

Course unit title:	PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW		
Course unit code:	ATIM 402		
Type of course unit:	Compulsory		
Level of course unit:	Business (1 st Cycle)		
Year of study:	4 th		
Semester when the unit is delivered:	7 th		
Number of ECTS credits allocated :	6		
Name of lecturer(s):	Mrs Georgia Demetriou		
Learning outcomes of the course unit:	<p>By the end of the course, the students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide students with basic knowledge and understanding of the main rules and principles applicable to the Public International Maritime Law • Learn the rules and principles which govern in time of peace • Define the relations between States as to the use of the oceans by merchant ships and as to the safe and secure operation of such ships and which may have an impact on the daily running of shipping companies. • Distinguish between maritime safety and maritime security and educate the fundamental conventions • Provide an overview of the rules in force within the EU is also covered by the Syllabus. 		
Mode of delivery:	Face – to face		
Prerequisites:	ATLC 301	Co-requisites:	None
Recommended optional program components:	None		
Course contents:	<p>The Syllabus is divided into four Parts:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Part I : Law making Process of International Maritime Law / Law of the Sea</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Part II : International Rules Governing the Status & Use of Maritime Spaces</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Part III: International Rules Governing the Status & Use of Merchant Ships.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Part IV: European Shipping Law: An Overview</p> <p>1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of Public and Private Law, International Law and Maritime Law • International Maritime Organization (IMO) • International Labour Organization (ILO) • International Court of Justice (ICJ) • International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) 		

- Other International Organizations & Bodies Involved (Governmental, NGO)

2. TYPOLOGY OF THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL RULES

- Sources of Public International Law
- How are the Treaty Rules made? (Conference Diplomacy)
- Maritime Conventions and Binding Instruments
- Resolutions and Non-Binding Instruments
- Present Legal Regime – 1982 U.N Convention of the Law of the Sea

3. RULES ON MARITIME SPACES SUBJECT TO NATIONAL JURISDICTION

- Internal Waters
- Territorial Sea & Contiguous Zone
- Archipelagic Waters
- Exclusive Economic Zone

4. RULES ON INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SPACES & COMMUNICATIONS

- High Seas
- International Straits
- International Canals (Suez Canal, Panama Canal)

5. RULES AS TO THE NATIONALITY AND STATUS OF MERCHANT SHIPS

- Nationality of ships
- The Genuine Link issue
- Flag State Control: a genuine link important element
- **Places of refuge:** myth or reality? The impact of EU policies pertaining to granting place of refuge to distressed ships. The ERIKA legislative packages and their impact on maritime safety and the protection of the marine environment
- **Towards a holistic approach in the E.U. Maritime policy:** a way forward. Steps taken for an integrated maritime policy.

6. MARITIME SAFETY RULES and the legal perspective - Relevant International Conventions

- Ship, Cargo, Occupational and Navigational Safety

7. LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE

- The Constitutional Rules : 1982 UN Law of the Sea Convention
- Pollution Prevention Rules
- 1992 Protocol of the International Convention on the Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage.
- 1992 Protocol of the International Convention for the Establishment of an International Fund for Oil Pollution Damage.
- COPE FUND (Supplementary Fund).

8. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY LAW

- Piracy
- Illicit drug trafficking by sea
- Stowaways
- Illicit human trafficking by sea
- Terrorism (Suppression of Unlawful Acts Convention – ISPS Code)
- U.N Economic Sanctions

9. EU LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

- ERIKA I Package.
- ERIKA II Package.
- ERIKA III Package.

10. THE EUROPEAN UNION LAW MAKING PROCESS

- Founding Treaties
- Rule of Law
- EU main Institutions
- European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

11. EU RULES ON THE STATUS OF MERCHANT SHIPS AND ON MARITIME SAFETY:

THE STATUS OF MERCHANT SHIPS UNDER EU LAW

- Ship Registration
- Employment of seafarers on board community vessels

12. EU RULES ON THE PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND ON OTHER SHIPPING MATTERS

- Protection of the Marine Environment Rules

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules on other Shipping matters (Competition Rules, State Aid, maritime Security) 						
Recommended and/or required reading:	Philippe BOISSON, Safety at Sea, Policies, Regulations & International Law, Editions Bureau Veritas, Paris 1999						
Textbooks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philippe BOISSON, Safety at Sea, Policies, Regulations & International Law, Editions Bureau Veritas, Paris 1999 Donald R Rothwell , Tim Stephens, The International Law of the Sea, Hart Publishing, 2010 Yoshifumi Tanaka, The International Law of the Sea, 2nd edition, Cambridge University Press, 2015 James Harrison, Making the Law of the Sea: A Study in the Development of International Law, Cambridge University Press, 2011 						
References:	RP. CHURCHILL and A.V Lowe, The Law of the Sea, 3 rd edition , Juris Publishing, Manchester University						
Planned learning activities and teaching methods:	Lectures supported by power point presentations, class discussions, use of video material to demonstrate the incidents described in the class.						
Assessment methods and criteria:	<table> <tr> <td>Midterm</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group assignment and presentation</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final Exam</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> </table>	Midterm	20%	Group assignment and presentation	20%	Final Exam	60%
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