

Course Unit Title:	INTRODUCTION TO SHIPPING & SHIPPING MARKETS		
Course Unit Code:	ATSS 101		
Type of course unit:	Compulsory		
Level of course unit:	Bachelor (1st cycle)		
Year of study:	1 st		
Semester when the unit is delivered:	1 st		
Number of ECTS credits allocated:	6		
Name of lecturer(s):	Capt. Eugen Adami, Dr Sotiris Jeropoulos		
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"> • Describe the main historical developments that lead shipping in its present status and understand the main contractual relationships in the modern commercial shipping world; • Outline the various ship types and explain their main technical and operating characteristics and dimensions; • Outline the different types of cargo and provide their taxonomy per vessel to be carried with; • Explain the functions of the departments/sections in a ship management company and on-board ships and analyze personnel/seafarers' key job responsibilities; • Introduce Maritime Clusters, their role and benefits, and explain the interaction between the different Stakeholders; • Understand the institutional environment of the shipping industry and more particularly the role of the International Regulatory bodies; • Thoroughly understand the concept of ship registration and its flag state; explain the implications of the choice of flag to the ship and ship owner; • Outline the functions of the Classification Societies and their use to Flag Administrations and ship owners. 		
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face		
Prerequisites:	NONE	Co-requisites	NONE
Recommended optional program components:	NONE		
Course Contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The world economic growth and the evolution of world seaborne trade. • The Ship types and their main characteristics. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of cargo in different shipping markets (Liner and Trump shipping service). • The Stakeholders in the Shipping Industry (shipowner, shipmanager, charterer, port agent, manning agent, forwarders, UN agencies, flag states, port states, recognized organizations etc.) • The development of Maritime Clusters. • The main contracts among the stakeholders – main contracts of carriage and shipmanagement. • Ship Registration and Classification. • The Institutional Framework of Shipping: The role of the different international regulatory bodies. The making and policing of conventions.
Recommended and/or required reading:	
Textbooks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Branch, M. Robarts, Elements of Shipping, 9th Edition, Routledge, 2014. • 21st Century Ship Management (Reeds Professional) John W Dickie, 2014.
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Van Dokkum, Ship Knowledge, - A Modern Encyclopedia, 2003. • M. Stopford, Maritime Economics, 3rd Edition, Routledge, 2009. • D. Mackinnon, A. Cumbers, An Introduction to Economic Geography: Globalisation, Uneven Development, and Place, Prentice Hall, 2007M. • Tamvakis, Commodity Trade and Finance, Informa, 2007. • F.P. Stultz, B. Wharf, The World Economy, Resources, Location, Trade and Development, Prentice Hall, 2007.
Planned learning activities and teaching methods:	Lectures, discussions, presentation of case studies, movies. Power point presentations used in class and lecture notes available to the students on the e-learning platform. Port and vessel visits.
Assessment methods and criteria:	1 st Mid-Term Exam: 20% 2 nd Mid-Term Exam: 20% Final Exam: 60%
Language of instruction:	English
Work placement(s):	Not applicable