



SELF PROGRAM 2023/2024

Introduction to the Law of the Sea

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Course information

Number of credits: 6 credits

Contact hours: 30 hours

Hours taught per week: 2,5 hours

Teaching period: Spring 2024

Course description:

This course aims to familiarise students with the basic concepts of international law of the sea and the legal protection of the sea on a global and regional level. Participants will become acquainted with the applicable rules applying to the activities at sea, thereby enabling participants to develop a critical understanding for contemporary maritime issues: fisheries, protection of the environment, human rights, with a specific focus on the current events as international negotiations for new treaties, etc.

Prerequisites:

Students should have a keen interest in the sea and the maritime activities and their protection by means of international standards; no previous legal knowledge required.

Course description:

Session 1: Introduction
Session 2: Maritime zones : general regime
Session 3: Delimitation
Session 4: Environment
Session 5: Fisheries
Session 6: Deep seabed exploitation
Session 7: Polar regions
Session 8: Human right at sea
Session 9 : Migrations
Session 10 : Crimes at sea
Session 11: Revisions
Session 12: Exam

Assessment:

60% final exam
40% work in class (case study)

Attendance:

In order to participate, students must be present. Nevertheless, a maximum of 2 (two) unexcused absences will be allowed; otherwise no mark will be given. An unexcused absence at a test (final test or continuous assessment) means no credits for the course.

Bibliography:

D.R. Rothwell A.O. Elferink, K. Scott, T. Stephens (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Law of the Sea*, Oxford Univ. Press, Portland, Hart Publ., 2017.

S. Oda, *International law of the resources of the sea*, Leiden, Boston, Brill 2008.

Specific bibliography will be provided during the course.