

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	LGT5064
Subject Title	Shipping Law
Credit Value	3
Level	5
Normal Duration	1-semester
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Objectives	<p>To equip the students with the knowledge of principles of law of carriage of goods and enable them to anticipate potential legal challenges when making business decisions and to acquire the necessary skills to solve some basic legal issues that may arise in shipping practice.</p> <p>This subject contributes to the following Intended Learning Outcomes for the MSc programme(s):</p> <p>MSc/PgD in International Shipping and Transport Logistics (Mixed-mode/Full time Stream)</p> <p>#4 Solve basic legal problems in shipping and insurance (Learning objective 4b)</p>
Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand and apply the carriage of goods law. b. Analyse legal cases and interpret legislations and legal documents. c. Develop the ability to solve real legal issues through the application of legal method and the conduct of legal research.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<p>Sea: Carrier's rights and obligations at common law and under international and domestic laws (i.e., the Hague Rules, Hague-Visby Rules, Hamburg Rules, and Hong Kong Carriage of Goods by Sea Ordinance). Functions of shipping documents including paper-based bills of lading, delivery orders, mate's receipts, sea waybills, and the electronic bills of lading. Charter parties: voyage and time charterparties.</p> <p>Land and Air: Carrier's rights and obligations under CMR, COTIF/CIM and Warsaw Convention. Functions of related documents including consignment notes and air waybills.</p> <p>Multimodal/Combined transport: Analysis of its characteristics, some common standard trading conditions, and international/regional conventions, e.g., the U.N. Convention on Multimodal Transportation of Goods 1980 and the Rotterdam Rules.</p> <p>Freight forwarding: Functions of freight forwarders and relevant standard trading conditions.</p>

Teaching/Learning Methodology	<p>In lectures, the general principles of the syllabus topics will be presented and developed, along with guidance on further readings and activities. The blackboard will be used to provide learning materials and discuss various issues.</p> <p>In tutorials, students will practice the legal method through the discussion and analysis of legal cases or issues.</p>																																															
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<p>Reading List and References</p>	<p>Baughen, Simon (2023). Shipping Law, 8th ed., London and New York: Routledge Taylor & Francis Group</p> <p>Chan, Felix W. H., et al, (2002). Shipping and logistics law: principles and practice in Hong Kong, 1st ed, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press</p> <p>Clarke, M & Yates, D, (2008). Contracts of Carriage by Land and Air, 2nd ed, London: Informa Law</p> <p>Glass, D, (2012). Freight Forwarding and Multimodal Transport Contracts, 2nd ed, London: Informa Professional</p> <p>Goldby, Miriam (2019). Electronic Documents in Maritime Trade: Law and Practice. 2nd Ed. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Rogers, Anthony, et al, (2019). Cases and Materials on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 5th ed., London: Routledge</p> <p>Wilson, John F., (2010). Carriage of Goods by Sea, 7th ed, England: Pearson Education Ltd</p> <p> </p> <p><i>Recommended periodicals, newspapers</i></p> <p>Journal of Business Law</p> <p>Lloyd’s List</p> <p>Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly</p> <p>Lloyd’s Maritime Law Newsletter</p> <p>Journal of International Maritime Law</p> <p>Tulane Maritime Law Journal</p>
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