

There are four Departments in the Academy: Maritime Navigation, Maritime Engineering, Port Economics and Management and General Education Department. There are two ways to acquire the qualification: full time or part time studies. The Certificate of Competence according to STCW 78/95 for the graduates is provided after practical experience at sea by Lithuanian Maritime Safety Administration. Graduates of LMA successfully continue their carrier in global sea companies.

The study programs and courses are made according to the requirements and guidelines of International Maritime Organization (IMO) and European Community and approved by Lithuanian Maritime Safety Administration. LMA Quality Management System was certified by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance according to international ISO 9001:2000 standard requirements.

In 2011 there are 770 day time students (291 marine navigators, 181 marine engineers, 169 managers and 129 financiers) and 458 extramural students (228 marine navigators, 114 marine engineers, 51 managers, and 65 financiers). Lithuanian Maritime Academy employs the staff of 156 people, 75 of them are academic staff.

Education and training takes place in the well-equipped Academy building, laboratories and workshop complex, in Seafarers' Training Centre. Various simulators are used for training purposes such as GMDSS, Radar, ARPA, Electronic cartography, Engine room simulator, and Visual Bridge simulator which are necessary for training of mariners etc. Multimedia and Computer classes with Internet are open for students self-study work. The Academy library contains 70 thousand books including the newest textbooks from UK and the USA. There are more than a thousand readers who use books and periodicals from the library funds. There are 16 laboratories, 4 workshops and 31 classrooms in the Academy, and also sports ground, meeting hall and cafeteria.

Students have their practical training done onboard ships of the Lithuanian Fleet, in stevedoring and forwarding companies. As a result of mutual cooperation agreements with foreign shipping companies (Dutch, UK and others), LMA students acquire their practical skills on foreign ships as well. This cooperation is very useful while solving questions concerning organization of students' practice and development of material training base.

Graduates have good opportunities to continue their education for a Degree of Master or Doctor of Sciences in Klaipėda University, Maritime University of Szczecin and others.

The Academy also has a program of naval training, provided by the Lithuanian Navy, earning the graduates the NAVY lieutenants' rank. After completing the naval course some of the students choose their working career in the Navy.

Seafarers' training centre was established in 2006 as a result of the EU funded project. Therefore the Academy is heavily involved in improving qualification and retraining of Seafarers': there are 30 programs of short courses in various fields (GMDSS training, Radar simulation courses, ARPA courses, Ordinary and Able Seamen, Motormen training courses and etc). The programs are developed in accordance with the requirements and guidelines of International Maritime Organization (IMO) and European Community and approved by Lithuanian Maritime Safety Administration.