



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

NSA 2511 International Maritime Law

Programme

Exchange Program

Responsible for the course

Department

Department of Accounting - Auditing and Law

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

7,5

Language of instruction

English

Introduction

The course gives a thorough introduction to International Maritime Law, and gives the students an overview of the national and international framework of shipping and commonly used contracts for the sale of ships, chartering and transportation of cargo. The challenges of jurisdiction and choice of law is discussed. General contract law in shipping is covered, as well as mandatory and non-mandatory rules relating to shipowners' and charterers' liabilities. This includes liability for environmental damages and oil spill, cargo liability, salvage, collision, passenger liabilities and the general and specific limitation rules that apply to such liabilities.

Learning outcome

Acquired knowledge:

The students will acquire an understanding of the rules relating to shipping, in particular:

- Laws and Contracts commonly used
- Jurisdiction problems and solutions
- Shipowners' liabilities in contract and in tort
- The limitation rules applicable to shipping
- Salvage and collision rules
- Environmental aspects of shipping

Acquired skills:

The course will enable the students to identify and use the laws and regulations in order to:

- Identify common legal problems within the above areas and to solve them using applicable laws and contracts.
- Identify the shipowners legal liabilities in contract and in tort
- Identify the liable party in a dispute
- Decide the relevant laws applicable to a dispute involving a shipowner and or carrier
- Solve practical cases of a maritime nature
- Interpret commonly used standard contracts such as Bills of Ladings, Charter Parties and contracts used for the sale and purchase of ships

Reflection

The students will learn the complex legal nature of international shipping, and the particular rules that are common for many countries through international conventions. They will be able to reflect on a practical case and to solve it using relevant laws - and to form opinions about the use of limitation rules and environmental concerns relating to shipping.

Prerequisites

None

Compulsory reading

Books:

Falkanger, Thor, Hans Jacob Bull and Lasse Brautaset. 2004. Scandinavian maritime law : the Norwegian perspective. 2nd ed. Oslo : Universitetsforlaget. Selected chapters. (Norwegian edition: "Innføring i sjørett")

Other:

Bjune, Cathrine. 2010. Study guide and workbook in maritime law. Vil bli gjort tilgjengelig for studentene på kopiesenteret

Recommended reading**Books:**

Hill, Christopher. 2003. Maritime law. 6th ed. London: LLP

Course outline

- International Maritime Law - introduction and terminology
- The Norwegian Maritime Code
- National laws and international conventions
- Standard contracts
- Contracts of affreightment and charterparties
- Shipowners liabilities
- Carriers liability to cargo
- Carriers liability to passengers
- Limitation rules
- Maritime liens
- Salvage
- Collision
- Environmental liabilities
- Case work

Computer-based tools

None

Learning process and workload

The course is conducted through a total of 45 hours of lectures, field trips and casework.

As a part of lectures assignments will be placed on It's learning. Students are expected to be prepared for class by working with the assignments, as the lecturer will review these assignments in class. Feedback will also consist of the students comparing their solutions with the one that is explained by the lecturer.

Recommended workload in hours

Activity	Hours
Participation in lectures	33
Participation in assignment reviews by lecturer	12
Preparation for lectures (approx. 1.5 hours per hour of lectures or assignment reviews by lecturer)	68
Work on mandatory mini-exercises (approx. 1 hour per mini-exercise)	14
Preparation for examinations	73
Total recommended use of time	200

Use of hours

33 hours of lectures

12 hours of case reviews by lecturer

45 hours total

Examination

A three-hour individual written examination concludes the course.

Examination code(s)

NSA 25111 - Written exam, counts 100% to obtain final grade in NSA 2511 International Maritime Law, 7.5 credits.

Examination support materials

The Norwegian Maritime Code and BI-approved exam calculator, TEXAS INSTRUMENTS BA II Plus™

Support materials at written examinations are explained under exam information in our web-based Student Handbook. Please note use of calculator.

<http://www.bi.no/studiehandbok/hjelpemidler>

Re-sit examination

At the next ordinary examination.

Additional information