

## HUMSS STUDENTS IN BATAAN SCHOOL OF FISHERIES

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The Bataan School of Fisheries, known for its strong emphasis on technical-vocational education and maritime studies, also offers a well-rounded academic track for students pursuing the Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS) strand. HUMSS is designed for students interested in exploring human behavior, culture, politics, and social issues, providing them with critical thinking, research, and communication skills that are essential for careers in education, law, journalism, public service, and more.

HUMSS students at the Bataan School of Fisheries are driven by a passion for understanding society and contributing to community development. The strand offers subjects such as Social Sciences, Philippine Politics, Community Engagement, Creative Writing, and World Religions and Belief Systems, among others. These subjects equip students with the analytical and interpersonal skills needed to thrive in their chosen paths.

The Bataan School of Fisheries offers a unique environment where HUMSS students interact with peers from technical-vocational tracks. This diverse educational setting fosters interdisciplinary learning and promotes collaboration. For instance, HUMSS students may contribute to community outreach programs related to marine conservation, using their communication and research skills to advocate for environmental sustainability.

Despite the school's strong focus on fisheries and maritime programs, HUMSS students find opportunities to excel in academic and extracurricular activities. The school

supports them through initiatives like debate clubs, writing competitions, leadership workshops, and community service projects.

One of the challenges for HUMSS students in a predominantly technical-vocational institution is ensuring they receive equal attention and resources. However, the school administration's commitment to holistic education bridges this gap by providing access to resources such as libraries, research facilities, and digital learning tools.

The unique setting also offers opportunities for HUMSS students to develop niche expertise, combining social sciences with environmental advocacy or community education related to coastal and maritime issues. These experiences help shape well-rounded individuals ready to address both local and global challenges.

HUMSS students at the Bataan School of Fisheries are thriving in a distinctive educational environment. They bring fresh perspectives to a traditionally technical institution, demonstrating the value of humanities and social sciences in all fields. As they continue to learn and grow, these students embody the principles of critical thinking, creativity, and civic responsibility, contributing positively to their school and the broader community.

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