



Philadelphia University
Faculty of law
Department of -----
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Course Syllabus

Course Title: Maritime Law	Course code: 410424
Course Level: Third Year	Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s) : Introduction to Commercial Law
Lecture Time:	Credit hours: 3 Credit Hours

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Course module description:

(Prerequisite :Principles of Commercial Law) Module name: Maritime law
Prerequisite: Introduction to commercial law
Module number: 410424 Module number: 330270

This course is an introduction to maritime law insofar as its subject, characteristics, history and sources. A study is undertaken of the legal nature of a vessel (ship) and includes a definition of a vessel, its nature, and the means for owning it. Moreover, the study addresses the individuals associated with a vessel such as the owner, captain and seamen (crew), and the forms of their responsibility (liability) pursuant to international conventions and positive laws. The course deals with exploiting the vessel for transport whether through transport with shipping documents or through lease contracts which the course deals with in detail, insofar as their types, the obligations devolving upon the party in each type, and a study of the creditors of a sea journey, in addition to a study of sea accidents such as collision, loss, and .. and also a study of maritime insurance.

Course module objectives:

1. provide students with the basic as well as advanced knowledge in issues related to Maritime Law and Jordanian Maritime Trade
2. develop students cognitive and practical skills in learning and discussing issues related to Maritime Law in addition to dealing with specific procedures of Maritime Trade

Develop students written and oral skills, as well as encouraging them to effectively work as a time and to further benefit from modern techniques in deducing and extracting information

Course/ module components

- Books (title , author (s), publisher, year of publication)

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Maritime Law	Dr. Adel Miqdadi		Althaqafah Publishers	2001

- Support material (s) (vcs, acs, etc).
- Study guide (s) (if applicable)
- Homework and laboratory guide (s) if (applicable).

Examine texts of Maritime Trade Law in Jordan along with international pacts in the field of maritime transport, such as Bruxel and Hamburg pact
Examine samples selected from maritime transport contracts through cargo, and to further understand the fixed conditions by tradesmen and training to discuss them

Field visit. An outside lecturer, multipurpose room

Research paper

Teaching methods:

Lectures, discussion groups, tutorials, problem solving, debates, etc.

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	39	80%
Multipurpose room and field visits	2	-----
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	5	5%
Quizzes and Assignments	2	5%
Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000words)	----	10%
Total	48	100%

Learning outcomes:

- Knowledge and understanding

At the end of this module, a student will be able to:

A/2 display the basic, advanced and specialized principles related to Maritime Trade and Law

A/4 understand issues relevant to Maritime Law and Trade as well as their legal dimensions

- Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).

B/1 apply theoretical information and practical skills in the field of Maritime Law to actual practice

B/3 analyze, interpret and assess the legislative texts and administrative and internal decisions, judicial interpretations, jurisprudential and theoretical opinions and other issues relevant to Maritime Law

B/4 search through legislative texts of Maritime Law in order to deduce information to support knowledge

- Communication skills (personal and academic).

C/1 search within the rules of Maritime Law and utilize sources of knowledge and find logical solutions bolstered by legal evidence for actual problems

C/4 display an ability to deduce information through the use of modern techniques and information technology

C/5 prepare and formulate a variety of contracts that are directly used in Maritime Law and Trade

- Practical and subject specific skills (Transferable Skills).
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Assessment instruments

- Short reports and/ or presentations, and/ or Short research projects
- Quizzes.
- Home works
- Final examination: 50 marks

<u>Allocation of Marks</u>	
Assessment Instruments	Mark
First examination	20%
Second examination	20%
Final examination: 50 marks	50%
Reports, research projects, Quizzes, Home works, Projects	10%
Total	100%

Documentation and academic honesty

- Documentation style (with illustrative examples)
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- Protection by copyright
- Avoiding plagiarism.

Course/module academic calendar

This module consists of (48) hours allocated into (16) weeks, (3) hours a week, divided as follows:

Week	Subject	Notes
1 st	Defining maritime law, its establishment, traits and origins	
2 nd	The legal nature of the ship/ Ship's name, nationality, freight	
3 rd	The legal nature of the ship/ a copy of ownership and its operation	
4 th	Ship persons/ the captain, sailors and transporter	
5 th	Utilization of ship/transport through cargo	
6 th	Utilization of ship/transport through cargo	
7 th	Utilization of ship/ international pacts in maritime transport	
8 th	Utilization of ship/transport contracts with rental conditions	
9 th	Utilization of ship/ transport contracts with rental conditions	
10 th	Utilization of ship/ transport contracts with rental conditions	
11 th	Abordage	
12 th	Rescue and aid	
13 th	Joint average loss	
14 th	Joint average loss	
15 th	Marine insurance	
16 th	Marine insurance	

Expected workload:

On average students need to spend 2 hours of study and preparation for each 50-minute lecture/tutorial.

Attendance policy:

Absence from lectures and/or tutorials shall not exceed 15%. Students who exceed the 15% limit without a medical or emergency excuse acceptable to and approved by the Dean of the relevant college/faculty shall not be allowed to take the final examination and shall receive a mark of zero for the course. If the excuse is approved by the Dean, the student shall be considered to have withdrawn from the course.

Module references

Books

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
An Elucidation to Maritime Trade Law	Dr. Abdul Qader Alutair		Althaqafah Publishers	2001
An Elucidation to Jordanian Maritime Trade Law	Saladin Alnahi			

Journals

Jordanian Law Society Journal
Lawyers' Journal
Official newspaper

Websites

www.maritimedvocate.com

www.miamnmaritmelaw.com

www.movicenet.com