

# AT A GLANCE

2023



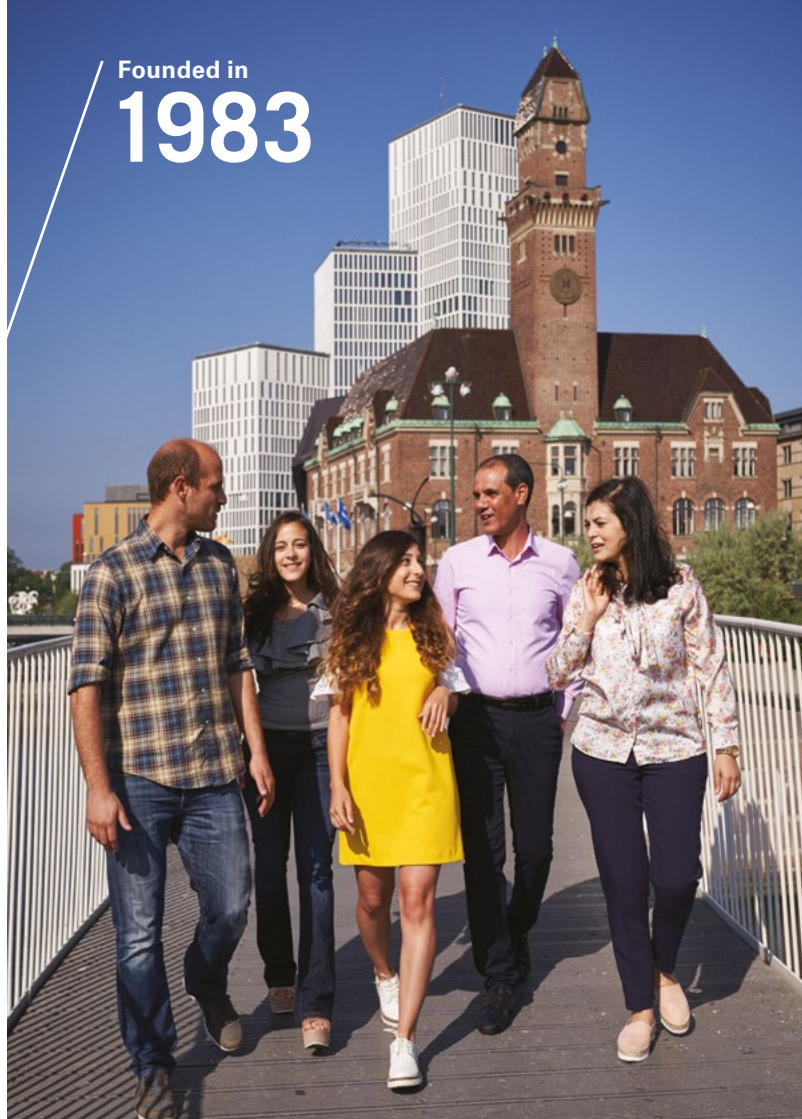
## ABOUT WMU

In 2023, the World Maritime University (WMU) is celebrating 40 years as a global centre of excellence established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. WMU plays a significant role in maritime and ocean education, research, capacity-building and economic development while promoting the role of women in the maritime and ocean sectors.

The United Nations General Assembly, through its Resolutions on Oceans and Law of the Sea, continues to recognize the importance of WMU as a centre of excellence for maritime education and research, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of maritime transportation, policy, administration, management, safety, security and environmental protection, as well as its role in the international exchange and transfer of knowledge.

The impact of WMU has been immense since its inauguration in 1983. With an international presence and a global reach, WMU continues to build maritime and ocean capacity and expertise taking into account the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the related Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

Founded in  
**1983**



# 1991

Mr. Kitack Lim  
graduated  
from WMU



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## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Mr. Kitack Lim / WMU Chancellor / Secretary-General  
International Maritime Organization

“It is an honor to serve as Chancellor of WMU, and to witness the continued growth and influence of the University since it was founded in 1983, and since my own graduation from WMU in 1991. The work of WMU, through education, research and capacity building, is indispensable to the shipping industry. The strength of the interdisciplinary studies offered at WMU is that its graduates are well-rounded, informed, intelligent individuals with a holistic approach to maritime and ocean subjects. They are equipped to work as experts for the benefit of the international maritime community that is deeply interconnected. Our concerted efforts will ensure that our magnificent ocean is passed on to future generations and that we achieve a sustainable and equitable maritime industry.”

# 2015

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry took office as first female President of WMU as well as first from a developing country.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry  
WMU President

“The year 2023 is a milestone for WMU as we mark 40 years. With over 5,800 graduates from 170 countries and territories, WMU is a microcosm of the United Nations. Our legacy is a source of great pride and has a significant impact on the maritime and oceans industry. Our alumni are leading the charge in the maritime and ocean sectors to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and they will be key in the global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. After four decades of excellence in maritime education, research and capacity building, the global impact of WMU is undeniable. It is with the support of our donors that we can secure the financial future of WMU to educate many more generations of maritime and ocean leaders, expand our research efforts, and work to ensure a sustainable future for the maritime industry with a clean and healthy ocean for all.”





## MISSION

The mission of the World Maritime University is to be the world centre of excellence in postgraduate maritime and ocean education, professional training and research, while building global capacity and promoting sustainable development.

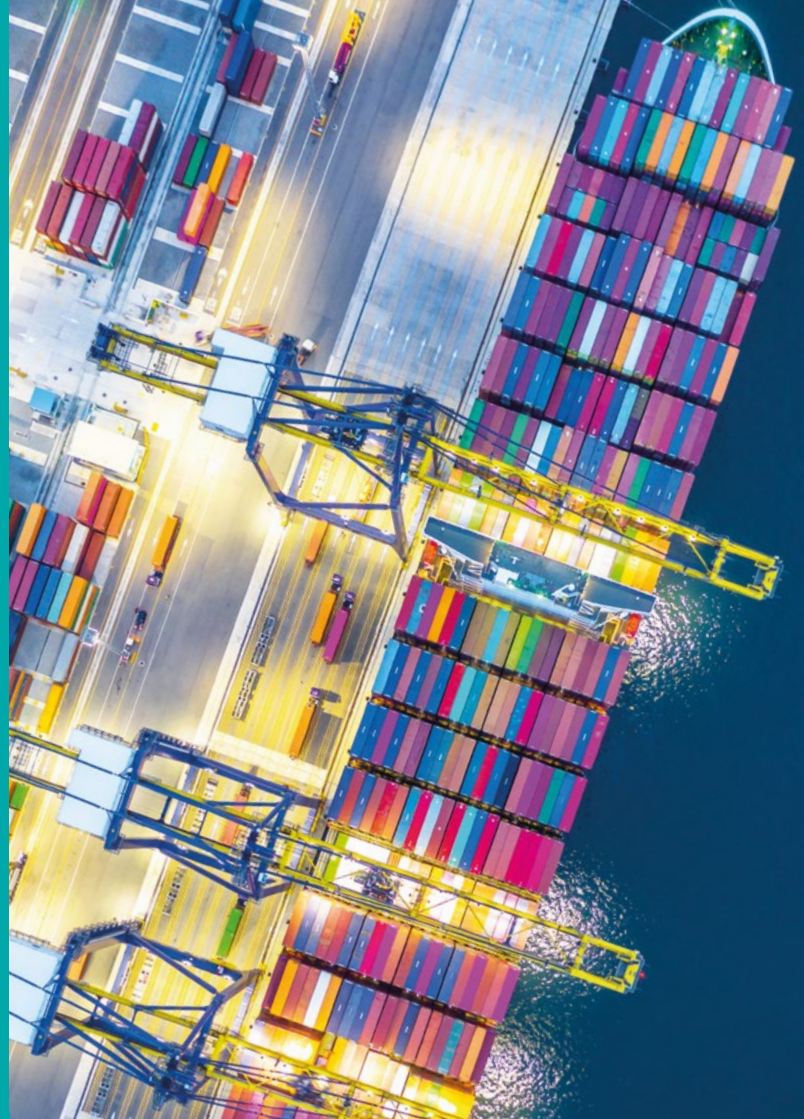
## VISION

To inspire leadership and innovation for a sustainable maritime and oceans future.

## A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

In 1983, the IMO established WMU for the purpose of providing high-level education and training opportunities as well as facilities for technical and other personnel responsible for the maritime affairs in developing countries. Four decades later, in accordance with the WMU Charter, the fundamental objective of the University is to be the leader in providing the international maritime and ocean community, and in particular developing countries, with advanced maritime and ocean education, research, scholarship and capacity-building. It is to be an effective means for the sharing and transfer of knowledge from developed to developing countries, with a view to promoting the achievement of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning, in particular, maritime safety and security, efficiency of international shipping, the prevention and control of marine pollution, including air pollution from ships, and other marine and related ocean issues.

To this end, WMU delivers postgraduate maritime and ocean education, from doctoral studies to customized professional development offerings, and actively promotes the roles of women in the maritime and ocean sectors. In addition, the University prioritizes research, regularly convenes international conferences in the maritime and ocean fields, and undertakes capacity-building missions delivering technical cooperation assistance on behalf of IMO.





## OUR ALUMNI

Maritime and ocean professionals advance their careers at WMU as they come together and refine their skills while increasing their knowledge and cross-cultural understanding through our innovative postgraduate programmes. Our unparalleled global network of over 5,800 maritime-ocean professionals from 170 countries and territories are advancing a sustainable future for the shipping industry and our global ocean. With the invaluable experience

they gain at WMU, our alumni assume positions of prominence around the world such as prime minister, ministers and senior maritime officials, directors of shipping companies and ports, and as heads of maritime academies and naval organizations. They hold prominent positions within UN organizations including Secretary-General of the IMO, and many represent their home countries at IMO and in international forums and organizations.



## OUR LEGACY

**Excellence in international postgraduate maritime and ocean education, research and capacity-building**

**A truly world class institution with an international presence and a global reach**

**A vital role in pursuing the aims of the IMO**

**A cadre of maritime and ocean leaders of tomorrow – 5,807 Graduates from 170 countries and territories**

Over the course of four decades, WMU has served IMO and its mission offering stakeholders unrivalled access to a global network of experts, knowledge and capacity-building while supporting governments, organizations and the industry worldwide, including with knowledge and expertise to support the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The University's connection to the United Nations family, and unique relationship with IMO, are invaluable assets. As part of the United Nations system, WMU is the embodiment of the principle that education is the engine of economic growth, promoting social justice and inclusive societies.





## OUR UNIQUE ASPECTS

- WMU** Operates within the framework of the IMO
- Educates the maritime and ocean leaders of tomorrow
- Delivers applied maritime and ocean-related research and capacity building for sustainable development
- Forges strong partnerships as a hub among maritime and ocean stakeholders, including governments, maritime industry, international organizations and civil society

## UN SDGS

WMU is continually focused on supporting IMO member States and maritime and ocean industry stakeholders in the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Recognizing that all of the Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) are interrelated and indivisible, WMU is committed, in particular, to the goals that are of direct relevance to the maritime and ocean agendas: **4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17**



## MSc PROGRAMMES

Our MSc in Maritime Affairs is designed to educate future maritime and ocean leaders and strengthen the capacity of national administrations in developing and developed countries as well as the maritime industry. Building on IMO's global reach, WMU serves the maritime and ocean industries and their value chains by offering the following nine MSc specializations:

### **Malmö, Sweden (WMU Headquarters)**

**Maritime Safety &  
Environmental Administration**

**Maritime Law & Policy**

**Maritime Education & Training**

**Port Management**

**Shipping Management & Logistics**

**Maritime Energy Management**

**Ocean Sustainability,  
Governance & Management**

### **Dalian, China**

**Maritime Safety &  
Environmental Management**

### **Shanghai, China**

**International Transport & Logistics  
(Shipping & Finance)**



**3,910**

Graduates from  
our flagship MSc  
programme in Malmö



## FIELD STUDY PROGRAMME

Our MSc students in Malmö, Sweden benefit from a unique field study programme hosted by organizations, including, maritime administrations, port authorities, shipping companies, and a range of other governmental and non-governmental organizations, around the world. Field studies link the students' academic and technical knowledge to practical experience providing them with valuable insights on professional practices around the world – knowledge that is unique to WMU's students.

MSc students in our China-based programmes take part in field study visits that are nationally focused as the programmes have been created specifically for the maritime market in China. Destinations for the programme in Shanghai include locally-based shipping, port and other maritime institutions. For the Dalian programme, destinations include maritime administrations in Dalian and other regional cities.

~15  
**COUNTRIES**

Visited on Field Studies annually





## PHD PROGRAMME

Our PhD programme provides the opportunity to carry out research across the maritime and ocean fields with an emphasis on issues related to the International Maritime Organization's mission of promoting maritime safety, security and marine environmental protection. It offers unrivalled access to international maritime and ocean experts both within and outside academia, and to organizations working at the forefront of research and development.

## MPhil

Offered in cooperation with our sister institution, the IMO International Maritime Law Institute in Malta, this ground-breaking programme leads to the degree of Master of Philosophy in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy. The programme is designed to train expert maritime lawyers, immersed in the UN system structure and goals, who can advocate for the policies and legislation to transform our ocean and support its sustainable development.

# 44

**Enrolled PhD candidates  
at the close of 2022**



## DISTANCE LEARNING

We offer a range of online programmes, several of which are in collaboration with renowned partners.

### Degree Programme

LLM, International Maritime Law

### Postgraduate Diploma

Maritime Energy

Marine Insurance Law & Practice

International Maritime Law

Executive Maritime Management

### Professional Development

MARI-WEL (Seafarers' Welfare Training Programme)

## E-LEARNING SOLUTIONS

Our E-learning Solutions provide a comprehensive range of e-learning related services that include customized course design, development, and delivery for clients in the maritime and ocean sectors.

## EXECUTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

WMU offers customized Executive and Professional Development Courses (EPDCs) around the world providing maritime professionals with innovative training and knowledge.



## SUMMER INSTITUTE

The University has a reputation for bringing together stakeholders such as academics, researchers, professionals, and industry to explore cross-cutting topics facing the maritime industry. Launched in 2022, the WMU Summer Institute offerings provide a unique opportunity for these stakeholders to gather and share knowledge, as well as collaborate on potential solutions that will directly benefit the maritime industry. In the unique international setting provided by WMU, through a combination of lectures and participant interaction, the Summer Institute focuses annually on pressing topics facing the maritime industry.

## EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE (EPEX)

WMU's Education for Professional Excellence (EPEX) programme provides an academic offering to professionals in the maritime and ocean sectors and is specifically designed to equip individuals with specialized knowledge and insight for optimal success in Maritime Affairs. Launched in 2022, EPEX offers a portfolio of short courses for government officials and industry professionals who wish to gain a deeper understanding of maritime and ocean topics.





## RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCIES

Research is part of WMU's mission and one of the University's top priorities. The WMU Maritime and Ocean Research Agendas are integral components of the WMU Strategic Plan 2020-2023. The University undertakes research work for the IMO and other UN agencies, the EU and for maritime and ocean organizations and the industry worldwide.

## PUBLICATIONS

WMU's publication record, reputation, and international impact continues to expand. The WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs (JOMA), issued four-times each year, is well-recognized as a leading maritime journal by academics and professionals in the field. The WMU Book Series is produced with Springer Nature, including Trends and Challenges in Maritime Energy Management that is among the top publications related to the UN SDGs 7 (energy) and 13 (climate action).

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**Research Projects  
and Consultancies  
Ongoing Annually**



# WMU-SASAKAWA GLOBAL OCEAN INSTITUTE

The WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute is an independent focal point working at the interdisciplinary interface between science, industry, policy, ocean governance and law. Faculty, staff and students at the Institute undertake challenge-led and evidence-based research, as well as educational and capacity-building training. A particular focus is the implementation of Goal 14, Life Below Water, as well as multiple interconnecting goals including Goal 5 concerning Gender Equality, and Goal 13 on Climate Action under the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

For this purpose, the Institute's efforts are contributing to international processes such as the development of an international legally binding instrument on marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), the United Nations World Ocean Assessment, the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) with our Empowering Women programme as an endorsed Ocean Decade Action, as well as the development of a legally binding instrument on plastic pollution with advisory input to the Intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) set up by United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) in February 2022.

The work programme is focused on a broad range of initiatives including: Land-to-Ocean leadership; the empowerment of women in ocean science for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development; marine debris, sargassum and marine spatial planning in the Eastern Caribbean, as well as robotics and automation in an ocean and maritime industry context. These initiatives are supported by The Nippon Foundation of Japan, as well as Sweden, Germany, Canada, the European Commission and the City of Malmö.



# 2018

Global Ocean  
Institute Inaugurated



## OUR STUDENTS

With an average age of 35, WMU students are mid-career professionals from across the broad spectrum of maritime occupations. Each year, across all programmes, around 80 countries are represented. Since 2016, more than 30% of the students in Malmö are female and our MSc specializations in China have both reached gender parity. We continually pursue efforts to increase the number of women enrolled in our programmes.

## OUR FACULTY

WMU has an internationally recognized faculty and staff reflecting an impressive geographical balance. There are also more than 150 Visiting Lecturers from around the world who contribute their expertise to enrich the education of WMU students.

# 1,295

**Women graduates  
from WMU as of 2022**





## LIBRARY

The WMU Library's print collection consists of more than 20,000 books, journals, and reports and documents from IMO and other UN agencies. It has a particularly strong collection in Maritime Law and Law of the Sea. Additionally, the library makes over 400 thousand titles available to faculty and students through its online collection of ebooks, e-journals and statistical databases. WMU dissertations, research reports and conference presentations are hosted on Maritime Commons, the library's digital publications platform that was launched in August of 2015. Nearly 4,000 works had been uploaded by the close of 2022, with more than 2.5 million downloads by researchers in 234 countries and territories. The library provides an inviting space to read and study, as well as state-of-the-art scanning equipment, loanable laptops, and classroom instruction in modern library research techniques.

# 400,000

**Titles in WMU Library  
online collection**



## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Enhancing strategic collaboration and partnerships is an integral component of the WMU Strategic Plan 2020-2023. WMU collaborates intensively with key stakeholders from governments, shipping industry, international organizations, academia, non-governmental organizations and civil society.

## CONFERENCES

The University organizes and hosts a range of successful international maritime conferences, often co-hosted with international organizations, including IMO, UNEP, and the EU. With keynote speakers and participants from government, industry, and academia from around the globe, these events underscore the University's commitment to high-level discussions on important issues of the day but also its engagement to promote effective partnerships in the maritime and ocean community in support of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. In 2019, WMU released the Conference Report for the WMU Third International Women's Conference on Empowering Women in the Maritime Community that was held in April of the same year. The conference brought maritime and ocean stakeholders together at WMU to discuss the common challenge of gender equality and to address the gender gap in the maritime, oceans, ports, fishing and related industries. In 2023, the University will host a special 40th anniversary conference.



# 99

Active  
Partnerships

# 56

International  
events from  
2016–2022



## FELLOWSHIPS

The following donors provided fellowships for the Malmö MSc Class of 2023.

**The Nippon Foundation of Japan (30)**  
**International Maritime Organization (19)**  
**Government of the Republic of Korea (7)**  
**Australian Maritime Safety Authority (7)**  
**The Orient's Fond (6)**  
**Government of Germany (5)**  
**ITF Seafarers' Trust (5)**  
**Transport Education Training Authority (5)**  
**The TK Foundation (4)**  
**Grimaldi Foundation (2)**  
**Government of Malaysia (2)**  
**Government of the Netherlands (1)**  
**Government of the United Kingdom (1)**  
**Gard AS (1)**  
**International Chamber of Shipping (1)**  
**MPA Academy Singapore (1)**  
**Norwegian Seafarers' Union (1)**  
**Stena Rederi AB (1)**  
**Wallenius Marine AB (1)**

Additionally, many governments, organizations and companies provide funding for their own employees. Approximately 4% of the Class of 2023 MSc students in Malmö are self-funded.



# 100

**Fellowships  
provided by  
donors for Malmö  
MSc Class of 2023**  
(out of 125 students)



## FINANCES

WMU relies on voluntary contributions from IMO and UN member States as well as other funding partners. As the host of WMU's headquarters, the Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö continue to provide considerable support to the University. In addition, many partners provide in-kind contributions that support the financing of the University's activities. WMU greatly appreciates the commitment and invaluable support of all donors who contribute to the University's operational budget, research projects, capacity building activities, student fellowships, Visiting Lecturers, field study opportunities and the Endowment Fund.

**18.9  
MILLION**

**USD appropriated for the  
General Fund budget of 2022**



## STEWARDS OF THE SEA

WMU would not be the academic institution it is today without the support of our donors who make it possible for WMU to advance its global maritime and ocean education, capacity-building and research mission. Since its founding, WMU has received generous support from the Government of Sweden, the City of Malmö, and a wide array of donors.

WMU's work is long-term in nature. The Endowment Fund Campaign, Stewards of the Sea, actively seeks support for the University's efforts that will provide the financial freedom to keep focus on the important work at hand. Ways to invest include the Future Fund, the Annual Fund, and multi-year commitments. WMU collaborates and partners with donors and investors to achieve maximum impact and return for each grant and donation.

Contributions to the Stewards of the Sea campaign will help to ensure long-term financial sustainability of WMU, supporting our mission and securing our legacy of providing education, training, research, scholarship and capacity building in maritime and ocean-related matters for government officials and industry stakeholders across the globe, particularly those in developing countries.



# 2018

Endowment Fund  
Campaign Launch

## ALUMNI

With 5,807 alumni from 170 countries and territories, WMU has a remarkable global presence and an invaluable network of maritime and ocean leaders.

# 5,807

## WMU ALUMNI





## COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST WMU GRADUATES

China	1344
India	287
Nigeria	262
Philippines	213
Indonesia	183
Viet Nam	142
Ghana	131
Bangladesh	112
Republic of Korea	105
Kenya	104
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	99
United Republic of Tanzania	91
South Africa	87
Thailand	81
Sri Lanka	76
Greece	73
Egypt	72
Myanmar	64
Malaysia	61
United Kingdom of Great Britain and NI	60

Cameroon	59
Liberia	58
Türkiye	58
Saudi Arabia	56
Pakistan	51
Singapore	50
Japan	49
Algeria	44
Colombia	43
Panama	41
Ethiopia	39
Trinidad and Tobago	39
Chile	37
Jamaica	36
Sierra Leone	36
Germany	35
Senegal	35
Mozambique	34
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	34
United States of America	33

Malawi	31
Mexico	31
Peru	31
Tunisia	31
Cambodia	29
Argentina	28
Gambia	28
Ecuador	27
Côte d'Ivoire	25
Russian Federation	25
Namibia	24
Somalia	24
Brazil	23
Cabo Verde	23
Jordan	23
Madagascar	23
Lithuania	22
Uganda	21
Benin	20
Cyprus	20
Sweden	20
Fiji	18
Morocco	18
Angola	17
Honduras	17

Iraq	17
Italy	17
China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	16
Spain	16
Sudan	16
Ukraine	16
Guinea	15
Guyana	15
Maldives	15
Georgia	14
Yemen	14
Bahrain	13
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13
Azerbaijan	12
Canada	12
Dominican Republic	12
Haiti	12
Lebanon	12

**5,807**  
Graduates as of 2022

# MALMÖ

Malmö is Sweden's third largest city and is situated in the southernmost province of Skåne. It is a cosmopolitan city with over 180 different nationalities represented among its residents. The centre of the city, with its pedestrianized streets, provides a welcoming environment with a wide range of shops, theatres, and dining options, as well as an outstanding symphony orchestra, art galleries and museums.

Malmö has strong historic bonds with the maritime industry. It was an important medieval sea-port and had a thriving ship-building industry for many years. It is a city with a knowledge-based economy that places a premium on learning, education and research.

The majority of WMU students live together in the Henrik Smith Residence, which has excellent student accommodation and facilities provided by WMU. Living together, as well as sharing maritime knowledge, further fosters cultural understanding and cooperation in the true spirit of the United Nations.



# 180+

Countries  
represented  
in Malmö

## WMU HEADQUARTERS

The City of Malmö has always generously provided the facilities for WMU. When the University outgrew its original location, the City launched a three-stage international competition for an extension to Tornhuset, the Old Harbour Master's Building, that became the new home of WMU. The winning proposal was designed by the Danish firm of Kim Utzon Architects in collaboration with Terroir Architects of Australia.

Completed in 1910, the historic Tornhuset was designed in the Swedish National Romantic style by the renowned Swedish architect Harald Boklund. The bold, new addition serves as an "urban hinge" between the historic fabric of the city and the new development of the docklands.

The new facilities were inaugurated in 2015 and successively received the City Building Prize (Stadsbyggnadspriset), the highest architecture prize awarded by the City of Malmö. The building was also awarded the 2015 Region Skåne Architecture Prize based on its design as well as how it transforms the surroundings and returns the historic Old Harbour Master's building to a maritime use. In 2016, the building was shortlisted for a World Architecture Festival Award in the category of Higher Education and Research. In addition to the main building, the City provides space for the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute and administrative and research staff in nearby buildings.







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