



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-307	Course Title Maritime Law	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites LAW-131 & LAW-132	Department Law	Semester Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Mr. Leonidas Psychakis	Year of Study 3 rd /4 th
Mode of Delivery Face-to-Face	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

The main scope of the course is to examine the basic principles governing the legal regime for the carriage of goods by sea. The focus will be on the relationship between charterer and carrier and also on the relationship between carrier and receiver/consignee. A thorough analysis will be made to the main terms of a charter party both in voyage and timecharter basis. Additionally, a careful analysis will follow regarding the role of the Bills of Lading and how the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1924 resolved the 'passing of property' problem for the receiver. Additionally, the role and importance of Hague Visby Rules will be analysed in contrast with Hamburg and Rotterdam Rules.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- To identify the role of shipping in the international trade. How the bill of Lading as a negotiable instrument can affect the liabilities of the receiver and for any third party which is seeking to retrieve legal rights.
- Understand the implied terms in the contract of carriage. An analysis regarding the importance of the seaworthiness, deviation and safe port will be made. How these terms are evaluated by the Court and the consequences in case of breach. Further analysis will be given to the pioneer case Hong Kong Fir.
- Examine the operation of Laytime, Demurrage and Dispatch. When the vessel is considered as an arrived ship, tender of NOR and ready to load and discharge in any

respect.

- Understand the Delivery and Redelivery of the vessel. The right of the owner to disregard the last instructions of the charterer and request fresh. Payment of the hire and consequence of the off hire. The use of anti-technicality clauses in order to avoid repudiation of the contract.
- Assess the role of Bills of Lading in the international trade with particular attention to the rights of any third party seeking to acquire legal interest under the bills of lading. The functions of the bills of Lading.
- Illustrate the importance of negotiability of the B/L, the alternative use of seawaybills and the role of the 'straight' B/L
- Identify the importance of Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1992 and how the Act solved the long standing problem of 'passing the property' of the Bill of Lading 1855.
- Reciprocate the importance of Hague Visby Rules and the special regime that confers to the owners when they govern the sea transport. Additionally students would be able to understand the operation of the time bar of one year, the monetary limit when comes to liability of the carrier and the exceptions conferred by A. IV of the rules.

Course Content:

1. The role of Shipping in the International Trade
2. Implied Terms in the contract of carriage (Seaworthiness, Deviation and Safe Port)
3. Voyage Charter: Laytime, Demurrage and Dispatch
4. Time Charter: Delivery – Redelivey, Hire and off hire
5. The role of third parties regarding Bills of Lading
6. Bill of Lading 1855 v. Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1992
7. Hague Visby Rules (Part I)
8. Hague Visby Rules (Part II)

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written and exams and assignments

Assessment Methods:

Final exam, mid-term and presentations.

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Principles of the Carriage of Goods by Sea	Paul Todd	Routledge Publisher	2016	9780415743730
Shipping Law	Simon Baughen	Routledge Publisher, 6 th Edn.	2015	9780415712194

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Maritime Law	Yvonne Baatz et al.	Informa Law, 3 rd Edn	2014	9781138802339
Time Charters	Terence Coghlin et al.	Informa Law, 7 th Edn	2014	9780415833660
Voyage Charters	Julian Cooke et al.	Informa Law, 4 th Edn	2014	9780415833608
Carver on Bills of Lading	Guenter Treitel et al.	Sweet & Maxwell, 4 th Edn	2017	9780414057425
Bills of Lading	Richard Aikens et al.	Informa Law, 2 nd Edn	2015	9780415745819