



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2024

7,490: The Law of the Sea

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Written work, Digital, Individual work individual grade (100%)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[7.490.1.00 The Law of the Sea](#) -- English -- [Papanicolopulu Irini](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Law of the sea is based upon public international law and students taking the course should have a basic knowledge of public international law, in particular subjects, sources and responsibility. Participants who are not familiar with international law are encouraged to have a look at a general textbook (eg Vaughan Lowe, International Law, 2007). Participants should be prepared to participate actively in class discussions.

Learning objectives

Acquire knowledge about a specialized area of international law that is increasingly important, namely the law of the sea;

Learn about the particular challenges posed by maritime environment;

Gain experience in applying general international law;

Practice your discussion, presentation, and writing skills.

Course content

This course provides an overview of the main legal rules that govern the seas and oceans and the activities carried out therein by States and non-State actors. Through the use of case studies (e.g. piracy, plastic pollution, contested maritime areas, slave labour in fisheries), will be offered an insight on some of the key concepts of the law of the sea, namely freedom of the seas, coastal State jurisdiction, protection of the marine environment and maritime security. The purpose of the course is to provide a critical understanding of law of the sea fundamental rules and principles and equip students with the tools to relate problems of the sea (e.g. pollution, overfishing, exhaustion of non-renewable resources) to underlying principles and policy factors and to other relevant areas of general international law, including sources, the law of treaties and principles of state responsibility.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

1. Past, present and future of the law of the sea, its sources, subjects and object
2. Coastal zones: baselines, internal waters, territorial sea, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf, sui generis zones; delimitation of maritime boundaries
3. Areas beyond national jurisdiction: high seas and the International Seabed Area
4. Navigation and flag State jurisdiction
5. Exploitation of living and non-living resources, protection of the marine environment
6. Maritime security, piracy, trafficking, migration by sea, the protection of human rights at sea



Course literature

The texts for this course will be made available on studynet. This class is designed to be interactive. Each topic will be introduced by a small presentation followed by discussion on a case study. For this reason it is very important that you study the cases and texts before coming to class: only then will you be able to follow the discussions and participate actively.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Written work
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Written work
Examination mode	Digital
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	Off Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	100%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English
Answer language: English

Remark

take home essay, 3000 words maximum.

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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Examination content

All materials contained in the reader and discussed in class.

Examination relevant literature

The entire reader.



Please note

Please note that only this fact sheet and the examination schedule published at the time of bidding are binding and takes precedence over other information, such as information on StudyNet (Canvas), on lecturers' websites and information in lectures etc.

Any references and links to third-party content within the fact sheet are only of a supplementary, informative nature and lie outside the area of responsibility of the University of St.Gallen.

Documents and materials are only relevant for central examinations if they are available by the end of the lecture period (CW51) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 42 are relevant for testing.

Binding nature of the fact sheets:

- Course information as well as examination date (organised centrally/decentrally) and form of examination: from bidding start in CW 34 (Thursday, 22nd August 2024);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 18 March 2024);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 14 October 2024);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before ending with de-registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 04 November 2024).