



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Ocean Resources Law and Policy

2021-1-F7502Q041

Aims

The aim is to provide students who have a scientific background and have attended the course in “International Law of the Sea” with a basic knowledge of the international legal regime that presently applies to the exploration and exploitation of marine natural resources.

Contents

The legal regime concerning the exploration and exploitation of marine natural resources, both living and non-living, at the world basis, as provided for by the the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Detailed program

1. The conservation of marine living resources.

a) the zonal approach:

- the conservation of marine living resources in the exclusive economic zone;
- the conservation of marine living resources in the high seas.

b) the species-specific approach:

- shared and straddling fish stocks;

- highly migratory species;
- marine mammals;
- anadromous species;
- catadromous species.

2. The current negotiations under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond national jurisdiction.

3. The exploration and exploitation of non-living resources.

a) the resources of the continental shelf and the outer continental shelf;

b) the resources of the Area.

4. A regional case: the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean.

Prerequisites

To have attended the course in “International Law of the Sea”.

Teaching form

Oral classes with active involvement of students, who will be working directly on the relevant legal instruments and maps. During the COVID-19 emergency, the classes will be partially in presence and partially (mainly) from remote (recorded and uploaded on the e-learning web page).

Textbook and teaching resource

A number of papers and the relevant legal texts are collected in a syllabus that, at the beginning of the course, will be distributed to all students and uploaded on the e-learning web page.

Semester

Second semester.

Assessment method

The exam consists of one question cast by ballot among a list of questions previously circulated. The list of questions covers the entire programme of the course and, therefore, students are expected to be able to expound all topics addressed in class.

The exam takes into account the following elements:

- knowledge of the subject matter;
- consistency and completeness in the exposition;
- correct use of legal terminology;
- capacity of expression in a clear and concise manner.

The student may decide to withdraw from the exam before or immediately after the grade has been stated.

Office hours
