

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Course Syllabus

1. Course Information

- **Title:** International Maritime Law
- **Code:** LLB48
- **ECTS:** 5
- **Hours per week:** 4
- **Academic Year:** 4th
- **Teaching Period:** Winter/Spring Semester
- **Mode of Delivery:** Face-to-Face
- **Language of Instruction/Assessment:** English
- **Course Type:** Elective

2. Course Description

The course provides a comprehensive overview of International Maritime Law, emphasising its institutional, normative, and functional dimensions in an interdisciplinary and intersectional perspective. It examines the legal framework governing maritime activities through the study of principal international instruments, such as the STCW, and MLC 2006, and the roles of global and regional regulatory bodies, including the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the European Union. The course further explores comparative maritime law systems, conflict of laws in transnational maritime disputes, and mechanisms for transnational legal supervision and enforcement. Particular emphasis is placed on familiarising students with the structure, operations, and legal

challenges of the maritime labour market, thereby preparing them for academic research or professional development in the maritime sector.

3. Keywords

International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Labour Organization (ILO), Maritime Conventions, Maritime Safety, Maritime Security, Maritime Accidents

4. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Introduce students to the foundational legal principles governing international maritime activities, with particular emphasis on the structure and function of global maritime institutions (IMO, ILO, EU bodies), enabling them to recall and understand the normative framework that shapes maritime governance.
2. Familiarise students with the main international maritime conventions and their practical impact on shipping operations, maritime safety and security, and seafarers' rights, thereby equipping them to interpret, apply, and evaluate legal standards relevant to the maritime industry.
3. Develop students' capacity to analyse the role of legal norms in regulating maritime labour conditions, including through the MLC 2006, by linking doctrinal legal rules with the socioeconomic realities of the international maritime labour market.
4. Enhance comparative and conflict-of-law skills by examining divergent national maritime regimes and their interface with international standards, preparing students to work in a transnational legal environment and engage with real-world disputes and compliance issues in the maritime sector.
5. Prepare students for engagement with the maritime labour market, by equipping them with both theoretical knowledge and practical legal reasoning skills applicable to roles in shipping companies, maritime law firms, port authorities, and regulatory bodies.

5. General Skills to Be Acquired

- Apply knowledge in practice
- Retrieve, analyse, and synthesise data and information

- Adapt to new situations
- Make decisions
- Work in an international context
- Work in an interdisciplinary team
- Generate new research ideas
- Appreciate diversity and multiculturalism
- Respect the natural environment
- Be critical and self-critical
- Advance free, creative, and causative thinking

6. Course Content (Topics)

1. Introduction to International Maritime Law – International Institutions in Maritime Law
2. Special Institutions of Maritime Law – General Principles
3. Comparative Maritime Law - Conflict of Laws
4. The Stakeholders in International Maritime Law
5. Sources of International Maritime Law - Introduction to International Maritime Conventions
6. Insularity and Blue Economy
7. The International Standards in Maritime Training – The STCW Convention
8. Maritime Pollution (Private Law Aspects)
9. The Contribution of ILO in International Maritime Law – The MLC 2006
10. Maritime Accidents (Private Law Aspects)
11. European Union Maritime Policy
12. Mechanisms of Controlling International Maritime Law

7. Teaching Methods

- Lectures.
- Case law workshops.
- Student presentations and structured debate.
- Guided reading and legal reasoning exercises.

8. Assessment Methods

Method	Weight	Description
Final Written Exam	70%	Essay-type and case-based questions
Mid-Term Assignment/Presentation	20%	Individual or group-based
Participation and Engagement	10%	Constructive attendance, preparedness, contribution

Note: A minimum final exam score of 50% is required to pass.

9. A. Ethics

Students are reminded that all submitted work must comply with the University's academic [integrity policy](#). Plagiarism or unauthorised collaboration will result in disciplinary measures.

B. Course Policies

- Attendance is strongly encouraged.
- All assignments must be submitted on time via the designated platform.
- Special accommodations will be made for students with documented learning or health needs in accordance with university policy.

10. Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

- **Use in Teaching:** (e.g. digital slides, audiovisual aids, interactive tools like Mentimeter)

- **Use in Communication:** (e.g. E-learning platform, Zoom/Google Meet for office hours)
- **Digital Resources:** (e.g. online legal databases, podcasts, video lectures)

11. Bibliography

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- Databases

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HeinOnline Academic Core and Kluwer Law International Journal Library	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Beck-online PREMIUM	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
O.U.P Oxford Public International Law	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
O.U.P Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Dalloz.fr	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
JURIS Zusatzmodul Hochschulen, BGB Staudinger Online	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Kluwer Law Online (30 journals)	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
IAReporter. Investment Arbitration Report	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
Cambridge Core (Law)	https://www.cambridge.org/core/browse-subjects/law
EBSCO	https://research.ebsco.com/c/quc7ji/search/advanced/filters?autocorrect=y&isDashboardExpanded=true
ProQuest Central	https://www.proquest.com/central/topicpaths/AbiGlobal_business/0?accountid=8359#0
Springer link	https://link.springer.com/
Taylor & Francis e-books	https://www.taylorfrancis.com/search?subject=SCLW
Taylor & Francis e-journals	https://www.tandfonline.com/subjects/law
The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises 1800-1926 (Gale)	https://go.gale.com/ps/start.do?p=MOML&u=arist&cookieConsent=true&analyticsOptout=false&aty=ip
Wiley online Library	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/action/showPublications?startPage=&ConceptID=85