

Organizational Blocks

Regional Maritime University

Founded in 1958, the Regional Maritime University (RMU) is West and Central Africa's institution of choice for maritime education and training. RMU was established as the Ghana Nautical College by the Government of the Republic of Ghana to train sea-going personnel, primarily for the national fleet, the Black Star Line Limited. In 1983, spearheaded by the Ministerial Conference of West and Central African States on Maritime Transport (MINCONMAR), now the Maritime Organization for West and Central Africa (MOWCA), the Ghana Nautical College was regionalized, and renamed the Regional Maritime Academy (RMA) for the benefit of the Anglophone members of MOWCA. Regionalisation was due to the recognition that the development of human resource capacity for member states of MOWCA could be better achieved by pooling resources together. The formal inauguration of the RMA took place on Thursday 26th May 1983 with the Republics of Cameroon, The Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone as founding members. In 2007, 25 years after regionalisation, RMA was upgraded from an academy to a fully-fledged University. The Regional Maritime University (RMU) was launched on 25th October 2007 by Ghana's president at the time, John Kuffuor. The University is governed by a Board of Governors made up of five voting members (member states) and two non-voting members (the Secretary General of MOWCA and the Vice Chancellor).

The University is located at Nungua in the

Ledzokuku Krowor District, of Accra, the capital city of Ghana. The campus is considerably remote from the hustle and bustle of the city and has a calm and peaceful environment conducive for teaching and learning. The RMU campus is a coastal property located along the Atlantic Ocean and about 30 km from the Kotoka International Airport and 5 minutes' drive from the Port of Tema. Port activities from West Africa's largest container terminal, the Meridian Port Services (MPS) Terminal can be seen directly from vantage points in the University. The strategic position of RMU to the Port of Tema and the Tema Drydock provides the opportunity for practical interactions regarding in port and shipping administration and operations, fisheries, and dry dock repair.

Although a modern maritime institution, RMU has continued to embark on direct professional and vocational training to ensure the continuous supply of qualified manpower for the merchant and fishing fleets within the West and Central African sub-region and beyond. The University also expanded its programme offerings and currently runs 4 diplomas, 11 bachelors, and 6 master's degree programmes; paying particular attention to providing the required knowledge and skills required by the maritime and allied industries. These programmes are run under the University's two faculties and 8 departments and centres. The faculties are the Faculty of Maritime Studies and the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The Faculty of Maritime Studies is responsible for four

departments, including the Departments of Transport, Nautical Studies, Business Studies and the Maritime Safety and Security Centre. The Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences is responsible for the Departments of Marine Engineering, Marine Electricals & Electronics, ICT, and the Vocational Skills Centre. All postgraduate courses in the University are administered by the School of Graduate Studies. The aims of RMU's programmes are:

- To provide comprehensive and liberal education and training to always meet technological changes within the industry.
- To prepare seafarers to assume higher responsibilities within the industry, beyond the level of Shipboard management.
- To develop the capacity for conducting research and providing consultancy services in support of the maritime and allied industries.
- To equip personnel who man the maritime and allied industries that support international trade.

Total student number is approximately 1,600 for regular and weekend students with an average of 16,000 students passing through the University each year to undertake short/professional and upgrading courses.

RMU has invested in several training and research facilities, training, and research facilities to support its mission. They include Computer Laboratories; Bridge Simulator; Full Mission Engine Room Simulator; State of the Art Welding, Mechanical and Fabrication Workshop; Oil and Gas Facilities (Well Control Simulator, Process Operation Simulator, Crane Simulator and a Drill Fluids Laboratory); Electrical

Laboratory, Electronic Laboratory, Hydraulic Laboratory, Technical Preparation Laboratory, Maritime Safety and Security Centre for basic and advanced safety training, Engineering Laboratory, Radar and ARPA Laboratory, GMDSS Laboratory, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Laboratory, Engineering Workshop, Diesel Workshop, Control Laboratory, Mechanical Laboratory, Planetarium, International Standard Training Pool for swimming and survival techniques, Fire training facility, Auditorium suitable for conferences and similar activities, Parade Ground for cadet drills and parades, Specialized Library, Research Library, Documentation Centre for photocopying, binding of documents, etc. and an Internet Café for cadets and non-cadets. RMU also has several social and sporting facilities including Tennis Courts, Basketball Court, Volleyball Pitch, Football Park, Gymnasium, and students' centre. The University has a medical centre where health service is provided for both students and staff by RMU's qualified on-campus medical team.

In the execution of its mandate, RMU has established numerous collaborations and exchanges with foreign and local partners. They include Bernard Schulte Ship Management, American Bureau of Shipping, Seaweld Engineering (Ghana) Ltd., MODEC, DEME Dredging, TechnipFMC Ghana, Swire Pacific, REDAVIA GmbH Solar, Shanghai Maritime University, Celebrity Cruises, Hoegh LNG, Ghana Maritime Authority, Ghana Shippers' Authority, Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority, Charkin Maritime & Offshore Safety Centre, SMTC Malaysia, Rigworld Training Centre and others. The University continues to engage with its partners to provide world class maritime education and training for the modern maritime professional.

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