

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	SHIPPING AND MARITIME COMMERCIAL LAW		
MODULE CODE	LA4985 [L7]	CREDIT VALUE	10 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module examines the theoretical and practical legal issues relating to the conduct of maritime affairs in a commercial context.

The module intends to set the topics within a multidisciplinary background underlying the international law relating to the carriage of goods by sea, with emphasis on the distinct types of contractual regimes employed and the associated liabilities. In addition, the module attempts to make clear an understanding of the distinct liabilities under the law relating to marine insurance.

MODULE CONTENT

1. General international legal framework and international organisations
2. Charterparties
3. Voyage charterparties
4. Time charterparties
5. Bills of lading
6. Incoterms
7. International conventions
8. Marine Insurance: historical background
9. Hull and machinery marine insurance
10. P & I marine insurance

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

Identify and critically analyse the meaning and purpose of the core legal doctrines of international law relating to the carriage of goods by sea and marine insurance.
Critically evaluate the core concepts of the law relating to carriage of goods by sea and machine insurance.
Critically apply international norms and rules to problems arising from disputes relating to the carriage of goods by sea and marine insurance claims.
Engage in academic debate and present ideas in a structured and accurate manner.
Research, critically evaluate and present well-structured arguments in written and oral work.

TEACHING METHODS

Preparation for the workshops will involve extensive research and reading, to consider and critically analyse the set topics and the discussion questions, set in advance, arising from those topics. Students are expected to prepare answers to the discussion questions and present these to, and discuss with, the workshop tutor and workshop group members. In addition to the skills of analysis and research, students are expected to develop and apply skills of analytical discussion, oral expression and writing. Students will engage with other students and staff in online activities, and synchronous and asynchronous workshops, to consider and critically analyse particular sources and engage in discussion leading to development of these skills.

The workshops also give students the opportunity to synthesise in a more dynamic way the independent learning already undertaken and apply principles from various themes covered in the workshop activity sheets.

One workshop may be run online, two weeks before the module starts, to introduce students to module themes and principles in advance of the campus-sessions. The final workshop will take place two-weeks before the submission deadline for coursework and run as a revision session.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an essay (75%) and a presentation/online activity/essay plan (25%).