



Module Specification

Shipping Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Shipping Law

Module code: UJGUPR-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Not in use for Modules

Field: Law Postgraduate (Programmes)

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: The purpose of this module on shipping law is to examine the importance of the contract of carriage process in the context of international trade. The rights and duties of the shipper and carrier are essential in the complex world of international sales. The documents relating to the carriage and the goods will determine where the liability for breach will lie. Issues such as passing of ownership and risk as well as insurance will also be examined.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: The following is an indicative list of topics that will be explored. The exact content of workshops may be changed to reflect current developments or a change of focus in the subject area:

Sea Carrier's Liabilities

Bills of Lading

Charterparties

Hague-Visby, Hamburg and Rotterdam Rules

Combined and Multimodal Transport

Marine Insurance

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The main focus of teaching and learning on the taught LLM programme is through independent research and debate in the context of 2 hour weekly workshops. The workshop-based approach to teaching and learning is designed to enable the student to develop the independent research, analytical and reflective skills required for successful completion of a postgraduate level course. Students will need to complete the necessary preparatory reading and study of any set case materials in advance of each workshop. From each workshop, the student will be expected to have developed a general mastery of the subject under consideration. In addition, students will be expected to raise, critically assess and defend different points of view on controversial issues in class and to make presentations to the class on their own and in groups.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

D1 An ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels in the subject area

D2 An ability to recognise problems and identify solutions

D3 An ability to analyse, evaluate and reflect upon complex materials relating to the subject area

D4 An ability to undertake independent research

D5 An ability to work in groups

MO1 A critical understanding of the international legal principles and concepts relating to shipping, in particular of the issues, constraints, interests and risks involved in shipping industry and the role sea transportation plays in international trade

MO2 A critical understanding of how different legal systems approach the regulation of sea carriage and the relationship between those systems and the international legal framework. In particular an ability to understand the provisions of the HagueVisby Rules

MO3 An ability to locate and understand both international and national legal instruments and mechanisms relevant to shipping law

MO4 An ability to critically analyse carriers' and cargo-owners' rights and obligations under both charterparties and bills of lading and an awareness of the impact of technological innovations on the law

MO5 An understanding of the importance of marine insurance in international trade and key issues as regards insurance arrangements in a shipping context

MO6 A critical understanding of the issues posed to international carriage of goods by the advent of combined/multimodal transportation

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 126 hours

Face-to-face learning = 24 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uigupr-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uigupr-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Learning outcomes will be assessed by oral presentation and written coursework. Assessment questions will be set by tutors. Both assessments require students to undertake independent research building on material covered in the workshop sessions.

The oral assessment will allow the student to give an oral presentation on an area relevant to the module. The student should present this in a clear and structured manner with appropriate content. The assessment also gives the student an opportunity to answer questions in this area of the law, to elaborate on the further reading that the student has done.

The written assessment assesses a different skill; that of writing clearly and precisely in an area of law relevant to the module. Here, the student should write in a clear and structured manner with appropriate content. The assessment also gives the student an opportunity to conduct further research, with an extensive bibliography and detailed footnotes.

Formative assessment opportunities will be provided in workshops throughout the module.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Written coursework essay (maximum 2000 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Oral presentation and questions (20 mins)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Written coursework essay (max 2000 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Oral presentation and questions (20 mins)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Commercial Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

Environmental Law and Sustainable Development [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Banking and Finance Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [HCMCUL] LLM 2023-24