

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PRACTICAL NAVIGATION  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **4525SAM** (122540)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Engineering  
Teaching School/Faculty: Springdale Academy Of Maritime Education (SAMET)

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 10      **Total Delivered Hours:** 62  
**Total Learning Hours:** 100      **Private Study:** 38

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	40
Tutorial	20

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	Examination	100	2

### Aims

*To facilitate the calculation of a ships position by celestial observation using a sextant and chronometer and to calculate passages at a level appropriate to an OOW.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Perform navigational calculations related to course and distance on plane and spherical earth.
- 2 Determine the ships position by celestial observations.

### **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Exam	1	2
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### **Outline Syllabus**

*The celestial sphere and the use of the nautical Almanac Corrections to obtain Observed Altitude and UTC. Corrections to obtain true altitude Latitude by Pole star observation and Mer. Alt.*

*The direction of a position line and a position through which it passes from celestial observations.*

*Compass Error from celestial observations Position by means of celestial observations. Select suitable stars for observation.*

*Sextant and Chronometer: The sextant, errors and their adjustment. Use and care of the chronometer.*

*Observational Calculations: Sextant observations of Sun, stars and planets. Sailings: Parallel sailing, plane sailing, Mercator sailing, Great Circle and Composite Great Circle Sailings.*

*Simple properties of Mercator and gnomonic charts: Latitude and longitude scales; measurement of distance. Rhumb lines. Great circles and composite great circle tracks.*

*Position Fixing: Principle of position fixing by measurement of difference of distance from two or more fixed points. The hyperbolic lattice on navigational charts.*

*Theoretical consideration of modern navigational systems such as GPS.*

### **Learning Activities**

Lectures, tutorials and laboratory demonstrations. Practical exercises using navigational instruments.

### **Notes**

Provides the knowledge and skills needed to use complete navigational calculations.