
LLM in Maritime Law & Shipping Business



Global Shipping, Legal Expertise

In a constantly changing world, international commerce and shipping call for professionals with both legal expertise and business insight.

To address this need, Frederick University offers a unique postgraduate program that is among the very few of its kind worldwide. Delivered by an international faculty, the program provides advanced, practice-oriented knowledge in two closely connected fields: Maritime Law and Shipping Business.

The LLM in Maritime Law and Shipping Business is jointly offered by the Department of Law and the Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce. Graduates gain the skills to advise, negotiate, litigate, and manage the legal and commercial complexities of international trade and transport.

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

By successfully completing this program, you will be able to:

- Understand and apply the core principles of the shipping industry, international trade, logistics, oil & gas management, and environmental, social, and governance (ESG).
- Address complex legal issues in maritime law, international trade, marine insurance, carriage of goods, chartering, and dispute resolution.
- Demonstrate critical awareness and managerial ability by integrating legal and business analysis, solving advanced problems and applying modern tools, such as AI and databases.
- Strengthen negotiation and communication skills, both oral and written, with a strong understanding of alternative dispute resolution methods.
- Pursue further research studies (MPhil, PhD, etc.) with the academic foundation and skills required for advanced scholarship.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Requirements:

An undergraduate degree from a recognised university or an equivalent international qualification or an acceptable professional qualification.

The specific minimum academic requirements for admittance to the Program are:

- Undergraduate degree with a business or law or social science orientation or
- Undergraduate degree in any other area may also be considered.

English Language Requirements:

If you have completed your entire degree in a non-English speaking program of studies, you must demonstrate a satisfactory knowledge of the English language. Suitable qualifications may include:

- TOEFL, IELTS, GCSE, IGCSE, Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English or equivalent or
- High School Leaving Certificate from a High School where the language of instruction is English or
- A pass (>50%) at the English Placement Test of our University

STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Required Courses (48 ECTS)

- Trade & Transport Economics & Management
- International Maritime Law
- Law of Carriage of Goods
- Marine Insurance
- Dispute Resolution
- Research Methods

Elective Courses (12 ECTS)

- Commercial Management of Ships
- Oil & Gas Management
- Green Shipping and Sustainability Management I
- Green Shipping and Sustainability Management II
- Banking and Shipping Finance
- Economics of Sea Transport and International Trade

Dissertation (30 ECTS)

- Dissertation
the program requires the successful completion of a 20,000-word dissertation. This is an individual, project-based research study on an approved topic, supervised by a member of the academic team.



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