# **Module Handbook Maritime Law**

| Scheme & Programme          | M.Sc. Shipping Management                              |               |                   |  |  |
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| Module Title                | Maritime Law   |               |                   |  |  |
| Module Code                 |  |               |                   |  |  |
| Module Start Date/ Cohort   | 2018-19  |               |                   |  |  |
| Module Level                | Level 7  | Credit Rating | [5 ECTS credits]  |  |  |
| Total study time            | 10 hours   | Hours of      | 125 hours of      |  |  |
|                             | academic   | independent   | teaching and      |  |  |
|                             | directed time  | Learning and  | independent       |  |  |
|                             | 3,5 hour lecture                                       | time for      | learning and time |  |  |
|                             | per week for 9   | assessments   | for assessments   |  |  |
|                             | weeks  |               |                   |  |  |
| Module Leader& Lecturer(s): | Mr. Michalis Andreadis                                 |               |                   |  |  |
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| Seminar Tutor(s):           |  |               |                   |  |  |
| Programme Director:         | Dr. Angelos Pantouvakis                                |               |                   |  |  |
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| Lecture day& time:          | Weekdays 17.30-21.00                                   |               |                   |  |  |
| Seminar day & time:         |  |               |                   |  |  |

#### 1. Welcome Note

Welcome to the Maritime Law module at the **M.Sc. University of Piraeus Shipping Management course**. During the following nine weeks, you will comprehend the major issues of maritime law, delivered in a way specifically designed to address your professional needs.

#### 2. Module aim

The module is designed to develop the students' knowledge in relation to the legal framework which relates to the business of owning and managing vessels. Focus will be placed upon the law of Admiralty, the aim being for the students to acquire practical and usable knowledge in issues which they are likely to meet in their professional environment.

## 3. Learning Outcomes-what you will gain from taking the module:

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

- 1. Critically interpret main admiralty issues so as to protect the interests of the owner/manager;
- 2. Evaluate the issues arising in maritime law disputes and solve them using the applicable legal framework;
- 3. Apply the taught principles of law to factual situations and evaluate the relevant legal standing;

#### 4. Indicative Module Content:

- Salvage;
- Towage;
- Collisions;
- Carriage of passengers;
- International Trade and Shipping Documents;
- Bills of Lading.

### 5. How the module is taught, attendance and the teaching schedule:

The module will utilize flexible, responsive and interactive learning environments by the use of a combination among lectures, seminars, workshops, independent self – tasks and the use of Virtual Learning Environment (e – college) to encourage students' ability to think critically and creatively. Critical thinking will be achieved through standard contracts analysis and evaluation, case studies and real shipping scenarios. The teaching process is intended to be highly interactive so as to aim not only at providing knowledge but, more importantly, in developing students' legal skills.

#### a. Weekly Schedule of Lectures

| Time | Topic                       |
|------|-----------------------------|
|      | Introduction to the module: |

|        | Significance and categories of Maritime Law. Familiarisation with legal concepts and terminology.  Collisions, Pilotage.  |  |  |  |
|--------|---|--|--|--|
| Week 1 | Module introduction. Familiarisation with legal concepts, terminology and way of thinking. Analysis of collisions and pilotage.   |  |  |  |
|        | Reading Material:   |  |  |  |
|        | Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> edn, Informa Law, chapter 6.  |  |  |  |
| Week 2 | Salvage and Towage.   |  |  |  |
|        | Explanation of the theoretical framework and evaluation of the practical issues relating to salvage and towage. Analysis of standard form contracts.                                      |  |  |  |
|        | Reading Material:   |  |  |  |
|        | Baatz et al (2014), Maritime Law, 3 <sup>rd</sup> edn, Informa Law, chapter 6.  |  |  |  |
| Week 3 | Salvage and Towage.   |  |  |  |
|        | Explanation of the theoretical framework and evaluation of the practical issues relating to salvage and towage. Analysis of standard form contracts. Comparison between the two concepts. |  |  |  |
|        | Reading Material:   |  |  |  |
|        | Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> edn, Informa Law, chapter 6.  |  |  |  |
| Week 4 | Company formation, ship-owning, management, mortgages.  |  |  |  |
|        | Necessary knowledge on the above issues, allowing students to comprehend the legal framework through which maritime companies are formed and operate.                                     |  |  |  |
|        | Reading Material to be provided in class.   |  |  |  |
| Week 5 | Maritime Liens and Enforcement.   |  |  |  |
|        | Analysis of the enforcement challenges and procedure, focusing on issues such as jurisdiction, actions in rem, arrest, limitation and maritime liens.                                     |  |  |  |
|        | Reading Material:   |  |  |  |
|        | Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> edn, Informa Law, chapter 11.   |  |  |  |
| Week 6 | Bills of lading   |  |  |  |
|        | Focus on evaluation and operation of bills of lading, their functions, third parties, presentation and cargo claims   |  |  |  |
|        | Reading Material:   |  |  |  |

|        | <ul> <li>Wilson (2010), Carriage of Goods by Sea, 7<sup>th</sup> edn, Pearson Education Limited, chapter 5.</li> <li>Baatz et al (2014), Maritime Law, 3<sup>rd</sup> edn, Informa Law, chapter 3.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |
|--------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Week 7 | International Trade and Shipping Documents.   |  |  |  |  |
|        | Understanding of commercial background of international trade, enhancing understanding of shipping.   |  |  |  |  |
|        | Reading Material:   |  |  |  |  |
|        | <ul> <li>Baatz et al (2014), Maritime Law, 3<sup>rd</sup> edn, Informa Law, chapter 4.</li> <li>Chuah (2013), Law of International Trade, 5<sup>th</sup> edn, Sweet and Maxwell, chapter 4.</li> </ul>        |  |  |  |  |
| Week 8 | Carriage of Passengers  |  |  |  |  |
|        | Claims arising as a result of accidents to passengers on ships.   |  |  |  |  |
|        | Baatz et al (2014), <i>Maritime Law</i> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> edn, Informa Law, chapter 5.  |  |  |  |  |
|        |   |  |  |  |  |
| Week 9 | Case studies  |  |  |  |  |
|        | Case studies on taught concepts. Evaluation of students' ability to apply taught knowledge on factual situations.   |  |  |  |  |

# 6. Assessment

The module will be assessed through a written examination

| Assessment  | Word       | Weight | Submission | Submission | Feedback | Feedback type     |
|-------------|------------|--------|------------|------------|----------|-------------------|
| title and   | count /    |        | Deadline   | method     | date     |                   |
| brief       | hours as   |        |            |            |          |                   |
| description | applicable |        |            |            |          |                   |
|             |            |        |            |            |          |                   |
| Written     | 2 ½ hrs    | 100 %  | TBA        | Hand in    | TBA      | Solution provided |
| exam        |            |        |            |            |          | on e-college      |
|             |            |        |            |            |          |                   |

Note: In the extraordinary case of any changes to the assessment schedule will be communicated by e-mail and/ or announcement on the module's E-College pages.

| Assessment Criteria |   | Weighting |
|---------------------|---|-----------|
|                     | Knowledge (Understanding of the topic).                 | 35%       |
|                     | Critical Evaluation – Content (Analysis, evaluation     | 45%       |
|                     | and development of relevant arguments).                 |           |
|                     | Structure and Communication skills                      | 10%       |
|                     | Originality of ideas-Demonstration of creative thinking | 10%       |
|                     | 5 ,   |           |

Grades will be based on the content of the submission.

# 7. Recommended Reading

#### **Books**

- Baatz et al (2014), Maritime Law, 3rd edn, Informa Law.
- Wilson (2010), Carriage of Goods by Sea, 7th edn, Pearson Education Limited.
- Chuah (2013), Law of International Trade, 5th edn, Sweet and Maxwell

# Journals/Cases

- Lloyd's Law Reports.
- Lloyd's Maritime & Commercial Law Quarterly.

## **Shipping Newspapers & Magazines (online)**

- Lloyd's List Newspaper
- Tradewinds Newspaper
- Naftemporiki (newspaper) (shipping merchant)
- Shipping Finance (newspaper)
- Naftika Chronika (magazine) (shipping chronicles)

Shipping Outlook (magazine)