



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
OGAS-325	International Law of the Seas	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Management	Fall/Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Hydrocarbons & Energy Management	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dr. Antonis Stylianou	3 rd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Core-requisites
Face to Face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

- Analyze the general notions of Law of the Sea and the regulation of the seas, with particular attention to the high-seas freedoms and limitations
- Examine the methods of delimitation of maritime zones with an emphasis on adjacent and opposite states
- Compare the different rights and responsibilities pertaining to States in their territorial waters, their contingent zones, their continental shelf and their exclusive economic zones
- Analyze the significance of UNCLOS in the development of offshore oil & natural gas resources
- Assess UNCLOS provisions on the construction of underwater energy infrastructure and in particular electricity cables and pipelines
- Highlight the security aspects of the clauses of UNCLOS on hydrocarbon exploration, exploitation and transportation/transmission.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Demonstrate some in-depth knowledge of specialist areas
2. Demonstrate critical awareness in the analysis of the legal order.
3. Ability to identify and apply all legal sources of relevance for a specific legal issue.
4. Ability to identify societal concerns and values behind legal principles and rules.
5. Ability to identify debates while accurately reporting the applicable law.

6. Ability to make a distinction between reasoning founded on law and policy-based arguments.
7. Evaluate the dynamic concepts of the Continental Shelf and the Exclusive Economic Zone before and after UNCLOS.
8. Comprehend the different methods applied in the delimitation of maritime zones
9. Estimate the importance of UNCLOS in the progress of offshore oil & natural gas exploration and exploitation.
10. Critically analyse the design and functions of the international system as it is reflected through the evolution of the international law of the Sea
11. Compare the different avenues and methods of dispute resolution regarding the delimitation of the maritime zones including the function of the International Court in the Hague
12. Understand the security aspects pertaining to the application of the international law of the sea with an emphasis on the Eastern Mediterranean

Course Content:

The Course outline is developed over 12 weeks by focusing each week on the following topics:

1. Introduction to the Law of the Sea: The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
2. Nationality of Vessel - Navigational rights.
3. Zones of National Jurisdiction
4. Boundaries of Adjacent and Opposite States - Delimitation of sea zones
5. Internal Waters and Ports
6. Territorial Sea
7. Exclusive Economic Zone
8. Continental Shelf
9. Deep Seabed and Natural Resources
10. Protection of Marine Environment and Living Resources
11. Marine Terrorism and Security
12. Dispute Settlement: The International Maritime Tribunal

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Module is delivered on campus by lectures and seminars, case studies, interactive multimedia resources, innovative group work and directed self-study.

Assessment Methods:

Final Exam, Midterm Exam, Assignment, Class Participation

Required Textbook

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
The International Law of the Sea	Yoshifumi, T.	Cambridge University Press	2023	9781316516881

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The International Law of the Sea	Rothwel, D. & Stephens, T.	Hart Publishing	2010	9781841132570