

Module Handbook

Scheme & Program	M.Sc. Shipping Management		
Module Title	Maritime Law		
Module Code			
Module Start Date/ Cohort	2021-22		
Module Level	Level 7	Credit Rating	[5 ECTS credits]
Total study time	30 hours academic directed time 6 hour lecture per week for 5 weeks	Hours of independent Learning and time for assessments	125 hours of teaching and independent learning and time for assessments
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Lecture day & time:	Weekdays 18.00-21.00		
Seminar day & time:			

1. Welcome Note

Welcome to the Maritime Law module at the **M.Sc. University of Piraeus Shipping Management course**. During the following nine weeks, you will comprehend the major issues of maritime law, delivered in a way specifically designed to address your professional needs.

2. Module aim

The module is designed to develop the students' knowledge in relation to the legal framework which relates to the business of owning and managing vessels. Focus will be placed upon the law of Admiralty, the aim being for the students to acquire practical and usable knowledge in issues which they are likely to meet in their professional environment.

3. Learning Outcomes—what you will gain from taking the module:

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

1. Critically interpret main admiralty issues so as to protect the interests of the owner/manager;
2. Evaluate the issues arising in maritime law disputes and solve them using the applicable legal framework;
3. Apply the taught principles of law to factual situations and evaluate the relevant legal standing;

4. Indicative Module Content:

- Legal definition of the ship
- The nationality of the ship
- Means of Identification of the ship
- Acquisition of ship ownership
- Persons running maritime enterprise
- Ship mortgages
- Maritime liens
- The master and the crew
- Salvage;

- **Towage;**
- **Collisions;**
- **Carriage of passengers;**
- **International Trade and Shipping Documents;**
- **Bills of Lading.**
- **Dispute Resolution (mediation, arbitration)**

5. How the module is taught, attendance and the teaching schedule:

The module will utilize flexible, responsive and interactive learning environments by the use of a combination among lectures, seminars, workshops, independent self – tasks and the use of Virtual Learning Environment (e – college) to encourage students’ ability to think critically and creatively. Critical thinking will be achieved through standard contracts analysis and evaluation, case studies and real shipping scenarios. The teaching process is intended to be highly interactive so as to aim not only at providing knowledge but, more importantly, in developing students’ legal skills.

6. Weekly Schedule of Lectures

Time	Topic
Week 1	<p>Introduction to the module: Significance and categories of Maritime Law. Familiarisation with legal concepts and terminology. Legal definition of the ship. The Nationality of the Ship. Collisions, Pilotage.</p> <p>Module introduction. Familiarisation with legal concepts, terminology and way of thinking. Analysis of collisions and pilotage.</p> <p>Reading Material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i>, 3rd edn, Informa Law, chapter 6. • Rokas I., Introduction to Greek Private Maritime Law, 2001, part b, chapter 1
Week 1	<p>Mens of Identification of the Ship. Acquisition of Ship Ownership.</p> <p>Explanation of the theoretical framework and evaluation of the practical issues relating to the means of identification of the ship and to acquisition of ship ownership</p> <p>Reading Material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i>, 3rd edn, Informa Law, chapter 6. • Rokas I., Introduction to Greek Private Maritime Law, 2001, part b, chapter 1

Week 2	<p>Salvage and Towage.</p> <p>Explanation of the theoretical framework and evaluation of the practical issues relating to salvage and towage. Analysis of standard form contracts. Comparison between the two concepts.</p> <p>Reading Material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i>, 3rd edn, Informa Law, chapter 6. • Hill Chr., <i>Maritime Law</i>, sixth edition, 2003, LLP, chapter 8 and 9.
Week 2	<p>Company formation, Co-ownership of the ships, management, mortgages.</p> <p>Necessary knowledge on the above issues, allowing students to comprehend the legal framework through which maritime companies are formed and operate.</p> <p>Hill Chr., <i>Maritime Law</i>, sixth edition, 2003, LLP, chapter 1</p>
Week 3	<p>Maritime Liens and Enforcement. The master and the crew. Dispute Resolution (Mediation, Arbitration, Choice of dispute resolution, law, jurisdiction clauses, arbitration, mediation)</p> <p>Analysis of the enforcement challenges and procedure, focusing on issues such as jurisdiction, actions in rem, arrest, limitation, maritime liens, the master and the crew. Analysis of the main methods of dispute Resolution (mediation, arbitration).</p> <p>Reading Material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i>, 3rd edn, Informa Law, chapter 11. • Rokas I., <i>Introduction to Greek Private Maritime Law</i>, 2001, part b chapter 2
Week 4	<p>Bills of lading</p> <p>Focus on evaluation and operation of bills of lading, their functions, third parties, presentation and cargo claims</p> <p>Reading Material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilson (2010), <i>Carriage of Goods by Sea</i>, 7th edn, Pearson Education Limited, chapter 5. • Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i>, 3rd edn, Informa Law, chapter 3.
Week 4	<p>International Trade and Shipping Documents.</p> <p>Understanding of commercial background of international trade, enhancing understanding of shipping.</p>

	<p>Reading Material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i>, 3rd edn, Informa Law, chapter 4. • Chuah (2013), <i>Law of International Trade</i>, 5th edn, Sweet and Maxwell, chapter 4.
Week 5	<p>Carriage of Passengers</p> <p>Claims arising as a result of accidents to passengers on ships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i>, 3rd edn, Informa Law, chapter 5.

7. Assessment

The module will be assessed through a written examination

Assessment title and brief description	Word count / hours as applicable	Weight	Submission Deadline	Submission method	Feedback date	Feedback type
Written exam	2 ½ hrs	100 %	TBA	Hand in	TBA	Solution provided on e-college

Note: In the extraordinary case of any changes to the assessment schedule will be communicated by e-mail and/ or announcement on the module's E-College pages.

Assessment Criteria	Weighting
Knowledge (<i>Understanding of the topic</i>).	35%
Critical Evaluation – Content (<i>Analysis, evaluation and development of relevant arguments</i>).	45%
Structure and Communication skills	10%
Originality of ideas-Demonstration of creative thinking	10%

Grades will be based on the content of the submission.

Recommended Reading

Books

- Baatz et al (2014), *Maritime Law*, 3rd edn, Informa Law.
- Wilson (2010), *Carriage of Goods by Sea*, 7th edn, Pearson Education Limited.
- Chuah (2013), *Law of International Trade*, 5th edn, Sweet and Maxwell

Journals/Cases

- Lloyd's Law Reports.
- Lloyd's Maritime & Commercial Law Quarterly.

Shipping Newspapers & Magazines (online)

- Lloyd's List Newspaper
- Tradewinds Newspaper
- Naftemporiki (newspaper) (shipping merchant)
- Shipping Finance (newspaper)
- Naftika Chronika (magazine) (shipping chronicles)
- Shipping Outlook (magazine)