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International Law of the Sea and of the Environment

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Teacher(s)	Gautier Philippe ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The course will examine the following topics: 1) General principles and key notions: sovereignty and jurisdiction, freedom of the high seas, common heritage of mankind, status and limits of the different marine areas, principles of environmental law and notions of responsibility/liability 2) Law of the sea: overview of the legal regime applicable to marine areas (internal waters, territorial sea, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf, high seas, the Area); consideration of current issues (sea-level rise; bio-prospecting, Arctic ocean, piracy and terrorism) Environment: prevention and reparation of transboundary damages, overview of the existing conventional regimes (biodiversity, climate changes, oil pollution) Protection of the marine environment, regulation of fishing activities, protection of the Antarctic
Aims	The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods	Students present a written exam consisting in a practical exercise (casus) and two questions covering specific issues which have been addressed during the lectures. Students may bring texts and documents at the exam (but not the summary of the lectures)
Teaching methods	The lectures are practice-oriented and are focused on case-law. Active participation of students is encouraged. Power-point presentation is used.
Content	The international community is faced with an increasing number of challenges relating to the uses of the sea and the protection of the environment in a transboundary context (sea-level rise, piracy, plastic debris, overfishing, oil spills,). The course intends to examine the legal notions required to understand and deal with these complex issues. To that end, it examines the international legal regime applicable to the maritime areas as well as the principles governing the international protection of the environment, with a particular focus on the regime applicable to the 'global commons' (high seas, Antarctica, Climate). The course will examine the following topics: 1) General principles and key notions: sovereignty and jurisdiction, freedom of the high seas, common heritage of mankind, status and limits of the different marine areas, principles of environmental law and notions of responsibility/liability 2) Law of the sea: overview of the legal regime applicable to marine areas (internal waters, territorial sea, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf, high seas, the Area); consideration of current issues (sea-level rise; bio-prospecting, plastic debris, Arctic ocean, piracy and terrorism) Environment: prevention and reparation of transboundary damages, overview of the existing conventional regimes (biodiversity, climate changes, oil pollution) Protection of the marine environment, regulation of fishing activities, protection of the Antarctic
Inline resources	The lectures are practice-oriented and are focused on case-law. Active participation of students is encouraged. Power-point presentation is used.
Faculty or entity in charge	BUDR

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Master [120] in Law	DROI2M	5		•	
Advanced Master in European Law	DREU2MC	5		•	
Advanced Master in International Law	DRIN2MC	5		٩	
Master [120] in Law (shift schedule)	DRHD2M	5		Q	