

LAWS 3048 LAW OF THE SEA

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 200804

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Description This subject will introduce students to the rules regulating the principle uses of the world's oceans. It will highlight historical development of the law of the sea, the sources of the contemporary law of the sea and the adoption of the 1982 Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Legal regime of various maritime zones including territorial sea and contiguous zone, continental shelf, the exclusive economic zone and the high seas will be studied. Various sources of marine pollution, fisheries, marine scientific research, maritime spatial planning, deep sea bed mining and dispute settlement will also be explored in this subject.

School Law

Discipline International Law

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LAWS 2008

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Explain the relevant international law and policy affecting the oceans
2. Identify various maritime zones in terms of oceans governance and the present status of the law of the sea
3. Apply knowledge and understanding to make an assessment of where the law of the sea can be expected to develop in the future
4. Analyse practical fact situations, locate and apply the relevant legal norms to them

Subject Content

Nature and History of the Law of the Sea

Baselines and Regime of Internal Waters

The Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone

Special Passage Regimes: International Straits and Archipelagos

The Exclusive Economic Zone

The Continental Shelf: Principles of Maritime Delimitation

Marine Pollution

Fisheries

Marine Scientific Research

Maritime Spatial Planning System

High Seas, Common Heritage of Mankind and Deep Sea Bed Mining

Dispute Settlement

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

| Type | Length | Percent | Threshold | Individual/ Group Task | Mandatory |
|--|---------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Presentation | 1,000 - 1,500 words | 20 | N | Individual | N |
| Intra-session Exam | 1 hour | 35 | N | Individual | N |
| Final Essay | 3,500 words | 45 | N | Individual | N |
| Prescribed Texts | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donald R. Rothwell and Tim Stephens, The International Law of the Sea (Hart, 2010) | | | | | |