

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

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| Subject Code | LGT5064 |
| Subject Title | Shipping Law |
| Credit Value | 3 |
| Level | 5 |
| Normal Duration | 1-semester |
| Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion | Nil |
| Role and Purposes | <p>To equip the students with the knowledge of principles of law of carriage of goods and enable them to foresee legal difficulties in making business decisions and to solve some basic legal problems in shipping practice.</p> <p>This subject contributes to the following Intended Learning Outcomes for the MSc programme(s):</p> <p>MSc in International Shipping and Transport Logistics (Mixed-mode/Full time Stream)</p> <p>#4 Solve basic legal problems in shipping</p> |
| Subject 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 by applying the legal method and conducting legal researches |
| Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus | <p>Sea: Carrier's rights and obligations at common law and under Hague Rules, Hague-Visby Rules, Hamburg Rules, Hong Kong Carriage of Goods by Sea Ordinance; Function of Shipping Documents including Bills of Lading, Delivery Orders, Mate's Receipts, Sea Waybills, Electronic Bills of lading; Charter parties: voyage, time and demise charterparties.</p> <p>Land and Air: Carrier's rights and obligations under CMR, COTIF/CIM and Warsaw Convention. Function of related documents including consignment notes and air waybills.</p> <p>Multimodal / Combined transport: analysis of 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, together with guidance on further readings and activities. The blackboard will be used to provide learning materials and discuss different issues.</p> <p>In tutorials, students will have the chance to practice the legal method through the discussion and analysis of legal cases.</p> |

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| Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes | Specific assessment methods/tasks | % weighting | Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate) | | | | |
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| | Legal case presentation | 25% | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | Mid-term test | 25% | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | Examination | 50% | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | Total | 100 % | | | | | |
| | <p>Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:</p> <p>Students will be asked to apply legal method to provide solutions to problems which are practical and real.</p> | | | | | | |
| Student Study Effort Expected | Class contact: | | | | | | |
| | ▪ Lectures / Tutorials | | | | | | 39 Hrs. |
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| | Other student study effort: | | | | | | |
| | ▪ Voluntary test and quiz | | | | | | 42 Hrs. |
| | ▪ Further readings | | | | | | 45 Hrs. |
| | Total student study effort | | | | | | 126 Hrs. |

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| <p>Reading List and References</p> | <p>Baughen, Simon (2015) Shipping Law, 6th 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>Rogers, Anthony, et al, (2016) Cases and Materials on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 4th ed., London and New York: Routledge Taylor & Francis Group</p> <p>Wilson, John F., (2010) Carriage of Goods by Sea, 7th ed, England: Pearson Education Ltd</p> <p><i>Recommended periodicals, newspapers</i></p> <p>Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce</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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