



UNIVERSITY OF
GOTHENBURG

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

HRS510 General Shipping Law and Regulatory Maritime Law, 15 credits

Allmän Sjörätt, 15 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Law on 2013-05-15 and was last revised on 2022-06-01 to be valid from 2022-08-29, autumn semester of 2022.

Field of education: Law 100%

Department: Department of Law

Position in the educational system

The course General shipping Law and Regulatory Maritime Law is an optional course for the completion of the Master's degree in Law.

Main field of studies

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Specialization

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Students following a Swedish law programme leading up to a law degree must have passed courses adding up to 150 higher education credits from the first five semesters of the Law programme.

Visiting foreign students may be admitted to the course, after approval of the Director of Studies.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. discuss and comprehend essential general shipping law and regulatory maritime law topics such as nationality and registration of ships; proprietary interests in ships including maritime liens and mortgages; enforcement of maritime claims and arrest of ships; ship sale and purchase; ship finance; law of collisions and grounding; limitation of liability; IMO safety conventions; port state, coastal state and flag state jurisdictions including port state control and flag state implementation; and maritime security including piracy, maritime terrorism and suppression of unlawful acts.
2. discuss and explain emerging legal concepts related to unmanned shipping, autonomous shipping, digital transformation in shipping, and sustainable shipping.

Competence and skills

3. systematically, critically and independently identify, formulate and analyse questions regarding shipping and maritime law from both international and national perspectives.
4. critically identify relevant legal and institutional challenges related to digitalisation, digital transformation and sustainability challenges in shipping.

Judgement and approach

5. adopt an independent, reflective, critical and nuanced approach towards legal systems within the course areas.
6. understand the potential and possibilities of international maritime law as well as its role in society from both national and international perspectives.

Course content

The course provides the framework for international trade, where trade is viewed from an integrated perspective. The course covers several essential areas of shipping law which consists mainly of international convention regimes, but also certain aspects of domestic law. The principal object of the course is to introduce the substantive elements of shipping law and subsequently dwell upon certain conflict of laws issues that arise due to the international nature of the shipping business. The regulatory law aspect of the course is divided in two components, namely, maritime safety and maritime security. They are discussed in light of the various IMO instruments. Emerging legal issues related to digitalisation and sustainability concerns connected to shipping are dealt in the course in contextual detail.

Form of teaching

The course is delivered in the form of lectures and student-led seminars. A blend of in-person and online teaching is used. The course include formative as well as summative

assessment. To this end students are expected to actively participate and contribute to their own and other students' learning.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

Student performance is assessed by the following components:

- weekly tasks based on the content covered during a week/module.
- oral presentations through group work at seminars.

These two parts counts as 3,0 hp.

- individual home examination.

This part counts as 6,0 hp.

- essay in conjunction with an oral defence, and reflection.

This part counts as 6,0 hp.

A student must pass each component separately to obtain a pass grade for the course.

A student who has failed twice has the right to request another examiner. Such a request must be in writing and submitted to the director of studies.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Passed with Distinction (AB), Passed with Credit (BA), Pass (B) and Fail (U).

The grade from the different parts of the course are decided av pass or fail.

Course evaluation

The Department of Law is obliged to evaluate the courses given. This is done by an appraisal in accordance with general instructions within the department. Each and every course appraisal is scrutinized by the board of education within the department. A student assisting in the collection of an appraisal will get remuneration according to standard tariff.

Additional information