



# SELF PROGRAM 2025/2026

## 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:** 3 hours

**Teaching period:** Spring 2026

### 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.