

## Course Report: Maritime & Transportation Law 2024

This report is based on the course evaluation done at the end of the autumn semester 2023.

Overall, I am content with the course:

1	2	3	4	5
0 %	0 %	0 %	45,5 %	54,5 %

The content of the course was relevant for me to achieve the expected study results:

1	2	3	4	5
0 %	0 %	18,2 %	45,5 %	36,4 %

The teaching gave me good conditions to achieve the expected study results:

1	2	3	4	5
0 %	0 %	45,5 %	9,1 %	45,5 %

The examination tested how well I achieved the expected study results:

1	2	3	4	5
0 %	0 %	27,3 %	27,3 %	45,5 %

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On average per week I have spent approximately the following number of hours on the course, total time including self-study:

1–10	11–20	21-30	41–50	51<
0 %	27,3 %	45,5 %	27,3 %	0 %

Last semester the basic structure of the maritime and transportation law course was changed. The new structure was further developed this semester. All lectures have now been replaced by a number of case seminars including mock trials and different types of negotiations in order to increase the activity and in the end the students' learning results. In order to help the students to read the textbooks as a part of the preparation of the case seminars some lectures have been recorded and a number of multiple-choice tests developed.

The traditional exam has been replaced by a continuous examination through the whole course. The grade is based on the papers submitted, the case seminars and the final case. The latter is based on a fictive sea accident and lasts from Monday to Friday. It forms an opportunity for the students to practise much of the theoretical knowledge practical skills they have gained during the initial part of the course before Christmas.

It seems that the students were very content with the course although some students are asking for more traditional lectures. Due to budget constraints, it is not possible to arrange any live lectures but a number of recorded lectures will be added to the existing ones.

There is also a need for modernising the course literature. The latest edition of one of the main text books was published in 2016.

Appendix: Course Evaluation Autumn Semester 2024.

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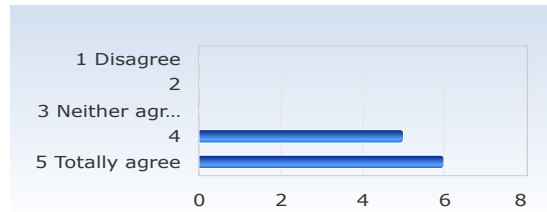
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# Survey Maritime & Transportation Law Autumn 2024

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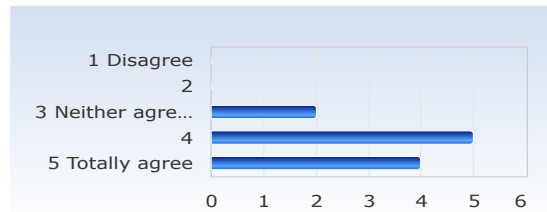
## 1. Overall I'm content with the course.

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1 Disagree	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3 Neither agree nor disagree	0 (0,0%)
4	5 (45,5%)
5 Totally agree	6 (54,5%)
Total	11 (100,0%)



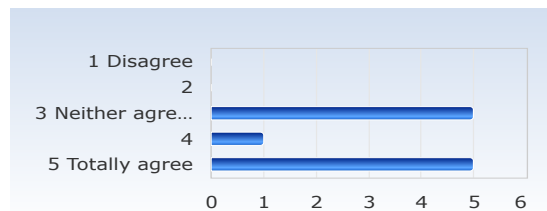
## 2. The content of the course was relevant for me to achieve the expected study results.

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1 Disagree	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	2 (18,2%)
4	5 (45,5%)
5 Totally agree	4 (36,4%)
Total	11 (100,0%)



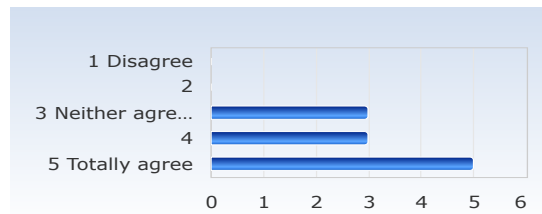
## 3. The content of the course was relevant for me to achieve the expected study results. The teaching gave me good conditions to achieve the expected study results.

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1 Disagree	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	5 (45,5%)
4	1 (9,1%)
5	5 (45,5%)
Total	11 (100,0%)



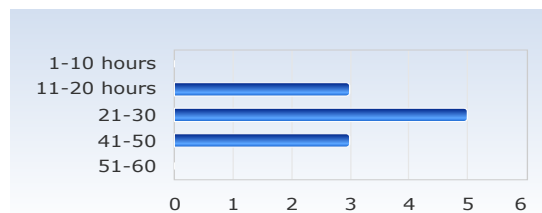
#### 4. The examination(s) tested how well I achieved the expected study results.

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1 Disagree	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3 Neither agree nor disagree	3 (27,3%)
4	3 (27,3%)
5 Totally agree	5 (45,5%)
Total	11 (100,0%)



#### 5. On average, per week I have spent approximately the following number of hours on the course, total time including self-study.

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1-10 hours	0 (0,0%)
11-20 hours	3 (27,3%)
21-30	5 (45,5%)
41-50	3 (27,3%)
51-60	0 (0,0%)
Total	11 (100,0%)



#### 6. What was the best aspect of the course?

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The assessment structure
The interaction with exeperts from the field and the tutorials
The essays
The variation of legal areas
The practical approach
I very much enjoyed the group study opportunities and the practical aspects of the course.
Very practical and generally on a high level

What was the best aspect of the course?
Being assessed in person and through essays I found an interesting and engaging challenge that kept me engaged week to week
The discussions with other students.
Above
International private law, insurance, contract and so on
The practical elements and mock trials
This course provided me with a vast amount of opportunities to apply law in a practical manner. During the seminars we conducted practical exercises, which for me was a great way to improve as a future lawyer, as during the law programme we rarely get the opportunity to conduct practical exercises and are most often asked to conduct theoretical tasks.
The teachers were very inspiring and competent.
The setup with seminars were a very good way to get to know others in the group and also to get to use the different rules and regulations we studied.
The best aspect of the course was its comprehensive approach to analyzing different modes of transportation and their respective liability regimes.

#### 7. What improvements would you suggest in the course?

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Final essay
Need for in person lectures
That the case week would tie in more to the seminars
A lecture on marine insurance would be helpful
More specific questions for assignments
I would suggest that there was more information available (e.g sources or longer lectures) that would help us with the tests, rather than us having to do all of the studying almost completely on our own. I also think that it was extremely time consuming which was unexpected because the points are only for half of a course. It may be good in the future to lessen the amount of coursework needed for the final grade.
More "ordinary" lectures.

**What improvements would you suggest in the course?**

While I understand it we need to have a final essay to make sure we understand the concepts of the course, I would of preferred it to be a problem question rather than an overview question.

More actual classes, because learning a whole area of law only by reading a book can be a little overwhelming and confusing.

Above

There was a very heavy work load each week. We had a lot to do in a short amount of time. If there was less to do it would be an improvement I think.

It was difficult for me to understand what exactly the contents of the assignments should focus on, as the questions are rather wide. If there is something specific us students should focus on in the papers, I would have appreciated the clarification.

Perhaps clearer instructions during the seminars regarding how to act and interact, what of what was presented actually had an impact on the case. Sometimes I got the feeling a presentation from a group contained a lot of referenses and such, just for the sake of giving an impression.

I would suggest incorporating more practical examples and real-world case studies throughout the course, not just at the end. This could help students build a stronger connection between theory and practice early on.

It was sometimes hard to grasp new topics with only reading material an a very short prerecorded lecture. And it was hard to focus on our written assignments when the deadline was right after to full days of prepping a the seminars.

**8. What advice would you like to give to future course participants?**

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Do the weekly readings before class

Engage

Focus on the disposition when writing your essays and remember to look at the facts for the seminars

To go all in for it

Enjoy the practical exercises

Be proactive with your group members and try to establish a good routine and working environment in order to efficiently create good results- rather than just meeting early and not really get anything done/waste time.

**What advice would you like to give to future course participants?**

Read the books carefully.

The course will be recommended at my home university!

Do the tests ahead of time.

Enjoy the practical exercises but don't take it too seriously. Do your best and prepare for the classes, but remember that these exercises have the aim of helping you become a better lawyer.

Study hard and ask a lot of questions.

Future participants should focus on understanding the foundational principles of each transportation mode early in the course. It's also important to actively engage in group discussions and case analyses, as they provide a deeper understanding of the material.

**9. How was your experience working in study groups during the course?**

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My study group was always on task and focused so it made it easy to work with them, I proffered the smaller group I had to the larger one at the end as it was easier to co-ordinate between a smaller group

Enjoyable but need for more independant study in my opinion

Fun and challenging

Good!

Great

I really enjoyed my study group and have not only learnt a lot but also made some friends!

neither good or bad.

**How was your experience working in study groups during the course?**

During case week, it was great. During the semester, it depended on the weeks and on the participation of other group members.

It was good. I liked my group. They were nice people, and it made it easier to learn together.

My group functioned well, everyone showed up to all the meetings. My experience was that we respected each other and each other's time and everyone got to participate.

Both my groups were great! It is a good way to learn from having discussions within the group.

The study groups provided an excellent opportunity to collaborate with classmates and gain diverse perspectives. While challenging at times due to differing schedules and work styles, the experience taught me the value of teamwork and adapting to different viewpoints.

Some participants didn't contribute very much.

## 10. How did you experience the series of case seminars at the end of the course?

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Really fun and engaging - good for self confidence

Intense but rewarding

First of all, it was fun. Sometimes rather challenging to prepare in groups.

My favourite part of the entire law programme

It was good and it tied up the course quite well however I did notice that it took up a whole typical 'workday' and was extremely time consuming

Quite fun actually!

### How did you experience the series of case seminars at the end of the course?

Distance learning while in Stockholm, the case week was enjoyable overall.

It was interesting to say the least. However, it was a bit frustrating because most of the legal problems were focused on aspects of law we did not study during the seminars. Therefore, it did not really reflect what we had actually learned in class.

They were valuable and educational

The case week is my favourite part of the entire law programme so far. It was very educational. It was the first time I have experienced this examination method and for my part, although rather intense, I highly appreciate the effort put into this, as well as the guest "teacher".

They were very tough, but a lot of fun!

The case seminars were the highlight of the course. They were well-structured and encouraged critical thinking, as we had to analyze legal issues, apply relevant conventions, and argue our positions convincingly.

## 11. Other comments

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The most intense course i've experienced at university but also one of the best

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I really enjoyed the multitude of guest lecturers we got and the knowledge of all professors and guests alike. It was interesting to here different points of views and different career paths.

### Other comments

Thank you.

I think this might be my favourite course trough my soon to be five years of law studies. The material was interesting and the course structure was far beyond my expectations. A very well developed course i must say! In previous courses, I have gotten the highest grade, even if I feel that i have not learned anything useful. After taking maritime and transportation law, I know that I am a better lawyer than before the course started, even before the grade is given. Thank you for making the course something extra and all the best for the future! :)

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Very knowledgeable lecturer and guests