

Course unit title:	PORT AGENCY		
Course unit code:	ATPA301		
Type of course unit:	Elective		
Level of course unit:	Bachelor (1 st Cycle)		
Year of study:	4 th		
Semester when the unit is delivered:	7 th or 8 th		
Number of ECTS credits allocated :	6		
Name of lecturer:	Mr Aris Constantinou		
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"> Analyze the position of the Port Agent in the legal environment of shipping as regards: (a) The Port and other Local Authorities, (b) The different types of Principals Outline the specific duties of the port agent towards the local authorities and his principal under different situations Explain the various risk factors that the port agent is exposed to while executing his duties and outline the possible covers thereto 		
Mode of delivery:	Lectures, Videos and class discussions		
Prerequisites:	ATSS101, ATSG101, ATCH201	Co-requisites:	N/A
Recommended optional program components:	N/A		
Course contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legal definition of an Agent. Specific definitions and different scenarios for Shipping Agent. Special agent, General agent, protecting agent. Who is the Principal in different situations and analysis of the possible conflict of interest. Payment risk for the agent and the duration of the agency relationship. The proforma Disbursement Account The local authorities around the port and the relationship with the agent. Port State Control Services the port provides to the ship and the involvement of the agent. Who pays for what and the risk involved Specific Husbandry duties of an agent, to Ship owner and crew How the role of the agent changes when the Principal operates under different charter parties. The relationship with the cargo and how that differs under different charter parties Important documentation issues. The notice of readiness, the bill of lading. Delivery of cargo without the original bill of lading. Limitation of carriers' liability and the relationship with the agent Unusual situations and the agent: claims, arrests, surveys Important accounting aspects for the agent. The agent and professional liability insurance 		
Recommended and/or required reading:	A. Branch, Elements of Shipping, 7th Edition, Routledge, 2005		
Textbooks:	M. Latache, Port Agency, Witherby & Co. Ltd, 1998		
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin Stopford, 'Maritime Economics', 3rd edition, Routledge, 2009 P. Alderton, Port Management and Operations, 3rd Edition, Informa, 2008 Meersman H. et al, Future Challenges for the Port and Shipping Sector, Informa, 2008 Branch, A.E., Elements of Shipping, 7th Edition, Routledge 2001 Lecture Notes 		

Planned learning activities and teaching methods:	Lectures, discussions, presentations, movies. Power point presentations used in class and lecture notes available to the students on the e-learning platform. Port visits where feasible.
Assessment methods and criteria:	Mid-Term 40% Final Exam 60%
Language of instruction:	English
Work placement(s):	Not applicable