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SYLLABUS

SUBJECT: MARITIME LAW

DEGREE PROGRAMME: Maritime Business and International Trade; BACHELOR'S DEGREE

YEAR OF STUDY: 4; SEMESTER: 7

TOTAL STUDENT WORKLOAD: 240 hours; incl. curricular 75 hours

CREDITS: 8

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT WORKLOAD ACCORDING TO THE CURRICULUM

<i>TYPE OF STUDY HOURS</i>	WORKLOAD, hours	TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK, hours
CURRICULAR: incl. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LECTURES• SEMINARS / LAB. EXERCISES	45 30	3 2
EXTRACURRICULAR	165	-

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I. ANNOTATION

The International Maritime Law curriculum provides knowledge on the main issues related to the International Maritime Law - public and private. It is designed to provide students-economists with specialised knowledge of the Maritime Law - basic concepts and legal institutes such as: the international legal regime of: inland and territorial sea, high seas, straits and channels, special regime areas, international rivers; legal regulation of the safety of navigation; international law protection of the marine environment from pollution; contracts for the international carriage of cargo and passengers; casualty; marine insurance and maritime dispute resolution.

The expected results of the study of the discipline "International Maritime Law" by the students can be summarized in the following parameters: acquiring knowledge of the basic institutes of maritime law and understanding their nature; forming the ability to handle specialized legal acts; upgrading economic knowledge and linking them with legal theory and legislation, developing the ability to interpret and apply in practice the legal framework necessary for their profession. On the basis of this knowledge, students have the opportunity to develop the following competences and skills: to adequately solve practical cases, to orient themselves in the relevant legal framework, to orient and evaluate in individual practical situations. Through self-study they can also expand their knowledge in specific areas - different types of contracts, marine insurance

The efforts of the team are also directed towards specific practical skills of the students as a result of the knowledge they acquire during the lecture course. For this purpose, during the training they work independently with normative acts, get acquainted with relevant court practice (case law). The connection with practice and business is also essential for the educational process. For this purpose, during the training students are provided if possible with the opportunity to visit the court for hearings or visit the practice.

The methods applied in the training, namely: development of independent and/or group academic research - coursework, solving of tasks and cases, visits to practice should contribute to the development of the following key competences: interpersonal skills; the ability to adopt new competences and active citizenship; linguistic competence; multilingual competence; digital competence; entrepreneurial competence and competence of cultural awareness and expression.

Key competences developed throughout the course: interpersonal skills, and the ability to adopt new competences and active citizenship.

II. THEMATIC CONTENT

№	TITLE OF UNIT AND SUBTOPICS	NUMBER OF HOURS		
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Theme 1. NATURE, SUBJECT MATTER, PRINCIPLES, SYSTEM AND SOURCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW		3	2	
1.1.	Nature, subject matter, principles, system of International Maritime Law			
1.2	Sources of International Maritime Law. International conventions. Other sources			
Theme 2. INTERNAL WATERS AND THE TERRITORIAL SEA		3	2	
2.1.	Concept and composition of internal waters of coastal States			
2.2.	Legal regime of seaports and commercial ports			
2.3.	Concept, limits and breadth of the territorial sea. Sovereignty of the coastal State over the territorial sea			
Theme 3. MARINE AREAS WITH SPECIAL REGIME AND		3	2	

FUNCTIONAL CHARACTER				
3.1.	Legal regime of the contiguous zone			
3.2.	Exclusive Economic Zone. Continental Shelf			
Theme 4. REGIME OF STRAITS AND CANALS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION		3	2	
4.1.	Legal regime of straits			
4.2.	Legal regime of canals			
Theme 5. INTERNATIONAL LEGAL REGIME ON THE HIGH SEAS		3	2	
5.1.	International legal regime on the high seas			
5.2.	Legal regime of the archipelagic waters			
5.3.	Enclosed and semi-enclosed seas			
5.4.	International area of deep seabed			
Theme 6. INTERNATIONAL RIVERS		3	2	
6.1.	International legal regime, definition, types			
6.2.	Regime of international navigation on the river. Danube, Rhine, African rivers and American rivers			
Theme 7. LEGAL REGULATION OF MARITIME SAFETY		3	2	
7.1.	International legal instruments governing maritime safety			
7.2.	International rules to prevent collisions at sea			
7.3.	Assisting and rescuing people in distress at sea. Places of refuge for ships in distress			
Theme 8. INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION		3	2	
8.1.	Characteristics of the problem			
8.2.	Universal International Conventions			
8.3.	Regional agreements, regulating the environmental pollution			
Theme 9. CONTRACTS FOR INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY SEA		3	2	
9.1.	Nature and legal regulation of the contract for the international carriage of goods by sea			
9.2.	Parties, subject, conclusion, transport documents			
9.3.	Rights and obligations of the parties, liability for non-performance			
Theme 10. CONTRACTS IN SHIPPING		3	2	
10.1.	Contract to hire a ship for a fixed time (charter). Bill of lading			
10.2.	Agency Contract. Contract for ship management. Contract of agency in shipping. Towage Contract. Pilotage			
Theme 11. CONTRACTS FOR CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA		3	2	
11.1.	Legal framework. Types, content and form of contract			
11.2.	Rights and obligations of the parties to the contract of carriage of passengers by sea. Liability of the maritime carrier			
Theme 12. GENERAL AVERAGE		3	2	
12.1.	York-Anver rules. Definition, nature and content of general average			
12.2.	Establishment Procedure. Damages, costs and sacrifices included in the general average. Statute of limitations. Limited liability of shipowner			
Theme 13. MARINE INSURANCE		3	2	
13.1.	International legal regulation of shipowner's insurance in maritime claims. Definition, types			

13. 2.	Parties to the marine insurance contract. Marine risks			
Theme 14. INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW		3	2	
14. 1.	Comité Maritime International. International Maritime Organization			
14. 2.	European Maritime Safety Agency. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. Baltic and International Maritime Council			
Theme 15. MARITIME DISPUTES		3	2	
15. 1.	Maritime dispute settlement bodies			
15. 2.	Court, arbitration and mediation			
Total:		45	30	

III. FORMS OF CONTROL:

№	TYPE AND FORM OF CONTROL	Number	extracurricular, hours
1.	Midterm control		
1.1.	Test	2	40
1.2.	Coursework/project development	1	20
1.3.	Case study	3	30
1.4.	Participation in practical activities	1	10
Total midterm control:		7	100
2.	Final term control		
2.1.	Examination (test)	1	65
Total final term control:		1	65
Total for all types of control:		8	165

IV. LITERATURE

REQUIRED (BASIC) LITERATURE:

1. Владимиров, Ив., «Международно публично право», седмо преработено и допълнено издание, «Ромина», С., 2009
2. Владимиров, Ив., «Междуподно частно право», четвърто преработено и допълнено издание, «Софи-Р», С., 2005
3. Ирина Мулешкова, Международно морско публично право., учебник. С. ИК – УНСС, 2016 г
4. Yvonne Baatz, Maritime Law (Maritime and Transport Law Library) Paperback, Routledge; 5th edition, 30 Oct. 2020
5. Thomas Schoenbaum, Jessica McClellan, Admiralty and Maritime Law (Hornbook) Hardcover, West Academic; 5th edition, 2012

RECOMMENDED (ADDITIONAL) LITERATURE:

1. Владимиров, Ив., «Ръководство по международен търговски арбитраж», «Ромина», С., 2006
2. Владимиров, Ив., «Съдебна практика по тълкуване на Конвенцията от 1924 г. за коносамевните в първоначалната ѝ редакция (Хагските правила) и в редакцията според Протоколите от 1968 г. и 1979 г. за изменението и допълнението ѝ (Хагско-Висбийските правила), «Ромина», С., 2009
3. Натов, Н., «Коментар на Кодекса на международното частно право», «Сиела», С, 2006