

COURSE SYLLABUS

International Law of The Sea

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Learning objectives

The aim is to provide students who have a scientific background with basic knowledge of the international legal regime that presently applies to marine spaces.

Contents

The legal regime of the seas at the world basis, as resulting from the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Detailed program

1. The functions of the law of the sea.
2. The sources of the law of the sea.
3. The three principles governing the law of the sea: freedom, sovereignty, and common heritage of mankind.
4. The codification of the law of the sea.
5. Baselines and related issues.
6. Marine spaces under territorial sovereignty:
 - internal maritime waters;

- territorial sea;
- international straits;
- archipelagic waters.

7. Marine spaces and sovereign rights:

- contiguous zone;
- exclusive economic zone;
- continental shelf.

8. Marine spaces beyond national jurisdiction:

- the high seas;
- the Area.

9. Marine scientific research and the law of the sea.

Prerequisites

None.

Teaching methods

Oral classes with active involvement of students, who will be working directly on the relevant legal instruments.

Assessment methods

The exam consists of one question cast by ballot among a list of questions previously circulated through the students' e-mailing list. 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 substance;
- consistency and completeness in the exposition;
- correct use of legal terminology;
- ability to express oneself in a clear and concise manner.

The grade is not subject to discussion or negotiation.

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

Textbooks and Reading Materials

A number of papers and the relevant legal texts are collected in a syllabus that is distributed to all students.

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