



A pathway for full-time college students to train, serve, and lead alongside the U.S. Coast Guard — earning qualifications, building a leadership record, and increasing your chances of earning a commission as an officer in the Coast Guard



STEP 1 ENROLL → JUNIOR STATUS ≤ 12 MONTHS

Junior Status begins the moment you enroll into USCG Auxiliary. To join the AUP you must:

- Submit a Coast Guard Auxiliary application and gain enrollment into the Auxiliary.
- Enroll full-time at an accredited U.S. undergraduate institution — college, university, community college, or technical school.
- Meet your school's requirements for extracurricular participation.
- Earn a favorable unit-officer endorsement.
- Submit an AUP enrollment application for review against program criteria.

→ Reach **Senior Status** within 12 months by finishing the 100-level requirements below.

STEP 2 100 LEVEL COMPLETE ALL

The General Requirements — the foundation every AUP student builds on.

AUP 101	INTRO TO THE CG AUXILIARY. IDP with a unit mentor, Auxiliary Core Training (AUXCT), Basic Qualification Course II (BQC II), and Bloodborne Pathogen training.
AUP 103	INTRO TO INCIDENT MANAGEMENT. FEMA ICS-100 and ICS-200, plus IS-700 (NIMS) and IS-800 (National Response Framework).
AUP 110	SAFE BOATING. Complete a safe boating course approved by NASBLA.
AUP 111	CYBER AWARENESS. An overview of cybersecurity threats and the best practices that keep information and systems secure.
AUP 113	UNIFORM INSPECTION. An annual uniform inspection by an elected officer in your chain of leadership; includes an ID card check.

STEP 3 SENIOR → GRADUATE UP TO 3 YEARS

Complete **all four** requirements to graduate the program.

A 200-LEVEL ACADEMIC COURSE AT LEAST 1

AUXWEA (Weather) · AUXSEA (Seamanship) · AUXCOM (Communications) · IMSEP (Marine Safety & Environmental Protection) · Intro to Public Affairs — or an approved college substitution (AUP 299).

B 300-LEVEL LEADERSHIP CAPSTONE AT LEAST 1

Leadership & Management (AUXLAMs / LAMs) · Internship · Independent Project · Homeland Security Seminar · six months of Unit Leadership — or an approved substitution (AUP 399).

C OPERATIONAL QUALS & CERTS AT LEAST 6 CREDITS

2 cr	Instructor (IT) · Program Visitor (PV) · Telecommunications Operator (TCO) · Vessel Examiner (VE)
4 cr	Aids to Nav Verifier (AV) · Culinary Assistance (AUXCA1) · Leadership Competency L1 (LEAD1) · Paddlecraft Operator (AUXPAD) · Radio Watchstander
6 cr	Air Observer (AIROBS) · Public Affairs Specialist 3 (AUXPA3) · Boat Crew Member (BCM) · Cutter Officer of the Day (OOD) · Cyber Workforce Cert · ICS Type 3 Unit Leader · Marine Safety Training Ribbon

D SERVICE

200+ activity hours logged in AUXDATA II since your enrollment date.

GRADUATE

Finish every requirement and you are **permanently qualified as an AUP Graduate** — a distinction you keep for life. (Students who don't complete the program are designated "Incomplete.")

★ GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION

For members preparing for competitive civilian hire or military selection boards. It must be earned **at graduation** — the honor can't be added retroactively once you're already an AUP Graduate.

COMPLETE ALL OF

- Leadership Philosophy essay
- Coast Guard Issues Paper
- Internship
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Qualifying Leadership Evaluation Report

AND ONE OF

- Meet Coast Guard physical fitness & swim standards
- An additional 300-level course

THE OPPORTUNITY COMPETE FOR A COMMISSION

AUP builds exactly what Coast Guard officer boards look for — real training, a leadership record, and demonstrated service. As a graduate, you can **compete for the Coast Guard's officer accession programs**:

OCS

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL

The Coast Guard's primary route to a commission for college graduates — a demanding course that turns qualified candidates into commissioned officers.

DCO

DIRECT COMMISSION OFFICER

Commission directly into the Coast Guard by bringing specialized skills, credentials, or professional experience into the officer corps.

AUP also helps prepare members for opportunities such as **MARGRAD** and competitive civilian hire. Explore the program's Guide to Commissioning to map your path.