

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Maritime and Trade Law  
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Owning School/Faculty: Maritime and Mechanical Engineering  
Teaching School/Faculty: Maritime and Mechanical Engineering

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 39  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 161

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24
Tutorial	12

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	Exam		70	3
Essay	Assignment		30	

### Aims

*To develop a critical understanding of commercial law, with specific application to the maritime and international trade sectors, to enable analysis of complex claims.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate critical awareness of International, European and UK legal sources, including documents such as charterparties and bills of lading.
- 2 Analyse the contractual basis underlying export transactions.
- 3 Critically appraise the legal obligations of exporters, shippers, carriers and charterers.
- 4 Analyse cases involving private and public conflicts in International Trade Law.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Examination	1	2	3
Assignment	4		

## Outline Syllabus

### *Legal Sources:*

*International Conventions*

*European Union sources – Treaties, Regulations & Directives*

*UK sources: Statute, Common Law & Equity*

*The Senior Courts Act 1981, Commercial Court & Admiralty Court*

*Liens & Priority of Claims*

### *Contract*

*Elements of contract formation*

*Terms, Representations & Unfair Contract Terms*

*Breach of Contract and Privity*

*Civil Remedies – Damages, Repudiation, Rescission, Writs & Warrants,*

*Contracts for the Sale of Goods; & e-Commerce*

### *Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971*

*Common Law rules: Hague-Visby Rules, Hamburg Rules & Rotterdam Rules*

### *Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1992*

*Bills of Lading & related documents; multimodal contracts*

*Charterparties (outline): Demise, Voyage & Time; Laytime & Demurrage*

### *International Trade Contracts*

*Legal aspects of CIF & FOB (cf: Incoterms)*

*EU & UK competition Law*

*Conflicts of Law & Choice of Venue (outline)*

## Learning Activities

A programme of lectures supported by associated tutorials

## **Notes**

The module seeks to identify & evaluate the legal basis for and international commercial contracts of export sales and carriage, how conflicts arise, and how disputes are settled.