

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Faculty of Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Course Syllabus

1. Course Information

- **Title:** Insurance Law with emphasis on Marine Insurance
- **Code:** LLB50
- **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 offers an advanced introduction to the Insurance Law and more specifically to the Marine Insurance, situated within the broader framework of insurance law and maritime commerce. It examines the legal foundations and contractual principles governing marine insurance agreements, focusing on the allocation of maritime risks across different types of vessels and operations. The course analyses the international legal regime of marine insurance, including the handling of marine claims, the function of insurance brokers and Protection and Indemnity (P&I) clubs, and the application of General Average under the York-Antwerp Rules. Students will study specific contractual clauses, insured perils, and exclusions, with emphasis on the legal and practical implications of international sanctions and the role of insurance in compliance monitoring. The course also addresses emerging challenges such as maritime cyber risk,

decarbonisation, and their regulatory impact on marine insurance practices. Finally, it explores the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in insurance disputes, equipping students with both doctrinal knowledge and practical tools for navigating the contemporary marine insurance landscape.

3. Keywords

Insurance Contract, Brokers, Maritime risks, P & I clubs, Insurable Interest, Clauses, Maritime Claims

4. Learning Outcomes

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

1. Summarise the structure and functions of insurance contracts.
2. Familiarise students with the main international maritime conventions and international clauses and their practical impact on marine insurance contracts.
3. Develop students' knowledge on the obligations and the rights not only of the contracting parties, but also of the third parties.
4. Draft basic legal documents, such as insurance contracts.
5. Assess the implications of proposed legal reforms on marine insurance law from normative and practical perspectives of international competition.
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, marine brokers and P & I clubs, 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 Insurance Law – General Principles
2. The Insurance Contract - Legal Background
3. International Rules of Marine Insurance – Maritime Risks in different Types of Ships
4. Maritime Claims
5. Marine Insurance Brokers and the P&I clubs
6. General Average and the York Antwerp Rules
7. Specific Clauses in Marine Insurance
8. Perils and International Sanction in Marine Insurance
9. The Role of Insurance in Monitoring for International Sanctions Compliance
10. Marine Insurance and Global Navigation Issues
11. Alternative Dispute Resolution in Marine Insurance
12. Maritime Cyber Risk and De-carbonisation in Marine Insurance

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

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=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/showPublica tions?startPage=&ConceptID=85