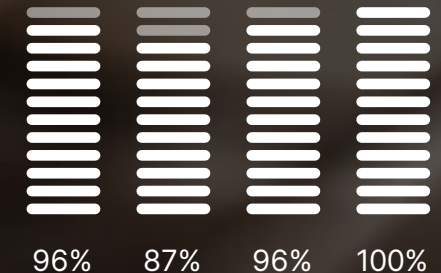
of students felt free to express their ideas, opinions, and beliefs.

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.



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.





**THREE
INTAKES
PER YEAR**



**JANUARY
MAY
SEPTEMBER**



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.

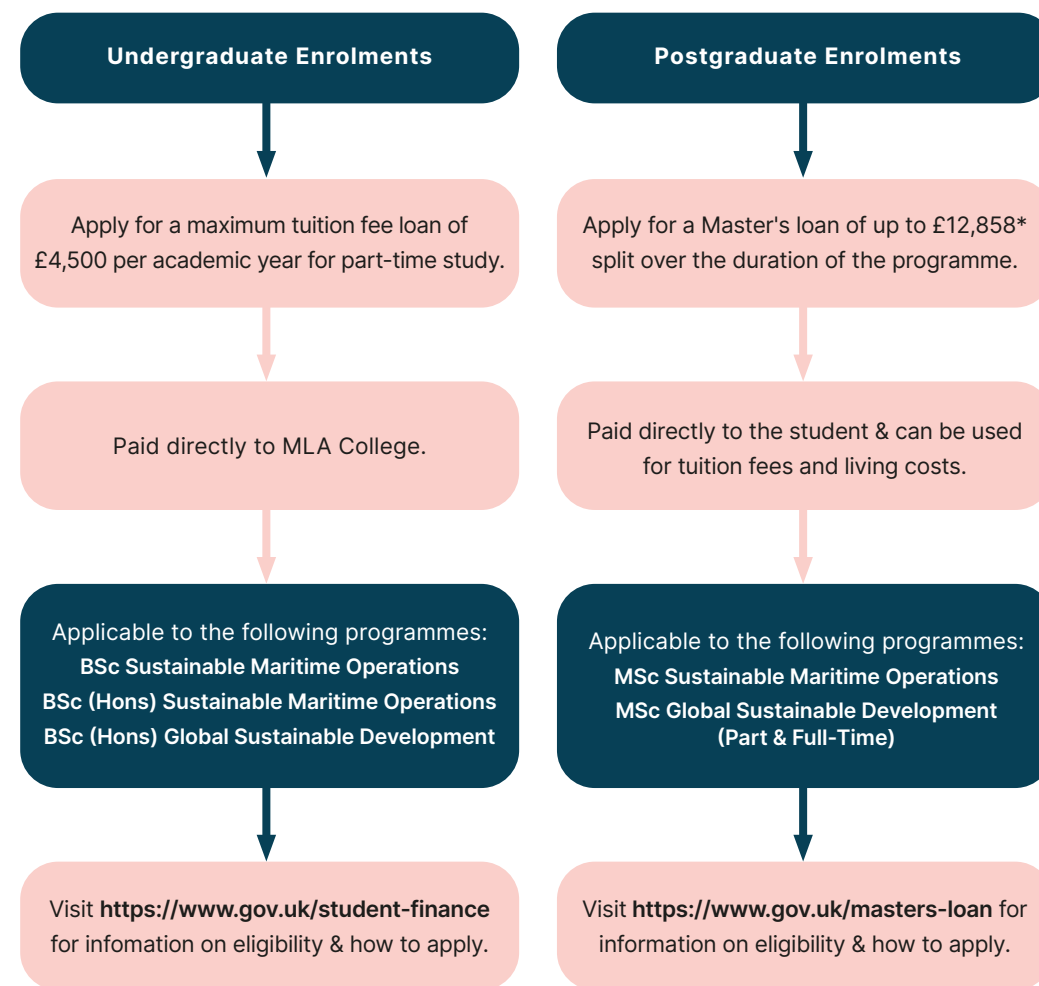


How It Works

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.



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).
- 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
MBA Maritime Operations	English	University of Plymouth
Start Dates	Cost	Duration
January, May or September	£8,700	12 Months

For more information scan the QR code above



EVEN THOUGH I AM CONFIDENT AND CAPABLE OF STUDYING ON MY OWN I NEVER FELT ALONE AS I ALWAYS HAD ON HAND THE MLA STAFF AND MY SUPERVISOR FOR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE.

- GORDON FOOT

The MLA College Commitment Is To:

- 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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We will help you in getting Financial assistance from Banks NBFC With the best interest rates in the market.

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We help you in remitting fees to Universities making this process hassle-free.

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We empower You

We Guide You

YOU ACHIEVE



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for a programme at MLA College, following are the required documents:

1. Filled application form (available on the MLA College website).
2. Documents to submitted:
 - Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - Statement of Purpose (SOP), ranging between 200-300 words highlighting intent to join the course
 - Copies of academic certificates and/or transcripts
 - Proof of English language proficiency (for non-native speakers)
 - Copy of passport (photo page)

To proceed further click on the link : <https://bit.ly/4kN2ejD>

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