



LAWS5086

Law of the Sea

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Macquarie Law School

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

130cp including LAWS2000 or LAWS259 or LAWS459

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The oceans cover five sevenths of the planet's surface and are undoubtedly one of the world's most important resources given the economic, political, strategic and social interests at play.

This unit examines the different maritime zones, addresses the regulation of activities undertaken on the oceans, and considers how the demands of different states have impacted on this complex legal regime.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Explain and analyse the role of the key actors and institutions involved in the law of the sea and the legal principles governing that maritime activity.

ULO2: Evaluate and critique the interests of states in their decision-making in relation to maritime governance, assessing the relative strengths and weaknesses of conflicting views over ocean space and use.

ULO3: Resolve factual problems to elucidate, apply and assess relevant legal principles in the law of the sea.

ULO4: Apply professional communication skills in the context of the law of the sea and its related institutions.

General Assessment Information

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a **5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted**, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted.

This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessments (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). **Late submission of time-sensitive tasks** (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) **will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.**

Students should be aware of and apply the University policy on academic integrity and honesty. All assessments are submitted electronically. Turnitin plagiarism detection software is used in this unit to check all written assessments.

Students should carefully check that they submit the correct file for an assessment as no re-submissions will be accepted after the due date and time, including instances where students upload an incorrect file in error.

Word limits will be strictly applied and work above the word limit will not be marked.

All assessments must be appropriately referenced, applying the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (4th ed).

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Legal Research Paper	50%	No	20/09/2023
Short Problem Questions	30%	No	15/11/2023
Participation and Engagement	20%	No	Ongoing

Legal Research Paper

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **20/09/2023**

Weighting: **50%**

Students will be required to research answers to contemporary problems related to the law of the sea

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Short Problem Questions

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 6 hours

Due: **15/11/2023**

Weighting: **30%**

Final assessment of the unit requiring the resolution of legal problems in a time-limited assessment

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Participation and Engagement

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 24 hours

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will participate in online or face to face discussions, role plays, debates and problem solving activities

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Summary

This Unit provides a comprehensive overview of the international law of the sea, encompassing the rules and principles binding States in their international relations on maritime matters. Throughout the Unit, students develop a theoretical understanding as well as practical knowledge of the relevant legal and regulatory framework. They explore the primary sources of the law of the sea, including treaties, customary law, and judicial practice. These sources are then tested in various contexts, such as protecting the marine environment, managing vulnerable species, regulating deep-sea activities, and peacefully resolving disputes between States. In doing so, students analyse real-life examples, current problems and challenges, and ongoing disputes using the general principles, rules, and procedures of international law.

Prescribed Textbook

Yoshifumi Tanaka, *The International Law of the Sea* (4th edition, Cambridge University Press 2023)

Taught Topics Include

- Law of the Sea: History, Sources, Key Concepts & Principles
- Internal Waters, Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone
- Continental Shelf & Exclusive Economic Zone
- Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries

- High Seas & Deep Seabed
- Fisheries & Marine Resources Management
- Marine Scientific Research
- Marine Environmental Protection
- Dispute Settlement, Role of International Courts & Tribunals
- Climate Change in the Oceans

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the

expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.