

JUR-3055 Uses of the Oceans

Type of course

The course is part of the Master of Laws (LL.M) in Law of the Sea programme, cf. programme description for Master of Laws (LL.M) in Law of the Sea.

Only students admitted to the Master of Laws (LL.M) in Law of the Sea programme may register for this course.

Course content

The course covers the following topics:

- Fisheries
- The exploration and exploitation of non-living marine resources (offshore energy and seabed mining)
- Navigation
- Illegal uses of the oceans, maritime enforcement, and naval operations at sea
- The role of international organizations, other institutional arrangements, and non-state actors in key marine activities

Skills: Having passed the exam, the student will be able to:

- Critically evaluate the major legal challenges arising from competing uses of the oceans
- Analyse the possibilities for and limitations to enforcement activities by coastal, flag, and port states
- Identify and interpret the relevant sources of law of the sea, using the rules on treaty interpretation
- Use legal methodology to analyse law of the sea questions

- Apply theoretical and practical reasoning to formulate appropriate responses to different problems (e.g., competing uses of the oceans, the proper management of marine resources, limitations on enforcement activities)

General competence: Having passed the exam, the student will be able to:

- Analyse complex issues in relation to uses of the oceans, both systematically and creatively
- Identify and analyse law of the sea questions of both a theoretical and practical character
- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing about law of the sea questions with proper use of relevant legal methodology and terminology
- Demonstrate the ability to work independently as well as the ability to cooperate and effectively work as part of a team
- Evaluate current research and advanced scholarship on the uses of the oceans critically and independently, and to identify emerging and contemporary issues and debates and accordingly engage with these at an advanced level both in writing and verbally

Teaching methods

The teaching consists of a combination of lectures and seminars, and a moot court, comprising a total of 30 hours. The students are expected to be prepared and active during both the lectures and the seminars, including by engaging in discussions on the prescribed material. They may also be asked to prepare papers and give presentations during the seminars. Students are expected to study independently in periods when there are no lectures or seminars.

Examination

School exam, 6 hours (A–E, fail F)

Coursework requirements:

Moot court participation (Approved/not approved)