

Master of Maritime Law	40 credits
Doctorate of Maritime Law	72 credits
Postmaster	56 credits
	24 credit thesis

Master of International and Maritime Law

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IML 6911 CHARTER PARTIES

This course examines the process of “fixing” a charter party from the initial negotiation to execution, and the contractual relationship of all parties including brokers, agents, charterers, owners, suppliers, receivers and the vessel. The course also examines the duties of owners and charterers under time and voyage charter parties and reviews the legal basis for disputes under both U.S. and English law.

IML 6029 COLLISION LAW & LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

This course presents the general principles of maritime collision law, including causation, legal presumptions, the effect of statutory violations, apportionment of fault, damages, special evidentiary rules and an overview of navigation Rules of the Road and their interpretation. The course then provides an in-depth study of limitation of liability from a practical point of view. After study of the theory of limitation of liability, the assertion of this right will be considered in detail, as well as the content of the limitation fund and how it is distributed.

IML TUGS AND TOWAGE

This course examines the development of domestic towage law, insurance in connection with towage and carriage, exculpatory clauses and towage contracts, duties of tugs, tows and fleeters, and collisions involving tugs and tows.

IML 5001 ADMIRALTY LAW

This course considers those matters within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty Court and the special considerations and rules which apply to them together with some of those particular areas of law, as opposed to the “dry” areas covered in the units on Carriage of Goods by Sea and Marine Insurance, including acquisitions and transfer of interest in ships; ship mortgages; collisions; salvage; and marine pollution.

IML 6620 COMPETITION LAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

This course provides an overall view of EC competition law and policy. The unit aims to be practical as well as theoretical, so that students understand how EC competition law applies to common business practices and transactions and how it affects the conduct of firms and the agreements and arrangements into which they enter. The unit covers the objectives and economics of competition law; agreements between undertakings; control of firms with market power; concerted practices and oligopolies; merger control; and extra-territoriality and globalization.

IML 6211 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

This course examines the legal techniques available to protect the environment in the context of our rapidly developing understanding of sustainability as a global environmental issue and key concepts such as the precautionary principle. Through an examination of both regulatory and market based approaches, the effectiveness of current domestic, European and international techniques is considered. From a consideration of these common themes the unit then explores particular environmental

issues. The focus is upon European Community and domestic responses, but placed in their international law context.

IML 5111 INTERNATIONAL LAW OF SEA

This course examines the history and evolution of law of the sea, and in particular, the legal regime of the 1982 UN Convention. In particular, it examines the various zones within which maritime jurisdiction is exercised: the territorial sea, the contiguous zone, the exclusive zone, the continental shelf, the high seas and the deep sea bed. It explores and explains the legal regulation of a range of activities such as passage and resource exploration and exploitation, whilst at the same time considering the range of political factors that have shaped the development of the law. Particular attention is paid to the construction of baselines and to the delimitation of maritime zones in state practice and before the International Court of Justice. The regulation of fishing and the principles bearing upon the exercise of jurisdiction at sea are also focused upon. Moreover, the unit discusses the dispute settlement mechanisms and the linkages of the law of the sea with other normative systems and regimes, such as the WTO and the UN Charter, in particular Chapter VII, as well as the implications of the Proliferation Security Initiative and the “war against terror” on the freedom of navigation.

IML 5001 CARRIAGE OF GOODS

The English law on this subject is of international importance due to the widespread practice of adopting English law and jurisdiction in sales and carriage contracts. The unit studies the two main types of contract for the carriage of goods by sea. The course considers the problems of identifying the relevant contracting parties in bills of lading contracts and the difficulties of suing in contract where the parties frequently have no express contract with the shipowners and have to rely on statutory or judicial implication of contract. The application of the mandatory Hague-Visby Rules, to bill of lading contracts is also considered, as well as the ways in which the carrier’s independent contractors can rely on them when sued non-contractually. In relation to charterparties, the unit considers how problems posed by specialized clauses dealing with the effects of delay, damage to vessel and cargo and remedies in the event of non-performance by either party have been resolved. The unit also examines contracts of carriage by road and the applicable mandatory code.

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THE SCHOOL OF LAW

IML 5510 INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS

This course addresses the issues raised when business is transacted across national boundaries from the perspective of English law. In the paradigm situation (where A, who is domiciled in country X, contracts with B, who is domiciled in country Y) the following questions become relevant if a dispute arises between the parties: can A proceed – either by way of litigation or arbitration – against B in country X? Which law should the court or arbitral tribunal apply? Can A enforce the judgement or award in country Y? Jurisdiction, choice of law, enforcement of foreign judgements and international arbitration are considered in the context of both the common law and rules derived from international conventions.

IML 6111 LAW OF CONTRACT

This course covers the formation of contracts, their contents, vitiating factors, discharge, and remedies. Topics covered include: agreement (offer and acceptance); consideration and promissory estoppel; intention to create legal relations; terms; qualifications on liability; illegitimate pressure; misrepresentation; mistake; frustration; performance and breach; remedies.

IML 6001 MARINE INSURANCE

The object or effect of the law, particularly in commercial situations, is to distribute risk of loss or damage. Generally these risks can be covered by insurance. This course covers the basic range of circumstances in which risks to parties, cargo and ships involved in international trade can be covered and the circumstances in which an indemnity for losses suffered can be recovered. This requires a general understanding of the principles of insurance law as well as familiarity with the special requirements of marine insurance law and practice.

DOCTORAL COURSES

IML 7011 MARINE INSURANCE ADVANCED

This is an advanced admiralty course that focuses on the legal problems arising out of the marine insurance policies. The course examines hull, cargo, P. & I., C.G. L and various traditional types of marine property and liability policies. The course will also examine “cyber insurance” issues, the liability of agents, brokers and underwriters; the effect of the insolvency of an insurance company; excess and surplus lines coverage; the duty to defend; reinsurance; and current problems in the law of marine insurance coverages.

IML VESSEL DOCUMENTATION

Students in this course work with actual materials concerning the documentation of vessels and financing from initial decision to construct to permanent financing and refinancing and possible bankruptcy. The course is conceived of as a practical course, with emphasis on the financial decisions of vessel operators and financiers

Two Credit Seminars for Doctoral Students

- 7111 Advanced Marine Insurance
- 7112 International Carriage of Goods
- 7113 International Conflicts of Maritime Law
- 7114 International Marine Pollution
- 7115 International Maritime Conventions, Safety at Sea Regulations and their impact on
- 7116 Private Maritime Law
- 7117 Law of Maritime Salvage
- 7118 Maritime Liens & Claims
- 7119 Maritime Legal History
- 7120 Maritime and National Security
- 7121 Maritime Salvage & the Marine Environment
- 7122 Ocean & Coastal Law

MASTER AND DOCTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL AND MARITIME LAW

The Greek fleet continues to be the largest in the world, capable of carrying approximately one in every six tons of cargo shipped by sea.

According to the annual profile prepared by Lloyd's Register-Fairplay, the Greek-owned fleet as of March 2006, totaled 3.397 ships with a carrying capacity of 190.1 mn deadweight tons (dwt). As the Greek fleet continues to be the world's largest, the Institution of Higher Learning in Greece, has prepared a systematic postgraduate program in Shipping.

Maritime Law is one of the areas covered at AUA on both the Master's and Doctoral levels, while other Bachelor's and Master's degrees are offered in other areas dealing with shipping.

Bachelor's Degree in Shipping

Master's of Business Administration degree in Shipping

Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees in Mechanical (Marine) Engineering, Mechatronics Control Automation-Robotics with direct applications to shipping environmental issues are also encompassed in AUA's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral programs, related to shipping.

Institute for Maritime Law (IML) of Southeastern Europe

The AUA IMLSEE was founded in 2006 with a primary focus on teaching, researching and monitoring developments in marine law both at international levels and in the context of Southeastern Europe and Greece.

Marine Law, Maritime Law or Admiralty Law are virtually synonymous and are concerned with Commerce and navigation over navigable waters and oceans. It includes the law of ships, carriage of goods, harbors, seamen, marine insurance, salvages, cargo, marine bankruptcy of ships etc. Maritime Law traces its origins to the ancient maritime countries of the Mediterranean Sea.

Requirements of the Master's Degree in Maritime Law

Coordinator: Mr. Alan Parr

Prerequisites: A B. A. degree in Law, Political or Social Sciences

To receive an M.A. in Maritime Law, students must take the following non-credit seminars during the first semester:

CIS 5000	Computer Basics
EN 5000	Academic Writing
MA 5000	Mathematics Basics
RM 5000	Research Methodology

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete 40 credit hours with the following distribution:

- 1) The successful completion of the 5 core courses within one selected area of specialization.
- 2) The successful completion of 2-3 electives for a total of 8-12 credit hours.
- 3) Submission of a thesis of 15,000 - 30,000 words equivalent to 8-12 credit hours.

MASTER'S THESIS REQUIREMENTS

Students must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1) Have a GPA of 3.00 or above.
- 2) Complete and defend a Master's thesis proposal by a two-person committee (the Chairman and the supervisor).
- 3) Complete and defend a Master's thesis that is equivalent to 8-12 credit hours.
- 4) The Master's thesis must demonstrate the student's ability to effectively communicate in writing the results of a graduate study. Students are expected to prepare a thesis, which integrates the knowledge they acquired with original research. They must choose a topic that captures the latest developments in political science or a policy-making field, and to carry out primary and secondary data collection in this area, use scientific methods for analysis of data and produce a professional report which constitutes their original work. Students work on this project under the close supervision of assigned professors depending on the area of specialization.
- 5) The student must defend the thesis to a three-person committee, which includes two instructors from the same field and one from another department.

A Master's degree in Maritime Law offers a wide range of 4-credit courses for those wishing to specialize in shipping and related matters. It provides an opportunity to study comprehensively both the private and public law aspects of international maritime law, particularly, in a commercial and international trade law setting.

AUA

Master of Business Administration for Lawyers

This program has been designed for both legal executives and law practitioners.

The MA degree of AUA is designed to offer its students the necessary knowledge and skills to better understand business, managerial and communication issues. This program will help students to interrelate with specialized legal studies in commercial, contract and European Law by studying optional single courses via the Institute of Legal Executives, ILEX.

The aim of the program is to enable lawyers to deal with business issues connected to legal activities and/or legal executive activities and requirements.

An emphasis is given to the use of financial statements, the distinction between cash flow and profits, valuation issues involved in financial statement analysis and concepts of taxation are examined.

Law Courses

Optional participation with the ILEX examination for single subject diplomas

LI 5310 Contract and Consumer Law

LI 5314 Business

LI 5420 Law of Intellectual Property

LI 5421 Law of Contract

LI 5425 Commercial Law

LI 5425 Strategic Thinking and the Legal Issues

This course will enable the student to understand the model and principles used to describe and analyze the interaction of interconnected interests with a focus on problem-solving skills in a strategic situation. Law-making, regulations of public administration and other law issues are also examined.

LI 5426 Negotiations

The student will acquire a conceptual framework for preparing and conducting negotiations; the art of negotiating one-to-one relationships as well as in teams.

LI 5427 Financial Reporting and Taxation

This course examines the various aspects of financial reporting to persons and institutions outside the corporation and deals with information indispensable to a lawyer.

LI 5335	European Union Law
LI 6429	Company and Partnership Law
LI 6435	Planning Law
LI 6432	Public Law