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Maritime Transportation, the New Flagship Study for TSU

Texas Southern University now offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Maritime Transportation Management and Security. This degree will prepare and train people needed for maritime transportation careers. Students will study the key issues in maritime transportation and port operations, and prepare for careers in maritime transport and logistics, maritime infrastructure engineering and management, port management and operations, security of port facilities, and environmental protection. The Bachelor of Science Degree in Maritime Transportation Management and Security addresses three highly prioritized national needs: logistics, security, and environment in a single curriculum.

The new program also allows the university to partner with the vital public component of the Port of Houston (POHA), one of the region’s main employers, while creating a program that will not only positively impact Texas Southern students, but also expose area high school students to maritime employment opportunities. The Maritime Transportation Management and Security program illustrates Texas Southern’s move toward becoming one of the nation’s leading, urban-serving educational institutions, TSU officials say.

This program is a significant step toward giving better access to maritime careers by tying into both the TSU and POHA existing partnerships with area high schools, including a high school maritime academy program that POHA is developing with industry partners.

“Recently, there has been a global call for an infusion of prepared workforce into the maritime industry,” POHA Chairman James T. Edmonds says. “This partnership integrates the resources of two dynamic Houston institutions committed to advancing education, commerce and improving quality of life. The success of this program will reap benefits that will be felt locally, nationally and around the world.”

Students at the undergraduate level will be prepared to move into the workforce or pursue advanced study at the master’s level in associated academic fields, including the master’s in transportation at Texas Southern University. Further, students at the graduate level will be qualified to go into managerial or advanced positions or pursue doctoral studies for subsequent careers in research, teaching and other such areas and will create the next generation of faculty for future workforce needs in the industry.

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Texas Southern University was founded in 1926 and became a state institution in 1947. Texas Southern possesses an impressive array of undergraduate and graduate programs, a diverse faculty, more than 80 student organizations, and an alumni network comprised of educators, entrepreneurs, public servants, lawyers, pilots, artists, and more, many of whom are change agents on the local, national and international stage. Nestled upon a sprawling 150-acre campus, Texas Southern has served as a cornerstone for developing the greatest potential in leaders from various socioeconomic, cultural, and racial backgrounds. Texas Southern is located in the heart of the city, giving its students and faculty easy access to the Museum District, neighboring educational institutions, the Texas Medical Center, downtown Houston, two major airports and all of the city’s major freeways. More than 9,487 students, along with nearly 1,500 faculty and staff comprise the University’s community making it one of the nation’s largest Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU’s). For more information, visit www.tsu.edu.