

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Course Syllabus

1. Course Information

- **Title:** Shipping Law
- **Code:** LLB49
- **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 examination of shipping law, focusing on its international, commercial, and regulatory dimensions. It explores the role of key stakeholders in the global shipping industry and the impact of international conventions on legal compliance. Emphasis is placed on the legal status and corporate forms of shipping companies, including the use of offshore entities and flags of convenience, as well as the operational and financing models, ship security structures, and limitation of liability. The course critically engages with core contractual frameworks—covering carriage of goods, charterparties, bills of lading, marine insurance, and salvage agreements—alongside corporate liability in maritime claims. It further addresses legal issues related to maritime labour, including crew management and accident liability, and examines environmental regulation with attention to civil liability and compensation mechanisms. The course concludes with an analysis of admiralty law and transnational

maritime arbitration, providing students with a doctrinal and practical understanding of contemporary shipping law.

3. Keywords

Shipping Companies, Maritime Contracts, Carriage of Goods, Charterparties, Bills of Lading

4. Learning Outcomes

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

1. Introduce students to the legal status, organisational forms, and operational models of shipping companies in an international maritime environment.
2. Familiarise students with the main international maritime conventions and their practical impact on shipping operations, maritime safety, and seafarers' rights.
3. Develop students' knowledge on the management of a shipping company, by linking doctrinal legal rules with the socioeconomic realities of the international maritime labour market.
4. Assess the implications of proposed legal reforms on shipping law from normative and practical perspectives of international competition.
5. Enhance comparative and conflict-of-law skills by examining divergent national maritime regimes regarding the different contracts in shipping law and their interface with international standards.
6. 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. The Internationalisation of Shipping Law – Stakeholders in Shipping Law
2. International Conventions in Shipping Law – Compliance
3. Legal Status and Corporate Forms of Shipping Companies
4. Operational Models in the Shipping Industry – Off-shore companies and the Flags of Convenience
5. Ship Finance and Ship Security Structures
6. Corporate Liability, Maritime Claims, and Limitation of Liability
7. Contracts in Shipping Law (carriage of goods, salvage agreements, marine insurance)
8. Charterparties
9. Bills of Lading
9. Salvage Agreements – Legal Framework
10. Maritime Labour Contract/Maritime labour accident – The Role of Crew agencies
12. Prevention of Pollution (Compensations – Civil liability – The Role of the Funds)
13. Admiralty Law and Transnational Maritime Arbitration

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

- Books/E-Books

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- Databases

Westlaw UK Academic	https://law.auth.gr/en/subscription-to-electronic-databases-2/
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=SC_LW
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