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Course Description: International Law of the Sea

1- Basic Information:

Course Name	International Law of the Sea
Course ID	D-ILS-844
Contact Hours (Registered Sessions)	24
Contact Hours (Synchronized Sessions)	28
Mid Term Exam	--
Exam	2
Registered Sessions Work Load	34
Synchronized Session Work Load	36
Credit Hours	5
Course Level	6

2- Pre-Requisites: None

Course	ID
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3- Course General Objectives:

The course aims to introduce the student to the international law of the sea as one of the oldest branches of public international law, by clarifying what is meant by the international law of the sea, and the evolution of its legal rules throughout history; The interest in the sea began since ancient times as a means of transportation and food

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security, and the importance has increased now that the seas have become one of the most prominent components of the national economy, and a means of sustainable energy generation.

he student will be introduced to the sources of the original and subsidiary international law of the seas, bearing in mind that the rules of the law of the sea were customary rules until they were codified in the four Geneva Conventions of 1958, and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in 1982, which are the most prominent conventions in the law of the sea, which will be adopted It shall specify the maritime areas, and define the rights and duties of the coastal and landlocked states over each maritime area.

The student will be introduced to how to draw the normal and straight baselines from which the measurement of marine areas begins, and then the student will learn about the marine areas and determine the sovereignty of the coastal state over them, starting from the internal waters area that is subject to the absolute sovereignty of the coastal state, and which includes a number of areas (bays, estuaries rivers, ports), Next is the territorial sea area, which extends to a distance of (12) nautical miles maximum, starting from the base line, and which is subject to the sovereignty of the coastal state, but this sovereignty is subject to an important restriction, which is the right of innocent passage for foreign ships in peacetime, followed by the contiguous area, the continental shelf and the area Exclusive economic areas, which are areas that are not under the sovereignty of the coastal state, but the coastal state has sovereign rights, the right of jurisdiction and supervision of some activities.

The student will also be introduced to some marine areas of a special nature, such as archipelagic states, natural islands, enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, landlocked and geographically affected states, and an indication of the legal system applied to them. We

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will discuss the lanes used for international navigation, starting with the natural lanes, which are the straits, and determining the traffic regulations applicable to them (innocent passage and transit), and then the industrial sea lanes, which are the channels not covered by the Jamaica Convention in its provisions. Therefore, the agreements related to each of the main channels will be discussed. in the world (Suez, Kiel, Panama).

Finally, the student will learn about the two areas that are not subject to the sovereignty of any state, and they are the high seas area in which all states have the right to exercise traditional freedoms, and we will show the restrictions contained in the principle of freedom of the high seas, Then we will move to the area of the high seas and oceans floor beyond the national jurisdiction of States, which was established by the Jamaica Convention and stipulated the provisions related to it in Part Eleven under the title “The Area”, and established for the investment of its wealth for the benefit of all mankind an international organization is the International Seabed Authority.

4- Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO):

Code	Intended Learning Outcomes
ILO1	Understand what is meant by the international law of the sea and distinguish it from maritime law, know its historical development, and the importance of the seas at the present time.
ILO2	Knowledge of the sources of the international law of the sea, the distinction between original and subsidiary sources, and identification of marine concepts and areas developed by the United Nations Convention on the Law

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	of the Sea.
ILO3	Understand what is meant by internal waters, define their legal system and the areas they include, and know how to draw normal and straight baselines.
ILO4	Determining the legal rules regulating the territorial sea, the developments it has gone through, determining its extent, understanding what is meant by the right of innocent passage, its conditions, and its legal system.
ILO5	Understanding what is meant by the contiguous zone, knowing the rights of the coastal state therein, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf, and knowing the difference in determining the extent of the continental shelf between the Geneva Conventions of the Continental Shelf in 1958 and Jamaica in 1982.
ILO6	Distinguishing between straits and sea channels, distinguishing between the systems of innocent passage and transit passage, and knowing the legal system of the Suez, Kiel and Panama Canals.
ILO7	Understanding what is meant by an archipelagic state, knowing how to draw archipelagic baselines, realizing the impact of natural islands in determining marine extensions, and distinguishing between enclosed and semi-enclosed seas.

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ILO8	Knowing the legal system that governs the high seas, the basic freedoms that all states are entitled to exercise in it, and determining the restrictions imposed on the principle of freedom of the high seas.
ILO9	The ability to define the region, how to invest it as a common heritage of humanity, and to define the tasks of the International Seabed Authority, and the competencies of its organs.

5- Course Syllabus (24 hours of total Recorded Sessions, 28 hours of total synchronized sessions)

- **24:** Recorded Sessions; **28:** Synchronized Sessions;

ILO	Course Syllabus	RS	SS	Type	Additional Notes
ILO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of the International Law of the Sea • Evolution of the rules of the international law of the sea • The importance of the seas 	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Discusses & Dialogue
ILO2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original sources of the international law of the sea • The subsidiary sources of the 	2	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars	Discusses & Dialogue

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	international law of the sea • Resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly relating to the seas			<input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO3	• Internal waters • Drawing baselines	3	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Practical issues and exercises
ILO4	• Territorial sea • Right of Innocent passage	3	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Questions and exercises
ILO5	• Contiguous area • Exclusive economic zone • Continental shelf	3	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Questions and exercises
ILO6	• Straits used for international	3	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises	Discusses &

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	navigation • Maritime channels			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Dialogue
ILO7	• Archipelagic State • natural Island • Enclosed and semi-enclosed seas	3	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Practical issues
ILO8	• High seas • Freedoms of the High Seas • Restrictions on the principle of freedom of the high seas	3	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Questions and exercises
IOL9	• Defining and using the area of the common heritage of mankind • International Seabed Authority	2	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Discusses & Dialogue

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6- Assessment Criteria (Related to ILOs)

ISC	Interactive Synchronized Collaboration	Ex	Exams	Rpt	Reports
PF2F	Presentations and Face-to-Face Assessments	PW	Practice Work		

ILO Code	ILO	Intended Results	Assessment Type				
			ISC	PW	Ex	PF2F	Rpt
ILO1	Know what is meant by the international law of the sea, and the uses of the sea.	Understand and analyze	✓				
ILO2	Determining the sources of the international law of the sea.	Understand and analyze	✓				
ILO3	Knowledge of the legal system of internal waters.	Understand and analyze	✓				✓
ILO4	Determine the territorial sea and know the right of innocent passage.	Understand and analyze	✓				
ILO5	Know the areas under the jurisdiction of the coastal	Understand and analyze	✓				

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	state.						
ILO6	Define traffic regulations on international waterways.	Understand and analyze	✓				
ILO7	Knowledge of the legal status of archipelagos, islands, enclosed and semi-enclosed seas.	Understand and analyze	✓				
ILO8	Determining the principle of freedom of the high seas and the restrictions contained therein.	Understand and analyze	✓				✓
ILO9	Understand what is meant by "area" and international seabed authority.	Understand and analyze	✓				

7- Practice Tools:

Tool Name	Description
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