

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	LGT5011
Subject Title	Admiralty Law
Credit Value	3
Level	5
Normal Duration	1-semester
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Role and Purposes	To help the students to familiarize the relevant international legal practice relate to admiralty law, coverage will include jurisdictions of major admiralty nations, such as US, UK, Australia, Singapore, and Hong Kong.
Subject Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Familiar with the essential legal principles and concepts relate to admiralty law b. Evaluate various options to solve legal disputes relate to an admiralty matter c. Spot relevant legal issues relate to an admiralty matter. d. Understand the critical aspects of various forms of dispute resolutions, such as how to confirm an arbitration award in court and its enforcement.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Ownership issues</u>: nationality, flag, at what stage a ship acquires the status of a vessel, not a mere structure of steel components. ▪ <u>Maritime liens</u>: various types and how they attach to a vessel. ▪ <u>Claims management</u>: Conventional litigation, Maritime arbitration, New York Convention, validity of a arbitration clause, enforcement of an arbitration award. ▪ <u>Pilotage</u>: compulsory/voluntary pilotage; authority and liability ▪ <u>Collision</u>: nature, measurement of damages, allocation of liability, conventions ▪ <u>Pollution</u>: concepts discussed in leading oil pollution cases. ▪ <u>Salvage and wreckage</u>: nature of salvage, concepts discussed in leading cases. ▪ <u>General average</u>: common law and York-Antwerp Rules. ▪ <u>Limitation of shipowners liability</u>: convention on limitation of liability ▪ <u>Admiralty Jurisdiction</u>: action <i>in rem</i>, ship arrest
Teaching/Learning Methodology	The teaching method will be focused on case analysis. In each class, the lecturer will introduce the students the essential cases concerning various admiralty law topics. From the case discussion, the students will gain an understanding about the underlying admiralty legal principles and theories.

	<p>During the tutorials, the students will engage in class exercises by spotting the legal issues from hypothetical cases, and the tutor will give constructive feedbacks to guide the students in analyzing the exercise. Both the lectures and the tutorials will be aimed to help the students in attending the intended learning outcomes of the subject.</p>																																												
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