



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-328	Course Title Law of the Sea	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites LAW-383	Department Law	Semester Fall
Type of Course Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr. Antonios St. Stylianou	Year of Study 3 rd
Mode of Delivery Conventional	Work Placement N/A.	Corequisites N/A.

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Place the development of the law of the sea within its philosophical, legal and practical context.
- Provide a historical analysis of the evolution of the rules regulating the sea.
- Provide an in depth analysis of all important matters relating to the law the sea, including its definitional parameters, sources of the law of the sea, creation and delineation of maritime zones.
- Provide an analysis of the core provisions of UNCLOS III.
- Provide an analysis of dispute settlement.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Appreciate the significance of the law of the sea.
2. Develop an understanding of contemporary issues relating to the law of the sea.
3. Comprehend the legal background to the modern legal framework relating to the law of the Sea (UNCLOS III).
4. Demonstrate an appreciation of the rights protected under UNCLOS III.

5. Demonstrate an appreciation of the issues surrounding maritime zones.
6. Evaluate the difference between the different maritime zones.
7. Assess the United Nations system relating to the law of the sea.
8. Demonstrate critical awareness in the analysis of the legal order.

Course Content:

1. Introduction (Definition, History and Sources of the Law of the Sea)
2. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982
3. Maritime zones 1 (Maritime Aquitory) – Internal waters, territorial sea, archipelagic waters, straits used for international navigation.
4. Maritime zones 2 (Zones of Functional Jurisdiction) – Contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf.
5. Maritime zones 3 (Common Spaces) – High seas, deep seabed area.
6. Protection of the marine environment
7. Management of living resources
8. Management of natural resources
9. Maritime scientific research
10. Dispute settlement
11. Special issues (polar regions, climate change and the oceans, piracy).

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, seminars and tutorials, written examinations, case studies and assignments

Assessment Methods:

- Classroom participation
- Mid-term exam
- Final exam

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
The International Law of the Sea	Rothwell, Donald and Stephens, Tim	Bloomsbury Publishing	2016	9781782256854
Lecture Notes				

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Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
The law of the sea: progress and prospects	Freestone, David	Oxford University Press	2006	9780199299614
The International Law of the Sea	Tanaka, Yoshifumi	Cambridge University Press	2015	9781107080409
Law of the Sea: UNCLOS as a Living Treaty	Barrett, Jill and Barnes, Richard	British Institute of International and Comparative Law	2016	9781905221523