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# American Military University Introduces Maritime Law Enforcement Concentration for B.A. in Criminal Justice

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## ***Program Developed in Conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard***

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va., Apr 26, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) --American Military University (AMU) introduced today a concentration in Maritime Law Enforcement for its Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice program. AMU developed the concentration in response to its selection by the U.S. Coast Guard as one of 10 universities nationwide to participate in its new Maritime Law Enforcement College Partnership Program.

AMU is a member institution of American Public University System (APUS), an accredited, online, university system serving more than 60,000 working adults studying worldwide. APUS offers 76 [undergraduate and graduate degree programs](#) in an affordable and flexible format.

The new Maritime Law Enforcement concentration is designed for students who wish to develop a better understanding of the policy and operational strategies used to ensure border and coastal security. In addition to the B.A. in Criminal Justice degree program requirements, the concentration includes courses in hazardous materials, border, coastal and port security, terrorism, national security, and maritime law. The program is intended to prepare students for a wide range of careers within the criminal justice field, and at the same time provides professional development to those already within the discipline. Its interdisciplinary approach provides students with a sound knowledge base in the areas of U.S. law enforcement, criminology, investigations, law, and community relations.

"With our B.A. in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Maritime Law Enforcement program, AMU is proud to help those who enforce our maritime laws and protect our borders complement their U.S. Coast Guard training," said Constance St. Germain-Driscoll, J.D., Director of AMU Criminal Justice and Legal Studies programs. "This concentration provides students with the education to meet the country's ever-expanding maritime mission, enables Coast Guard law enforcement professionals to gain valuable educational credit for their training and skills gained on active duty, and broadens students' knowledge base in this specialized field."

The U.S. Coast Guard's Maritime Law Enforcement College Partnership Program was developed by the Coast Guard Force Readiness Command, the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) and the Coast Guard Institute in collaboration with 10 colleges and universities, including APUS.

APUS is committed to keeping the cost of attendance low with an undergraduate tuition rate of \$250 per credit hour. Classes start monthly, with courses offered in 8-week sessions. For more information on degrees in Criminal Justice, call 877-777-9081 or go to [www.amu.apus.edu/criminal-justice](http://www.amu.apus.edu/criminal-justice).

### **About American Military University**

[American Military University](#) is an online university that is part of the American Public University System, which also includes member institution [American Public University](#) and educates more than 60,000 adult learners worldwide. The university's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility help working adults pursue degrees in subjects ranging from homeland security to management and liberal arts.

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