

GUIDELINES FOR HARMONISATION OF MARITIME LAW COURSE CURRICULUM

Course name	MARITI	ME LAW
Study	Studies conducted according	g to IMO Model Course 7.01
Credits (ECTS)		7
Type of instruction	Lectures	Seminars
(recommended number of teaching hours)	70	5
Status of the course	Manc	latory
Course description	international and national reg sea, the rights and obligations international law at sea; co maritime safety regulations in protection of human life at s marine environment in particul the State port; maintenance of the completion of administrat calling at and departing from working conditions of seafared master and other crew members sea, maritime averages and marcourse is also to acquire the performance of management p	to familiarize students with gulations governing borders at of states and other subjects of mpliance with (international) n general, regulations for the sea and the protection of the lar; control of the State flag and f order in ports; procedures for sive formalities when entering, a port; legal status of a ship; rs and rights and duties of the ers; transportation of goods by arine insurance. The aim of the e knowledge required for the positions in shipping and for the nd scientific work in the field of
Learning outcomes expected at the level of the course	 law of the sea, admiraltal law, maritime labour law maritime averages and 2. Identify the role of implementation. 3. Identify and differential responsibilities into responsibilities of the freedom of navigation with the international I 4. Distinguish the organizinspections regimes. 5. Present the structure national maritime admiregulations on maritime 6. Distinguish legal aspections 	EU maritime legislation and the marine zones and compare each zone, rights and flag state and coastal state, and exceptions in accordance







	rights and obligations under international and national
	labour regulations.
	7. Analyse different phases of fulfilment of legal
	transactions for all types of maritime transport and
	differentiate maritime transport documents.
	8. Categorize and compare maritime casualties and
	liabilities of ship owners.
	9. Identify and analyse types and cover of marine
	insurance.
	10. Identify other maritime regulations taking in to
	account national specificity.
	1. Introduction to Maritime Law; Unification of Maritime
	Law; International Organizations; European Union
	Legislation.
	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
	3. Master/pilot relationship
	4. Port State Control
	5. Classification societies
	6. International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea
	(SOLAS)
	7. International Convention on Load Lines (LL)
	8. Convention of Facilitation of International Maritime
	Traffic (FAL)
	9. Maritime declarations of health and the requirements
	of the International Health Regulations
Course content broken	10. International Convention for the Prevention of
down in detail by weekly	Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)
class schedule (syllabus)	11. Methods and aids to prevent pollution of the marine
class schedule (synabus)	environment by ships (London Dumping Convention,
	Intervention on the High Sea, CLC)
	12. Ballast Water Convention
	13. Maritime Labour Convention (MLC)
	14. Ship's agents and agency
	15. Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime
	Claims
	16. Cargo
	17. Stowaways
	18. Collision
	19. Assistance and salvage
	20. Port of Refuge procedures
	21. General Average and Marine Insurance
	22. Marine Insurance and Liability
	23. National legislation for implementing international
	agreements and conventions
Format of instruction	Lectures, seminars and work with mentor.







Screening student work (name the proportion of ECTS credits for each activity so that the total number of ECTS credits is equal to the ECTS value of the course)	Class attendance: 2,625 ECTS Mid-term exam: 1,2 ECTS Written exam: 1,2 ECTS Oral exam: 1,175 ECTS Seminar paper: 0,8 ECTS
Required literature	 Teaching materials prepared through MareLaw project – https://marelaw.pfst.hr/lessons Croatia: Petrinović, R.; Mandić, N. (2025), Pomorsko pravo za zapovjednika broda ISBN: 978-953-6655-86-1 Bolanča, D.; Amižić Jelovčić, P. (2023), Pomorsko pravo ISBN: 978-953-8116-41-4 Spain: Pulido Begines, J.L. (2015), Curso de Derecho de la Navegación Marítima, Editorial Tecnos, ISBN: 978-84-309-6598-4 Gabaldón García, J.I. (2024), Curso de Derecho Marítimo Internacional, Marcial Pons, Ediciones Jurídicas y Sociales. ISBN: 978-84-138-1751-4 Latvia: Main maritime legal acts in Latvia can be found at
	https://www.lja.lv/en/legislation, as well at https://www.sam.gov.lv/lv/butiskakie-normativie- akti-4







Teaching topic	Introduction to Maritime Law; Unification of Maritime Law; International Organizations; European Union Legislation.
ECTS	0,2
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	-
Recommended number of teaching hours	2
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	 Analyse the fundamental institutions of international law of the sea, admiralty law, maritime administrative law, maritime labour law, and carriage of goods by sea, maritime averages and marine insurance. Identify the role of EU maritime legislation and implementation.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 Analyse the process of adopting international instruments Distinguish the roles and tasks of international organizations and European Union organizations in the field of maritime affairs
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	6







Teaching topic	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
ECTS	0,5
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	2
Recommended number of teaching hours	6
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	3. Identify and differentiate marine zones and compare responsibilities into each zone, rights and responsibilities of the flag state and coastal state, freedom of navigation and exceptions in accordance with the international law of the sea.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to distinguish between international law of the sea and maritime law to analyse the significance of UNCLOS for state relations in the international law of the sea to categorise sea belts according to UNCLOS to differentiate the rights and obligations of foreign ships in the territorial sea of the coastal state to analyse the freedom of the open sea to categorise the UNCLOS provisions on the protection and preservation of the marine environment with regard to the source of pollution to compare the rights and obligations of the flag state, the port state and the coastal state in the protection of the marine environment
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	15







Teaching topic	Master/pilot relationship
ECTS	0,2
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	2
Recommended number of teaching hours	2
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	 Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and inspections regimes. Present the structure, activities and functions of national maritime administration and national legal regulations on maritime domain and seaports.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to define the concept of pilot to analyse provisions of the IMO Resolution A.960(23) to explain the importance of master/pilot cooperation to distinguish the role of the master and the pilot at the piloted vessel to underline and explain the shipowners' liability for the damage caused by the pilot's negligence
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	6







Teaching topic	Port State Control
ECTS	0,2
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	2
Recommended number of teaching hours	2
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	 Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and inspections regimes. Present the structure, activities and functions of national maritime administration and national legal regulations on maritime domain and seaports.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to analyse the general concept of PSC. to establish the primary responsibility for maintaining ship's standards. to comment on the Memorandum of Understanding. to categorise the PSC regime and their common principles. to list the certificates and documents which are checked during inspection. to differentiate the bases under which PSC is governed. to classify the types of inspections. to present clear grounds why a vessel inspection is carried out. to provide guidance on the type of inspection. to connect IMO Resolutions pertaining to State Controls. to check the Equasis database. to analyse the Thetis system.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	6







Teaching topic	Classification societies	
ECTS	0,1	
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	1	
Recommended number of teaching hours	1	
Related to the course-	4. Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and	
level learning outcomes	inspections regimes.	
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to analyse the important role classification societies, play in the maritime industry. to categorise the scope of action and the specific functions carried out by classification societies: approval of plans, and examination of materials. to classify surveys and classification of existing ships. to present class certificates and their issuance. to differentiate the different requirements for the maintenance of the class: special reference to the obligation to undergo periodical surveys (annual, intermediate, special, and others). to establish that the survey system is based on 5-year cycles. to check the existence of non-periodic (additional) inspections to which the ship must also be subjected (e.g. in case of collision). to comment on the role of classification societies when major repairs or structural modifications are carried out. to connect the statutory role of classification societies as a delegated entities of flag states. to estimate the importance of surveys linked to cargoworthiness. 	
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures	
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam	
Student workload in hours	3	







Teaching topic	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)
ECTS	0,267
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	2
Recommended number of teaching hours	3
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	 4. Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and inspections regimes. 6. Distinguish legal aspects of responsibilities of ship owners, ship's master and crew and explain their rights and obligations under international and national labour regulations.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to analyse master's obligations concerning danger messages and the information required in those messages. to comment on master's general obligations prior proceeding to the sea and master's powers of discretion. to establish obligations and procedures regarding distress situations. to categorise the general requirements and obligations regarding carriage of navigational equipment. to distinguish obligations and requirements regarding the manning. Special reference to minimum safe manning. to check the provisions concerning steering gear power units, including adequate operating instructions and procedures of testing and drills to compare charts, sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, and International Code of Signals
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	8







Teaching topic	International Convention on Load Lines (LL)
ECTS	0,1
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	1
Recommended number of teaching hours	1
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	4. Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and inspections regimes.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to establish the Convention requirements to be complied by a ship. to distinguish the conditions of assignment of a vessel load lines. to differentiate the factors determining the freeboards assigned to a vessel. to check the initial, renewal and annual surveys; coverage. to distinguish the contents of the documentation and records, to be maintained on the ship, regarding certificates, records and stability and lading information of the ship to conclude that no change should be made in the structure, equipment or other matters, once a survey has been completed. to differentiate that the appropriate load lines of the ship corresponding to the season and to the zone or area, should not be submerged at any time. to predict that when a ship is in fresh water or unit density, the appropriate load line may be submerged for the fresh water allowance. to establish that when a ship departs from port situated on a river or inland waters, deeper loading is permitted corresponding to the weight of bunker and all other materials to be consumed before the arrival to sea. to distinguish the boundary between two zones or areas of a port lying.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	3







Teaching topic	Convention of Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL)
ECTS	0,1
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	1
Recommended number of teaching hours	1
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	4. Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and inspections regimes.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to analyse on a purpose and scope of the FAL; to establish understanding on the importance of facilitating maritime traffic; to categorise FAL requirements to be complied by a ship; to distinguish the different types of documents required by the FAL; to differentiate a meaning of the terms used in FAL; to comment a new amendment to the FAL Convention which aims to address the need to combat illicit activities in the national facilitation programmes of Governments; to present a new Maritime Single Window digital system, its implementation procedure and application.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	3







Teaching topic	Maritime declarations of health and the requirements of the International Health Regulations
ECTS	0,2
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	3
Recommended number of teaching hours	3
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	10. Identify other maritime regulations taking in to account national specificity.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to analyse the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) to understand the general principles, purpose and scope of the IHR to present port formalities in respect of health issues on a ship to analyse the Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH), Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificates (SSCEC) and Ship Sanitation Control Certificates (SSCC)
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	6







Teaching topic	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)
ECTS	0,267
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	3
Recommended number of teaching hours	3
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	4. Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and inspections regimes.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to explain the aim of the MARPOL Convention to distinguish between the various Annexes I - VI and their objectives to know all the required certificates, books and documents and be able to assign them to the appropriate annex to be able to define all types of surveys and their role to know the definition of the term "special area" and "special area" in the various annexes
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	8







Teaching topic	Methods and aids to prevent pollution of the marine environment by ships (London Dumping Convention, Intervention on the High Sea, CLC)
ECTS	0,266
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	2
Recommended number of teaching hours	3
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	4. Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and inspections regimes.8. Categorize and compare maritime casualties and liabilities of ship owners.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 → Convention of the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (London Dumping Convention -LDC-): to analyse the aim of the Convention, considering the main definitions for the purposes of the Convention. to categorise the specific provisions regarding the dumping of waste listed in Annex I, Annex II, and other waste. to comment on the exceptions to the general rules of Article IV. to examine mentions of the incineration of waste at sea as per the Addendum to Annex I. to establish the permits to be granted by the competent authority in respect of matter intended for dumping. → International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties, 1969:







	 to classify the provisions regarding insurance or other financial security and the associated certificate. to clarify the duties of the flag state under the Convention.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	8







Teaching topic	Ballast Water Convention
ECTS	0,1
Teaching hours according	1
to IMO Model Course 7.01	1
Recommended number of	1
teaching hours	
Related to the course-	4. Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and
level learning outcomes	inspections regimes.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 students will be able to explain the primary purpose of the BWMC and its role in preventing the spread of harmful aquatic organisms through ballast water. students will be able to distinguish between the D-1 ballast water exchange standard and the D-2 ballast water treatment standard, explaining when each is applied.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	3







Teaching topic	Maritime Labour Convention (MLC)
ECTS	0,6
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	6
Recommended number of teaching hours	7
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	6. Distinguish legal aspects of responsibilities of ship owners, ship's master and crew and explain their rights and obligations under international and national labour regulations.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to evaluate the role of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) in protecting the labour and social rights of seafarers to analyse the structure of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 to break down five titles of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 to classify the minimum requirements for seafarers' work on board to distinguish between the responsibilities of the flag state and the port state in implementing the provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 to compare the obligations of the flag state, the port state, and the state offering seafarer recruitment services
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	18







Teaching topic	Ship's agents and agency
ECTS	0,2
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	2
Recommended number of teaching hours	2
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	 7. Analyse different phases of fulfilment of legal transactions for all types of maritime transport and differentiate maritime transport documents. 10. Identify other maritime regulations taking in to account national specificity.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to analyse UNCTAD's Minimum Standards for Shipping Agents to distinguish between general and special agents to categorise types of shipping agents according to their duties to separate the work of shipping agents to distinguish shipping agents' rights and duties to analyse Maritime agency agreement.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	6







Teaching topic	Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims
ECTS	0,167
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	1
Recommended number of teaching hours	2
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	 7. Analyse different phases of fulfilment of legal transactions for all types of maritime transport and differentiate maritime transport documents. 8. Categorize and compare maritime casualties and liabilities of ship owners. 9. Identify and analyse types and cover of marine insurance.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to explain the purpose of the LLMC Convention; to analyse the concept of limitation of shipowner's liability under the LLMC; to comment the concept of maritime claim and its importance in limitation of shipowner's liability; to distinguish between the types of maritime claims which are covered by the LLMC; to present the principles of calculation of limit of shipowner's liability under the LLMC; to analyse importance of Protocol, 1996 to LLMC.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	5







Teaching topic	Cargo
ECTS	0,733
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	5
Recommended number of teaching hours	9
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	7. Analyse different phases of fulfilment of legal transactions for all types of maritime transport and differentiate maritime transport documents.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to analyse most important provisions of the Hague Rules, 1924 to define the content of the bill of lading to define liability principle and liable person to categorize types of exceptions to the carrier's liability to analyse principles of compensation to emphasize the importance of Casualty Investigation Code, 2008 to distinguish the concept of marine casualty and marine incident to establish marine investigation principles and obligations of State(s) involved to evaluate critically the characteristics of shipping contracts and the scope of their provisions to analyse the stages of cargo loading and unloading to analyse most important provisions of the Hamburg Rules, 1978
Teaching and learning	Lectures
methods	
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	22







Teaching topic	Stowaways
ECTS	0,267
Teaching hours according	3
to IMO Model Course 7.01	
Recommended number of teaching hours	3
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	7. Analyse different phases of fulfilment of legal transactions for all types of maritime transport and differentiate maritime transport documents.9. Identify and analyse types and cover of marine insurance.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to define the stowaway to analyse provisions of Revised Guidelines to Resolution FAL 13(42) to distinguish responsibilities of all States involved to determine the rights of the stowaway
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	8







Teaching topic	Collision
ECTS	0,2
Teaching hours according	1
to IMO Model Course 7.01	
Recommended number of teaching hours	2
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Related to the course-	8. Categorize and compare maritime casualties and liabilities
level learning outcomes	of ship owners.
	 to analyse Collision Convention, 1910.
	 to define collision
Learning outcomes at the	 to categorize types of collision
level of the teaching topic	 to define liability principle and liable person
	 to analyse principles of compensation
	 to describe duties of the Master after collision
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	6







Teaching topic	Assistance and salvage
ECTS	0,333
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	3
Recommended number of teaching hours	4
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	8. Categorize and compare maritime casualties and liabilities of ship owners.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to categorise key terms from the 1989 Salvage Convention (salvage operation, vessel, ownership) to analyse the fundamental principle of salvage property rights: no cure - no pay to compare the duties of the salvor, owner, and master to distinguish between salvage reward and special compensation to analyse the LOF 2000 form and the SCOPIC clause to categorize and break down the criteria for determining the amount of the salvage reward.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	10







Teaching topic	Port of Refuge procedures
ECTS	0,267
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	2
Recommended number of teaching hours	3
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	4. Distinguish the organization of navigation safety and inspections regimes.8. Categorize and compare maritime casualties and liabilities of ship owners.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to categorise the concept of Port of refuge and its relationship with the York-Antwerp rules to distinguish the situation of being "unsafe to continue the voyage due to a peril that threatens the "common safety" to categorise the legal issues, regarding the discontinuation of the voyage to distinguish the valid reasons for deviating to a port of refuge to present the procedure and steps for any particular port of refuge to establish that main evidence coming from survey reports, are required for the adjustment to present the evidence required at port of refuge to analyse the various documents, the average adjuster shall require.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	8







Teaching topic	General Average and Marine Insurance
ECTS	0,333
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	3
Recommended number of teaching hours	4
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	 8. Categorize and compare maritime casualties and liabilities of ship owners. 9. Identify and analyse types and cover of marine insurance.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to analyse the concept of General average (GA); to differentiate the principles of Marine Insurance; to distinguish the concepts of an average and GA; to analyse York-Antwerp Rules; to distinguish between the concept of GA and Marine Insurance; to comment on applicability of marine insurance to GA cases.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	10







Teaching topic	Marine Insurance and Liability
ECTS	0,4
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	5
Recommended number of teaching hours	5
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	 8. Categorize and compare maritime casualties and liabilities of ship owners. 9. Identify and analyse types and cover of marine insurance.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to understand the legal concept of marine insurance; to analyse the contract of insurance and main obligations of the parties under it; to differentiate the terms in marine insurance; to distinguish actual total loss and constructive total loss; to compare on the scope and applicability of different legal instruments containing provisions on marine insurance; to comment the main principles of different types of marine insurance.
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	12







Teaching topic	National legislation for implementing international agreements and conventions
ECTS	1
Teaching hours according to IMO Model Course 7.01	1
Recommended number of teaching hours	6
Related to the course- level learning outcomes	 Analyse the fundamental institutions of international law of the sea, admiralty law, maritime administrative law, maritime labour law, and carriage of goods by sea, maritime averages and marine insurance. Identify the role of EU maritime legislation and implementation. Identify other maritime regulations taking in to account national specificity.
Learning outcomes at the level of the teaching topic	 to analyse legal framework of Croatian national maritime law legislation to analyse legal framework of Spanish national maritime law legislation to analyse legal framework of Latvian national maritime law legislation
Teaching and learning methods	Lectures, seminars and work with mentor.
Assessment methods	Mid-term exam, Oral exam, Written exam
Student workload in hours	30



