

COURSE OF STUDY: Introduction to Geopolitics and Law of the Sea

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2023-2024

ACADEMIC SUBJECT: Degree in Sciences and Management of Maritime Activities

General information	
Year of the course	2023-2024
Academic calendar (starting and ending date)	II Semester 2024
Credits (CFU/ETCS):	6
SSD	IUS/13
Language	Italian
Mode of attendance	Lectures In presence

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Work schedule			
Hours			
Total	Lectures	Hands-on (laboratory, workshops, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
150	48		102
CFU/ETCS			
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Learning Objectives	Provide a general framework of the governance of the seas allowing students to acquire, for the purpose of carrying out their professional activities, a broad vision of the maritime life in its historical, legal and geopolitical declinations, with a focus on Italy and the "wider Mediterranean", taking into account international and European law, state practice and international case law.
Course prerequisites	**

Teaching strategie	
Expected learning outcomes in terms of	

<p>Knowledge and understanding Soft Skills on:</p>	<p><i>Knowledge and understanding</i> The students will be provided with means and methods to know and understand the main topics of Geopolitics and International/European Law of the Sea. <i>Applying knowledge and understanding</i> The students will be able to easily face problems related to the issues learned and the practical implications of the cases discussed during the lessons. <i>Making informed judgments and choices</i> The students will be able to critically consider topics and notions addressed during the lessons. <i>Communicating knowledge and understanding</i> The students will take actively part to the lessons during the discussion times so as to improve their own dialectic skills. <i>Capacities to continue learning</i> The students will gain the necessary means and methods to improve, during their professional career, the knowledge of the learned issues</p>
<p>Applying knowledge and understanding on:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing understanding of the key provisions of Law of the Sea • Drawing attention to the maritime geopolitics factors
<p>Soft skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating knowledge and understanding <i>Being able to use correct terminology in dealing with concepts of Geopolitics and Law of the Sea</i> • Capacities to continue learning <i>Being interested and able to improve personal knowledge on various international maritime issues</i>
<p>Syllabus</p>	
<p>Content knowledge</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Introduction to the course: maritime commons</i> 2. <i>Geopolitics of the Seas: historic evolution</i> 3. <i>Codification of the modern LOS</i> 4. <i>Sources of the current LOS</i> 5. <i>Freedom of navigation; sovereign equality of States on the High Seas; Genuine Link</i> 6. <i>Legal status of Warships and State Vessels</i> 7. <i>Tackling illegal maritime activities: Piracy, other crimes</i> 8. <i>State action at sea: Italian model</i> 9. <i>Straight baselines, Internal waters, Territorial waters and innocent passage, Contiguous/Archaeological zone</i> 10. <i>Continental Shelf, EEZ, ISA</i> 11. <i>Delimitation principles of political maritime boundaries</i> 12. <i>Straits and semi-enclosed sea</i> 13. <i>Italian maritime spaces</i> 14. <i>Cont.: Environmental jurisdiction zones</i>

	<p>15. <i>Cont.: Underwater Domain</i></p> <p>16. <i>“Wider Mediterranean”, Arctic, Indo-Pacific: maritime claims and disputes</i></p> <p>17. <i>Responsibilities and cooperation obligations of Mediterranean States: Marine Environment Protection</i></p> <p>18. <i>Cont.: Sustainable exploitation of Fishing Resources</i></p> <p>19. <i>Cont.: Protection of Submerged Cultural Heritage</i></p> <p>20. <i>Cont.: Maritime Safety and Security</i></p> <p>21. <i>Cont.: Search and Rescue</i></p> <p>22. <i>European Maritime Strategy</i></p> <p>23. <i>New trend of LOS: climate change, BBNJ, Deep Sea Mining</i></p> <p>24. <i>Naval Operation related to Peace and International Security</i></p>
Texts and readings	<p>-Natalino Ronzitti, <i>Diritto internazionale</i>, Torino, 2019 (pp. 177-191; 288-293)</p> <p>-Fabio Caffio, <i>Glossario di Diritto del Mare. Diritto e Geopolitica del Mediterraneo allargato</i>, Supplemento alla Rivista Marittima - novembre 2020, available at https://www.marina.difesa.it/media- (specific parts only).</p> <p>-Antonio Leandro (cur.), <i>La zona economica esclusiva italiana: ragioni, ambito, delimitazioni e sfide</i>, Bari, 2021 (specific parts only)</p>
Notes, additional materials	Additional teaching material will be provided by the teacher
Repository	

Assessment	
Assessment methods	Lessons supported by slides. There may be room also for seminars or workshops.
Assessment criteria	Written or oral final exam. The teacher may organize mid-term written exams
Final exam and grading criteria	The student must demonstrate, with autonomy of view and adequate oral skills, the knowledge of the main rules of the Law of the Sea underlying their connection with the Geopolitics
Further information	**
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