

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	LAW RELATING TO SECURITY AT SEA		
MODULE CODE	LA4502 (L7)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module aims to develop an understanding and awareness of the dynamic nature of the development of international law in this particular area, to enable students to understand the basic concepts of international law for maritime law and maritime security, to enable students to develop an understanding of how international law functions in the maintenance of maritime security and peaceful uses of the oceans, to enable students to critically analyse the existing and emerging security problems relating to the oceans through the learning process of this course, and to possess the ability to find relevant legal principles and rules applicable to the solution of these problems, and to enhance the capability of the students to conduct independent research with the building-up of their knowledge level throughout their programme of studies.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

1. General legal framework
2. UN Law of the Sea Convention
3. IMO Regulations
4. Piracy and Maritime Terrorism
5. Freedom of Seas and Navigational Rights
6. Straits used for International Navigation
7. Proliferation Security Initiatives
8. Maritime Interdiction
9. Maritime Boundary Issues
10. Maritime Dispute Settlement

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Identify and critically analyse the meaning and purpose of the core legal doctrines of international law for maritime security.
 2. Demonstrate an understanding the core concepts of international law for maritime security.
 3. Critically apply international norms and rules to problems arising from the maintenance of maritime security and peaceful uses of the ocean.
 4. Engage in academic debates and present their ideas in a structured and accurate manner.
 5. Research, critically evaluate and present well-structured arguments in written and oral work.
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TEACHING METHODS

This module is organised into 2-hour weekly seminars. During each seminar, the tutor will deliver a short presentation and facilitate a discussion of critical issues within the said topic led by the students, either working in groups or individually. Some topics may be divided between two Seminars. Students will be expected to have independently researched the issues for discussion in each seminar and to come to seminars prepared to respond and participate in an open and active critical discussion.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an individual presentation and a written assignment.