



**Curriculum  
of  
LLM in Maritime Law Program**

**Department of Maritime Law & Policy  
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## 1. Introduction to the University

**1.1 Introduction:** The victory over maritime boundary delimitation with neighbouring countries opened a new window in the maritime arena of Bangladesh. Vast sea area along with scarcity in land based resources has made it imperative to boost up our economy through effective exploration of sea resources. Keeping this in perspectives honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina outlined the concept of blue economy and underscored the importance of effective manpower in the maritime sector.

In order to create effective human resources, the first ever specialized university Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, Bangladesh (BSMRMU) was established in 2013 after the name of the Father of the nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Our motto is “We strive for Maritime Excellence”. The University aims at bringing all maritime professional to a common platform to share knowledge and carryout research for the advancement of maritime sector and developing effective human resources in this sector.

**1.2 Mission:** Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, Bangladesh is committed to provide quality education based on state of the art technological support responsive to the emerging challenges at home and abroad.

The university is dedicated to nurture and develop world class professionals, who would serve the mankind with strong sense of ethical values and competence and ready to face the competitive world of maritime business, service and employment.

**1.3 Vision:** Our vision is to promote and create a learning environment for higher maritime education with excellence, through state- of- the- art facilities and gadgets, competent faculty and staff, expanded frontier of research based knowledge and international standards supportive of the new horizons in diverse fields by 2021.

### 1.4 Goals:

- Achieve sustainable development and progress of the university through mutual cooperation with other related universities/ institutions.
- Continue to upgrade educational services and facilities responsive to the demands and requirements of the nation.
- Bring all types of marine professionals on a common platform to share knowledge and perform research and development works for the advancement of country's maritime sector.
- Enhance research consciousness in the maritime sector in discovering new dimensions with the upcoming challenges.
- Accelerate the participation of alumni students and professionals with educational programs and development of projects designed to expand and improve academic standards.
- Teach students on marine science and technology and guide them towards research to enhance contribution to the maritime profession.
- Conduct various educational programmes and research works for sustainable development of the maritime service and industrial sector of the country.

- Educate students on different subjects of maritime management, law and security and strategy and conduct research on allied fields.
- Create conducive environment for students to prepare themselves to serve the nation as future planners/ policy makers/ leaders in maritime sectors in coordination with national and international organizations including International Maritime Organization (IMO).

**1.5 Faculties and Institutes:** The University aspires to have seven teaching faculties and four research institutes. The faculties are:

- Faculty of Maritime Governance and Policy (FMGP)
- Faculty of Shipping Administration (FSA)
- Faculty of Earth and Ocean Science (FEOS)
- Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET)
- Faculty of General Studies (FGS)
- Faculty of Computer Science & Informatics (FCSI)
- Faculty of Maritime Business Studies (FMBS)

Research institutes are: Institute of Professional Language, Institute of Bay of Bengal & Bangladesh Studies, Institute of Renewable Energy & Marine Resource and Institute of Disaster management.

## **2. Introduction to the Faculty of Maritime Governance and Policy:**

Faculty of Maritime Governance & Policy is one of the pioneer faculties of the university. The faculty has special learning environment, innovative course curriculum, methods of teaching, and quality programs. The faculty has three departments namely Department of Maritime Law and Policy, Department of Maritime Security and Strategic Studies and Department of Maritime Safety Administration.

## **3. Introduction to the Department of Maritime Law and Policy**

The Department of Maritime Law & Policy started its journey from the very inception of this University under the Faculty of Maritime Governance and Policy. The Department is committed to provide an excellent teaching and learning environment. Global standard curriculums are followed to impart quality education by the qualified and competent teachers. Graduates of this department will get a unique opportunity to develop their career in the different areas of job market like judicial service, legal practitioners, University Teaching, shipping companies, banks and financial institutions, national and international organizations etc.

## **4. Introduction to the Program**

**4.1 General:** LLM in Maritime Law Program is a specialized post graduate course offered under the Department of Maritime Law & Policy. The duration of the program 18 months (3 semesters). The Program is designed to develop the students with an expertise in the field of Maritime Law by imparting theory cum practically focused legal education of global standard. After successful completion of this Program a student will be professionally competent to choose his career as a specialized lawyer, judge, teacher, researcher, legal executive in the corporate sector and in the international organizations. M. Jur Program is offered to develop knowledge & skills of mariners in the fields of Maritime Law.

**4.2 Division of Semester:** The duration of each semester is 26 weeks. Distribution is as follows:

- |    |                        |          |
|----|------------------------|----------|
| a. | Classes                | 15 weeks |
| b. | Mid Term Examinations  | 02 week  |
| c. | Preparatory Leave      | 02 weeks |
| d. | Term Final Examination | 03 weeks |
| e. | Recess                 | 04 weeks |

**4.3 Admission Criteria:** Every applicant must fulfil the admission requirements as prescribed by BSMRMU. The minimum requirements for admission into the program are:

- a. A candidate with LLB degree with minimum CGPA 2.50 or second class or its equivalent from any public university or from any well reputed private university is eligible for admission.
- b. A candidate with third division / third class or equivalent at any level of educational examinations (SSC, HSC, and Graduation) is not eligible for admission in this program.
- c. Mariners with minimum 5 years of service experience may apply for Masters in Law Program. In such case, the degree title will be M. Jur. Students of M. Jur program will have to complete few additional courses prescribed under this curriculum.
- d. Applicants with GCE must have passed at least five subjects in O level (including mathematics) and at least two subjects in A level. However, applicant having more than two 'D' grades in O level and/or more than one 'D' grades in A level shall not be eligible for admission.
- e. Applicants having at least two years job/professional experience shall be given preference.
- f. Foreign applicants shall apply through their respective embassy.

**4.4 Admission Test:** All eligible applicants shall be required to appear the admission test as per BSMRMU Admission Policy/regulations for LLM Maritime Law Program. Admission test shall normally be comprised of written test and viva voce. Only written test qualified applicant shall be called for viva voce.

**4.5 Final Selection and Registration:** The final selection for admission shall be based on Admission Test result. Selected candidates shall be registered with the programme in accordance with the procedures as laid down by BSMRMU.

**4.6 Degree Requirement:** Degree requirements are as follows:

- a. Passing of all courses with minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.50 (C+) in 4.00 point grading scale at the end of the program.
- b. Completion of Dissertation with a minimum grade of 2.50 (C+).

**4.7 Credit Earned:** The Courses in which a student has obtained ‘D’ or a higher Grade will be counted as credits earned by him/her. Any course in which a student has obtained ‘F’ grade will not be counted towards his/her earned credits.

**4.8 Grading System:** Letter grades and corresponding grade points will be awarded in accordance with the provisions (unified UGC grading system) shown below:

Grade	Grade points	Numerical Markings
A+	4.0	80% and above
A	3.75	75% to below 80%
A-	3.50	70% to below 75%
B+	3.25	65% to below 70%
B	3.00	60% to below 65%
B-	2.75	55% to below 60%
C+	2.50	50% to below 55%
C	2.25	45% to below 50%
D	2.00	40% to below 45%
F	0.00	below 40%
I	Incomplete	-
W	Withdrawn	-
X	Projects/Thesis continuation	-
E	Expelled	Due to exam offence

**4.9 Eligibility for Appearing Term Final Examination:** An examinee shall be eligible for appearing at the term final examination upon fulfilment of the following conditions:

- a. The examinee submitted an application for appearing at the term final exam in the prescribed form (hard copy/Online) to the Controller of Examinations through his/her department/institutes.
- b. The examinee has paid the prescribed examination fees and all outstanding dues (including dues of hall/mess for resident students) of the university.
- c. The examinee has attended minimum 75% of classes held in an individual course.
- d. The examinee, who has attended from 60% to below 75% of classes, may be eligible to sit for the examination subject to the payment of non-collegiate fees fixed by BSMRMU.

**4.10 Course Waiver:** A student with relevant degrees from reputed universities may get maximum 16 credits waiver provided they fulfil the following conditions:

- a. Obtained at least a ‘B’ grade or 1<sup>st</sup> class in a similar course in the earlier program
- b. Minimum least 70% of the course contents are similar

All applications for course waiver will be reviewed by Equivalence Committee on a case-by-case basis and finally shall be approved by the Academic Council of BSMRMU.

**4.11 Retaking a Course:** It is expected that students will obtain degree by clearing the entire offered courses of specified credit hours as per the syllabus within academic period of three years. In case of failure to do so by any student the following guiding policies shall be adopted:

- a. A student obtaining F grade in a course may be allowed to repeat the course with the prior approval of Head of the Department on the recommendation of the course coordinator. Such approval shall be reported to the BPGSR and academic council.
- b. A student shall not be allowed to continue the programme if he/she obtains a total of three or more F grades in any term/semester.
- c. If at the end of the second or any subsequent semester, the cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 he/she shall not be allowed to continue in the programme.
- d. Two courses may be repeated for improvement with the prior approval of the Head of the Department on the recommendation of the course coordinator. Such approval shall be reported to the BPGSR and academic council.

**5. Vision of the Program:**

Developing world-class postgraduate to penetrate the maritime legal professionals.

**6. Mission of the Program:**

Supporting and structuring industry attractive curriculum and state of the art teaching.

**7. Program Outcomes:**

Program outcomes are as follows:

- An ability to apply the knowledge of maritime law in the field of legal profession.
- An ability to formulate maritime legal problems and develop practical solutions.
- An ability to work effectively in teams and provide leadership.
- An ability to effectively communicate orally, graphically and in writing.
- An understanding of managerial, professional and ethical responsibility.

**8. Learning Outcomes**

After successful completion of the program,

- students will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the core doctrines of maritime law;
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of the specific aspects of maritime law that are relevant to their legal practices and careers;
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of contemporary legal scholarship in maritime law and an ability to participate in and potentially publish their own work in scholarly debate;
- Students will demonstrate an ability to market themselves to Bangladesh and international employers through their knowledge and skills acquired in this program.

## 9. Generic Skills:

The generic skills for the program is primary maritime law, marine insurance, admiralty law, shipping law and English for Legal Profession.

## 10. Curriculum Structure

LLM in Maritime Law Program consists of the following categories of courses:

Category	No. of Courses	Credits	Percentage
Fundamental Courses	3	9	16.67%
Core Courses	6	18	33.33%
Elective courses	2	6	11.11%
Dissertation	1	10	18.52%
Skill Development Courses	3	11	30.37%
Total	15	54	<b>100%</b>

## 11. Course Schedule

<b>First Semester (17 credits)</b>		
Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 501: English for Legal Professionals	3	42
ML 502: Introduction to Shipping	3	42
ML 515: Law of the Sea	3	42
ML 516: Shipping Law	3	42
ML 517: Admiralty Law	3	42
DEV 501: Study Tour/Field Trip-1	1	3-4 days
DEV 502: Student Concluding Seminar-1	1	2-3 days
Total	17	
<b><u>Foundation courses for M.Jure Program</u></b>		
ML 541: Legal System of Bangladesh	3	42
ML 543: Maritime Legislation	3	42
<b>Second Semester (17 credits)</b>		
Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 518: Law of Carriage	3	42
ML 519: Law of Maritime Environment	3	42
ML 520: Law of Marine Insurance	3	42
ML 503: Legal Research Methodology	3	42
DEV 507: Law Clinic & Moot Court-1	3	42
DEV 503: Study Tour/Field Trip-2	1	3-4 days
DEV 504: Student Concluding Seminar-2	1	2-3 days
Total	17	



<b><u>Foundation courses for M.Jur Program</u></b>		
ML 542: Public International Law	3	48
<b>Third Semester</b>		
<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
DEV 505: Study Tour/Field Trip-3	0	3-4 days
DEV 506: Student Concluding Seminar-3	1	2-3 days
DEV 508: Law Clinic & Moot Court-2	3	42
ML 500: Dissertation	10	--
<b>Any two of the following courses:</b> ML 525: Maritime Safety & Security Law ML 526: Maritime Labour Law ML 527: Commercial Arbitration Law ML 529: International Trade Law	3 X 2	42+42
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	

## 12. Teaching Strategy:

The teaching strategy of the program is mainly lecture based. Other teaching strategies include; case analysis, group discussion, workshop, seminar, and fieldwork learning etc.

## 13. Assessment Strategy:

**13.1 Theoretical Courses:** The performance of the theoretical courses shall be evaluated through continuous assessment and semester final examination. Forty percent (40%) of marks of a course shall be allotted for continuous assessment and remaining sixty percent (60%) shall be allotted to the Semester Final Examination. The continuous assessment shall include class attendance and participation, quizzes/class test, term paper/assignments/case study and midterm examinations. Distribution of marks is as follows:

- a. Class Attendance: 05%
- b. Observation/ Class Participation: 05%
- c. Term Paper/Assignment/Case Study: 05%
- d. Quizzes/Class Test: 05%
- e. Mid Term Examination: 20%
- f. Term/semester Final Examination: 60%

**13.2 Dissertation/Thesis:** The marks distribution for dissertation is as follows:

Content	Marks
Thesis Report	60%
Presentation	30%
Oral Exam	10%

**13.3 Skill Development Courses:** Developing Course is comprised of three items. They are field trip/ study tour, student concluding seminar and Law Clinic and Moot Court. The performance of the

field trip/ study tour of each student will be evaluated as follows:

Content	Marks
Attendance	20%
Participation	20%
Visit Report	30%
Presentation	30%

The performance of the Student Concluding Seminar of each student will be evaluated as follows:

Content	Marks
Attendance	10%
Submission of Paper	30%
Presentation	40%
Handling Questionnaire	20 %

The performance of Law Clinic and Moot Court of each student will be evaluated as follows:

Content	Marks
Attendance	10%
Participation	10%
Written Exam	40%
Oral Presentation	40%

#### 14. Course Profile

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 501: English for Legal Professionals	3	42

##### Aims:

The aim of the course is to make the students familiar with English terms and maxims frequently used in the courts and arbitration proceedings and to develop their writing, reading, listening and presentation skills in English.

##### Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course the students would be able to:

- use appropriate English terms and maxims in their professional life;
- understand legal texts and law reports written in English;
- prepare legal documents and write assignment for their academic and professional requirements; and
- make presentation in seminar and other professional programs.

##### Syllabus Contents:

Introduction to communication: Definition: importance of communication, Standard Maritime Communication Phrases skills for legal professional; verbal, non-verbal and para-linguistic

communication; Introduction to Legal Practice, Practitioner, Law Officers, Courts, Admiralty Courts, Marine Courts, Prize Courts etc.; Commonly used Legal Terms, Latin Terms and Maxims or Precepts and Doctrines of Law, Principles of Law, Words and Phrases frequently used in the Court Proceedings, Abbreviations and Elaborations related to Law and Administration of Justice in general and particularly in the admiralty court proceedings.

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 502: Introduction to Shipping	3	42

**Aims:**

The aim of the course is to make the students familiar with port and shipping industry and to develop their skills in understanding technical matters in the field of maritime law.

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course the students would be able to:

- understand technical terms in the maritime industry; and
- use their knowledge in understanding and analyzing legal texts and law reports relating to Maritime Law and Policy.

**Syllabus Contents:**

Basic discussion on Port & Shipping, the Trade Theory, Ports and its location, Role and Function of Port, Services provided by Port, Port and Multimodalism; Port Administrative models, Port Evolution; Economic Role of Port, The port Impact Assessment, Current Challenges; Customer of Ports, Different Types of Commodities, Vessels and the Shippers; The Tramp and Liner Shipping, the economics and the operational, organizational, commercial and legal aspects aspect; The Organization of Shipping Company, Function of Commercial, Operational and Technical Department, in-house vs out sourcing of ship management, The different stake holders Midterm; Classification Society, its origin, function and the International Association of Classification Society (IACS); Ship registry system, National Flag, Open Registry, Flag state and Coastal state; the navigational Services render by port, the role of harbor master and the VTS; Cargo Operation, the stowage plan, Different types of Terminal and the handling Equipments; Terminal Productivity and Port Performance Indicator; Port Competition, Marketing and Logistics; the role of maritime convention and national legislation, Role of different stake holders; the International Maritime Organization, its origin, functions, the different committee and their functions the conventions; the international organizations like, UNCTAD, ILO, WHO and others non-governmental organizations; the leading ports and the GTOs, Information and Communication technologies in Port; Bill of Lading; Carriage of Goods; Inco-terms.

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 503: Legal Research Methodology	3	42

**Aims:**

This course aims to provide the students with the knowledge and skills necessary to undertake legal research. Students will examine the sources of legal information and various methods of locating these sources together with the skills necessary to research legal topics and to use legal references.

## Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- recognise primary and secondary sources of legal research material;
- use and apply secondary sources, case law and legislation using both paper based and online resources to a research problem;
- develop correct research strategies to critically evaluate the relevance, quality, authority and currency of the research materials; and
- demonstrate good legal writing skills, including an understanding of the use and preparation of legal research material in legal writing and the correct methods of legal referencing.

## Syllabus Contents:

Introduction: Legal Research- Evolution, Changing Emphasis and Contemporary Trends in general and specific to Bangladesh; Different Kinds of Legal Research: Doctrinal, Non-Doctrinal/Empirical/Socio-Legal, Inter/Multidisciplinary, Historical; Research: Meaning, Objectives, Motivations, Types and Significance, Method and Methodology, Scientific Method, Research Process; Formulating Research Problem: Literature Review, Hypothesis, Research Design; Sampling Procedures: Probability and Non-Probability Sampling; Methods of Data Collection: Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Schedules, Case Study Organisation, Interpretation and Analysis of Data; Report Writing: Use of Citations, Foot Notes, Reference, Bibliography, Indexes, Appendixes; Tools of Legal Research: Library, Books, Law Reports, Law Commission Reports, Legislative and Constitutional Assembly Reports, Computer/Internet; Legal Research and Law Reforms: Role of Judges and Jurists, Recommendations of Commissions and Committees etc.; Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement; How to write a Dissertation/Thesis.

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 515: Law of the Sea	3	42

## Aims

The aim of the course is to enlighten student with the process of delimitation of maritime boundary of a coastal state, rights and duties of coastal and land locked state in the sea area; state obligation for marine environment; state liability for violating innocent passage; accelerating international passage through transit; and the dispute settlement procedure among the member states.

## Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course the student will be able to identify and analyze:

- The extent of maritime boundary under International Law; the process of determining maritime boundary along with the duties and rights for the coastal state.
- Application of civil and criminal jurisdiction within maritime boundary of a coastal state.
- The reciprocity of state obligation in exploring its natural resources and duties therefor.
- Adoption of national marine policy to explore marine resource.
- International adjudicatory process to solve maritime boundary related dispute.

## Syllabus Contents:

Historical background, general introduction and elements of the law of the sea, principles of the law

of the sea, baselines, internal waters, territorial sea, straits used for international navigation, archipelagic states, contiguous zone, continental shelf, exclusive economic zone, fisheries, land-locked and geographically disadvantaged states, the high seas, prohibition of transport of slaves, piracy, Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs or Psychotropic Substances, Unauthorized Broadcasting, Right of Visit, Right of Hot Pursuit, Submarine Cables and Pipelines, regime of islands, enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, legal regime of the arctic, international seabed area, the International Seabed Authority, the System of Exploitation of Deep Seabed Resources, marine scientific research, development and transfer of marine technology, protection of underwater cultural heritage, settlement of disputes.

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 516: Shipping Law	3	42

### **Aims:**

The aim of the course is to make student familiar with the pre-conditions for registration of Ship; nationality of ship; proprietary interest in ship; mortgage and mode of transfer of ship; special features of ship building contract; maritime lien and claim; and the process of enforcement of maritime claim. The course is suitable for those who want to know the process for the registration of ship in analysis of rights and duties for flag ship.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this course student would be able to:

- Know how to registrar a ship in a country and what are the rights and privileges under shipping law of that country.
- Examine the global practice as to determining nationality of ship.
- Understand maritime lien and maritime claim for taking action through Admiralty court.
- Get introduced with liabilities in mortgage of Ship.
- Demonstrate proficiency in drafting Ship building contract.

### **Syllabus Contents:**

Nationality, registration and ownership of Ships; the Concept of ‘Genuine Link’; Types of Ship Registries- Closed Registries, Open Registries, International Registries; Types of Ship Registration- Regular Registration, Bareboat Registration, Provisions on Ship Registration in the Convention on the High Seas, 1958, Provisions on Ship Registration in UNCLOS, United Nations Convention on Conditions for Registration of Ships, 1986; Proprietary interests in Ships, Acquisition and Transfer of Title and Ownership in Ships, Shipbuilding Contracts, Agreements Ancillary to Shipbuilding Contracts, Standard Forms of Contracts, Ship Conversion Contracts, Commercial Practices, Sale and Purchase of Second-hand Tonnage, Sale and Purchase of Second-hand Tonnage Contracts (Formation of the Contract, Rights and Obligations of the Parties Involved), Standard Forms of Contracts, Alternative Security Arrangements , Commercial Practices, Security Rights in Ships; Nature and Characteristics of Ship Mortgages and Hypothecs, Mortgages and Hypothecs Distinguished, Formation of Ship Mortgages and Hypothecs, Registration of Ship Mortgages and Hypothecs, Rights and Duties of the Parties Involved, Priority and Ranking of Ship Mortgages and Hypothecs, Extinction of Ship Mortgages and Hypothecs, Conflict of Laws in Relation to Ship Mortgages and Hypothecs.

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 517: Admiralty Law	3	42

**Aims:**

The course aims to familiar the students with the jurisdiction of the Admiralty court and its procedures under the legal framework of Bangladesh.

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course students should be able to:

- understand admiralty jurisdiction and procedure of admiralty matters in Bangladesh; and
- Enforcement mechanism of maritime claims and maritime liens.

**Syllabus Contents:**

Admiralty jurisdiction and procedure: Introduction and nature of jurisdiction; enforceable maritime claims; Exercise of jurisdiction, actions *in rem* and *in personam*, maritime liens and procedure; Rules and doctrines restricting the jurisdiction of the Admiralty court; Convention jurisdiction basis and multiple proceedings; Safety regulations in navigation, liabilities and limitation of liability, Collision regulations for conduct of vessels, Criminal liabilities for breach of statutes or breach of duty, Civil liabilities for negligence causing damage; apportionment of loss and measure of damages; limitation of liability, assistance at sea and in ports, the concept of salvage under maritime law and the Salvage Conventions, preconditions and elements of salvage; salvage agreements; assessment of award and special compensation; Liability of salvors for negligence and limitation, towage contracts; liabilities to third parties arising from negligence during towage, the law regulating the rights and obligations of port authorities and pilots.

Sources of Maritime Liens and Privileges; Nature and Characteristics of Maritime Liens and Privileges; Distinction between Liens/Privileges and Mortgages/Hypothecs; Types of Maritime Liens and Privileges; Priority and Ranking of Maritime Liens and Privileges; Enforcement of Maritime Liens and Privileges; Extinction of Maritime Liens and Privileges ; Conflict of Laws in Relation to Maritime Liens and Privileges.

Enforcement of Maritime Claims, *In Rem* and *In Personam* Proceedings, Arrest of Ships, Mareva Injunction and Attachment, Establishing Jurisdiction for the Enforcement of Maritime Claims

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 518: Law of Carriage	3	42

**Aims:**

The course is structured with a view to enhancing student’s knowledge on maritime transport of goods and passengers; rights and liabilities of the contracting parties; special feature of chartering and bill of Lading; warranty of seaworthiness; and forms of maritime transports under various international and regional conventions.

**Learning Outcomes:**

The course will make students efficient in-

- Analyzing charter parties and Bill of Lading.
- Documentation of maritime transport related disputes in the Admiralty court.
- Application of general and special canons of maritime practices all over the world.
- Meeting the challenges of newly adopted multimodal transport system under international convention and solving the obligation regime of the carrier and assignee.

### **Syllabus Contents:**

Carriage of Goods by Sea under Bill of Lading Terms, Bills of Lading and Other Transport Documents (Sea Waybills, Delivery Orders, Through Bills of Lading), Conventions Relating to International Carriage of Goods by Sea, Different Types of Charter parties, Rights and Obligations of the Parties Involved, Bills of Lading Issued under Charter parties, Multimodal Transport, Multimodal Transport Documents, United Nations Convention on International Multimodal Transport of Goods, Impact of the Rotterdam Rules on Multimodal Transport, carriage of passengers and their luggage.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
ML 519: Law of Maritime Environment	3	42

### **Aims:**

The objective of the course is to provide an understanding of the various contentions of marine environment under International conventions. The course aims to orient students to know the specific obligation to protect and preserve marine environment generally and maritime environment with specific focus, such as preventing, controlling and mitigating pollution of marine environment from land based sources, ship, hazardous wastage and ballast water.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of the course student will be capable of-

- Identifying the magnificent dimensions of marine environment and its pollution.
- Analyzing international legal framework for law of Maritime Environment under international conventions in comparison to municipal legislations.
- Conducting research with any specific aspects of Marine environment either based on regional or global issue.
- To be employed for consulting on adoption of national Marine Spatial Planning or other drafting any other legislation on Maritime environment.

### **Syllabus Contents:**

Historical Background, Development of Principles for the Sustainable Development of the Environment under the United Nations Conferences, UNEP and its Regional Seas Program, Basis of Liability for Marine Pollution, Law of Negligence in Relation to Marine Pollution, Doctrine of Strict Liability/Polluter Pays Principle, Criminal Law Relating to Marine Pollution: Application of Mens Rea, State Responsibility, Inter-Relationship between Prevention of Pollution of the Marine Environment and Protection and Conservation of the Living Resources of the Sea, Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment, preparedness, response, cooperation, pollution liability and

compensation.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
ML 520: Law of Marine Insurance	3	42

**Aims:**

The aim of this course is to orient students the basics of marine insurance so that they can apply this knowledge in identifying obligation of the insurer and rights of the insured vessel under the legal provisions and practices globally.

**Learning Outcomes:**

The student will be able to describe/identify/explain/discuss/analyze:

- The contingent nature of marine insurance and its subject matter to determine insurable interest under insurance contract.
- The calculation of total loss apart from the freight loss and partial loss.
- Act as consultant in evaluating the global limitations and insurer's liability in marine insurance.

**Syllabus Contents:**

The Nature and Extent of Marine Insurance, Subject Matter Insured, Principles of marine insurance, Formation and Form of the Marine Insurance Contract, Preliminaries to the Issue of a Policy, the Role of Marine Insurance Brokers, Payment of Premium and Duration of Cover, Classification of Marine Policies, Conditions and Warranties in Marine Insurance, Change of Voyage, Deviation and Delay, Measure of Indemnity, Standard Insurance Clauses, Marine Perils, Marine Losses, recovery of marine insurance claim.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
DEV 507: Law Clinic & Moot Court - 1	3	42

**Aims:**

The aims of this course are to orient students about drafting skill of pleadings and petitions to be submitted before the admiralty court and arbitration tribunals and to familiar with the code of conduct of lawyers.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- draft pleadings and petitions to be submitted before the admiralty court and arbitration tribunals; and
- conduct a properly in the admiralty court.

**Syllabus Contents:**

Drafting of various pleadings, applications to be submitted before Admiralty Court. Procedure of



Admiralty Court. Code of conduct of lawyers practicing in the Admiralty Court.

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
DEV 508: Law Clinic & Moot Court - 2	3	42

**Aims:**

The aims of this course are to orient students about presentation skill before the admiralty court and arbitration tribunals.

**Learning Outcomes:**

The student will be able to:

- present the case properly in the admiralty court and arbitral tribunal.

**Syllabus Contents:**

Hearing skills in the Admiralty Court: Examination in chief, cross examination and arguments.

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 525: Maritime Safety & Security Law	3	42

**Aims:**

The course highlights on related international legislations on various aspects of safety and security in sea. Moreover, the course covers the legal arena for liability in marine collision; salvages and wrecks; towage; pilot age; piracy, hijacking and armed robbery at sea.

**Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of this course, students are expected to be able to-

- use the basic provisions of International conventions to establish national, regional and global individual and collective responsibility for maritime safety and security; and
- act as attorney on behalf of client filing suit for the violation of the safety measures by the concerned authority and claiming compensation for suffering.

**Syllabus Contents:**

Ship's Safety, Cargo Safety, Occupational Safety, Classification Societies, Human Element and Safety Management, Ship Operation, Manning Standards and Certification of Seafarers, Principles of Safe Manning, Navigational Safety, Aids to Navigation, Maritime Signals and Beacons, Radio Aids, Meteorological Aids, Hydrographic Aids, Control of Ship Safety, Flag State Control, Substandard Ships and Actions against Substandard Shipping, Port State Control, Liability in Collision Cases, Jurisdiction in Collision Cases, Apportionment of Fault in Collision Cases, Principles of the Law of Salvage, Salvage and the Environment, Relationship between Towage and Salvage, Towage Contracts, Implied Obligations of Tug and Tow, Collisions Occurring During a Towage Service, Legal Status of a Pilot, Compulsory Pilotage, Duties of the Master and Pilot during the Pilotage Service, Illegal Interference during the Pilotage Service, Liability of a Pilot, Master and Harbour

Authorities.

Piracy, Hijacking And Armed Robbery against Ships, United Nations Measures to Combat Piracy, IMO Measures to Combat Piracy, Code of Practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships, Human Smuggling and Human Trafficking, trafficking of illicit arms, maritime terrorism and unlawful acts, International Ship and Port Facility Security.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
ML 526: Maritime Labour Law	3	42

**Aims:**

The aims of this course are to make the students familiar with minimum requirements for seafarers to work on a ship, Conditions of employment, Accommodation, recreational facilities, food and catering, Health protection, medical care, welfare and social security protection, Compliance and enforcement of the Maritime Labour Convention.

**Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of this course, students are expected to be able to understand-

- minimum requirements for seafarers to work on a ship;
- conditions of employment, accommodation, recreational facilities, food and catering, Health protection, medical care, welfare and social security protection on a ship; and
- compliance and enforcement of the Maritime Labour Convention.

**Syllabus Contents:**

Minimum requirements for seafarers to work on a ship, Conditions of employment, Accommodation, recreational facilities, food and catering, Health protection, medical care, welfare and social security protection on ship, Compliance and enforcement of the Maritime Labour Convention.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
ML 527: Commercial Arbitration Law	3	42

**Aims:**

The aims of the course are to familiar the students with international commercial arbitration rules and regulations.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Students who complete the course successfully will familiar with-

- international commercial arbitration rules and regulations; and
- the legal framework for the settlement of commercial dispute through arbitration.

**Syllabus Contents:**

Determination of applicable law, Applicable substantive law, Transnational rules, *lex mercatoria* and trade usages, Law governing the arbitration procedure, Commencement of arbitration; terms of reference/procedural directions, Procedural issues, Taking evidence, Determination of jurisdiction, Provisional measures, Multi-party and multi-contract disputes, Form and content of award, Finality and challenges to award, Recognition and enforcement of award.

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
ML 528: International Trade Law	3	42

**Aims:**

The objective of the course is to introduce the conceptual background of the subject along with existing and ongoing developments in the area of International Trade and World Trade Organisation's (WTO) Agreements.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Students who complete the course successfully will familiar with-

- the conceptual background of the International Trade
- existing and ongoing developments in the area of International Trade and World Trade Organisation's (WTO) Agreements.
- the legal framework for the settlement of International trade dispute.

**Syllabus Contents:**

International Trade and Commerce; Basic Idea on International Trade; Origin and Development of International Trade Law; Nature and Scope; International Trading System – liberalization of trade and Commerce; The globalization of the world economic, political and financial system; the role of international trade in the global development and international trade; the international trade and human rights; International legal framework for the International trade; Different principles, terms and issues; Sources of International Trade Law, Principle of MFN and corresponding legal regime of Trade; Discriminatory regimes in International Trade; GATT/WTO and the principles of free trade; Tariffs, trade measures, export/import duties in International Trade; Dispute Resolution in International Trade & Arbitration; Legal peculiarities of an International Commercial contract; International contracts of the sale of goods; Principles of International Commercial Contracts.

Course Code and Title	Credits	Contact Hours
500: Dissertation	10	--

**Aims:**

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to develop deeper knowledge, understanding, capabilities and attitudes in the context of the programme of study.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Students who complete the course successfully will able to-

- plan and write a suitable dissertation proposal;

- display evidence of understanding the requirements of focusing research ideas;
- display evidence of understanding the requirements of dissertation writing;
- plan and write a dissertation that evaluates and synthesises written materials;
- display evidence of independent research skills; and
- engage in a sustained piece of individual, academic research on a chosen topic.

### **Syllabus Contents:**

Every student will have to produce a Dissertation (not less than 10,000 words) on a selective topic. The student, in consultation with the concerned course teacher/supervisor will choose the topic and the topic is to be approved by the competent authority.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
ML 541: Legal System of Bangladesh	3	42

### **Aims**

The aims of this course are to familiar the students with an overview of the Bangladesh legal system and shows how governmental and judicial legal systems operate.

### **Learning outcomes:**

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- understand the meaning and main sources of law in Bangladesh;
- understand the basic court structure in Bangladesh;
- describe the law-making process in Bangladesh; and
- understand dispute resolution process and methods.

### **Syllabus Contents:**

Law and Legal System: Branches of Law- Substantive Law, procedural Law, Public Law, private Law, Civil Law, Criminal Law, Commercial Law etc.; Historical Background of the Legal System of Bangladesh: Hindu Period, Muslim Period, British Period, Pakistan Period; Structure of the Court System of Bangladesh: Jurisdiction of the different Courts; Special Courts and Tribunals: Civil Proceedings: Features, Different Stages; Criminal Proceedings: Features, Different Stages; Appeal and Revision: Definitions, General rules, Differences; Legislation: Delegated Legislation; Judicial Precedent; Interpretation of Statutes; the Bangladesh Bar Council.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
ML 542: Public International Law	3	42

### **Aims**

This course provides students with an understanding of the system of public international law which regulates relations between actors on the global stage.

### **Learning outcomes:**

At the end of the course, students will be able to-

- Understand the nature of public international law and the structure of the international legal system;
- Define and apply the basic elements of public international law - its sources and subjects, the recognition and jurisdiction of States in international law and principles of State responsibility;
- Develop an understanding of several key areas of 'public international law' including the law surrounding the use of force and human rights;
- Critically examine the operation and application of international law in practical contexts; and
- Develop effective skills, both orally and in writing, in the construction of legal argument and analysis on issues of international law.

### **Syllabus Contents:**

Definition, Nature and Basis of Public International Law, Development of Public International Law, Relationship Between Public International Law and Municipal Law (UK, USA, India, Bangladesh, China & Russia), Codification of International Law, Sources of Public International Law, Subjects of Public International Law, Definition of State, Condition of Statehood, State Jurisdiction, Recognition of states, Modes of Acquisition and loss of State Territory, Concept of International organization, Rights and Duties of international organization under Public International Law, Treaty Law and the Nature of Obligation under Public International Law, Diplomatic envoys and consuls, Extradition and Asylum, Prohibition of the Use of Force, Exceptions to the Prohibition: Individual and Collective Self Defence, Authorized or Recognised Military Actions, Responsibility to Protect, Air Craft Hijacking and terrorism, Peaceful settlement of International Disputes, International Armed Conflict and Non International Armed Conflict, Effects of outbreak of war.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
ML 543: Maritime Legislation	3	42

### **Aims:**

The course is designed with a view to enabling the students to develop their knowledge and understanding of legislative drafting and law making procedure in Bangladesh in general and in particular transforming international maritime legislations into municipal law of Bangladesh to have a better implementation of international standard.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course students should be able to:

- understand law making procedure of Bangladesh;
- acquire basic legislative drafting skills;
- learn the procedure of incorporating international maritime legislations into municipal law of Bangladesh; and

### **Syllabus Contents:**

Forms of Legislation, Types of Statutes, Anatomy of a Statute, Use of Language in Legislation Drafting, the Drafting Process, the Legislative Process, Relationship between International Law and

Municipal Law, Rules of Statutory Interpretation, Subject Matter of Maritime Legislation, Options for Developing Maritime Legislation, Incorporation of Maritime Conventions into Municipal Law.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
DEV 501: Study Tour/Filed Trip -1	1	3-4 days
DEV 503: Study Tour/Filed Trip -2	1	3-4 days
DEV 505: Study Tour/Filed Trip -3	0	3-4 days

**Aim:**

To orient students with the practical function of different maritime organizations.

**Outcome:**

After the completion of the trip/visit, the students will be able to:

- Explain the practical functions of maritime organisation
- Analyze the duties and responsibilities of different maritime professionals

**Method of Conduct:**

Every semester, there will be one study tour/ field trip. The study tour/ field trip will normally be conducted within the country. However, study tour/ field triphird semester may be conducted in overseas countries subject to availability of sponsorship. All of the visit will be conducted in maritime organizations. like. ports, dockyards, different shipping companies, ICDs, Terminals, Bangladesh Navy, Maritime institutes, Freight forwarder agencies etc.

<b>Course Code and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
DEV 502: Student Concluding Seminar -1	1	2-3 days
DEV 504: Student Concluding Seminar -2	1	2-3 days
DEV 506: Student Concluding Seminar -3	1	2-3 days

**Aim:**

To train the students to conduct the seminar.

**Outcome:**

After the completion of student concluding seminar, the students will be able to:

- Organize any seminar
- Deliver speech in a big platform.

**Method of Operation:**

In each semester there will be one Student Concluding Seminar. Student will organise the whole seminar on their own.