## **DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD**

Course Title	Advanced Certificate in Nautical Science of a Navigational Watch (OOW) unlimited	[Officers in charge ]
Awarding Bodies		

Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Standard Length of Course <sup>3</sup>	1 year full -time
Intended Award	Advanced Certificate in Nautical Science
Named Exit Awards	None

Entry Requirements<sup>4</sup> xMeet the minimum age requirement;

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xComplete the minimum period of seagoing service; "six

This difficitive 6 authorises out the essential features and characteristics of the Advanced Certificate in Nautical Science course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2024-25 academic year

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## Course Summary

The Advanced Certificate in Nautical Science is specifically designed to develop the academic knowledge and skills required to study the complex interaction of the marine environment, the human element and technology. Such student development is enabled by the combination of academic and professional expertise that the staff team provide. The professional expertise

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the <u>QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (2014)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the <u>Higher education credit framework for</u>

England.

3 Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the <u>Admissions Policy</u> and further details about Disclosure and Barring Checks (DBS) can be found on the <u>University's DBS webpage</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and asse

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has often been developed in former careers including ship command, as deck and engineer officers in the Merchant Navy and in senior company management. The Advanced Certificate in Nautical Science is made up of 14 SQA credits (112 SCQF points), all of which are mandatory. The award provides you with all the underpinning knowledge for the officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships as listed in the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) (Section A-II/1). Once the mandatory ancillary courses are completed and additional Maritime and Coastal Agency (MCA) Written and Oral examination is passed then the student can obtain the relevant certificate of competency to serve as a Deck Officer on merchant ships. The Advanced Certificate in Nautical Science not only equips you to enter employment in the Merchant Navy as a Deck Officer. It also enables you to develop the skills required to gain employment within the wider UK and international maritime sector, including shore-based positions. It will develop your practical, interpersonal and social skills that is an important requirement for a career in the maritime sector. The award will also allow you to develop complex, vocationally-specific reading and report writing skills.

#### Course Aims

- x To enable candidates to obtain a Certificate of Competency as an Officer of the Watch (OOW) CoC II/1.
- x Prepares candidates for the responsibility of keeping a watch at sea and in port.
- x Develops skills to enable candidates to effectively navigate a vessel by traditional and modern means.
- x Develops skills to enable candidates to operate a vessel in a safe and effective manner.
- x Develops skills to enable candidates to work with others in a safe and effective manner.
- x Develops skills to deal with emergency situations.
- x Develops awareness of current maritime legislation.
- x Prepares candidates for the MCA written and Oral examinations at Officer of the Watch level.

### Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the Officers in charge of a Navigational Watch (OOW) unlimited course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 4/5 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)<sup>6</sup>.

- 1. Contribute to the stability and watertight integrity of a vessel.
- 2. Ensure the stability and watertight integrity of a vessel.
- 3. Take personal emergency action on board a vessel.
- 4. Respond to emergencies on board a vessel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As set out in the <u>QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (2014)</u>
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The SQA Advanced Certificate in Nautical Science comprises modules at levels 4 and 5. Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

Module SCQF Credits