

IMLI Master's Programmes



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LAW INSTITUTE



**35 Years in the
Service of the Rule of
International Maritime Law**

**Have you dreamt of a career in international maritime law?
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IMLI can provide you with the necessary tools to achieve it.
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Learn it



Live it



IMLI - Training the Maritime Leaders of Tomorrow

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BRIEF HISTORY



Signing of the Agreement establishing the
IMO International Maritime Law Institute

IMLI was established in Malta in 1988 under an agreement concluded between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Government of Malta and started its first programme in 1989. Its main purpose is to train the future generation of maritime leaders in the full spectrum of international maritime law.

For thirty-five years, IMLI's work has contributed to the establishment of a cadre of experts in international maritime law who are able to prepare, review and advise on the implementation of maritime laws and regulations. Since its inception, over 1,110 maritime experts from 152 States and territories, who are at the forefront in the codification and progressive development of international maritime law and are actively contributing to their countries' development, have graduated from the Institute.



MISSION

SERVING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

The Mission of the IMO

International Maritime Law Institute is to enhance capacity-building in all States, particularly developing States, to contribute to the fulfilment of the IMO objectives thereby promoting safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation.

IMLI MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law

The LL.M. programme was designed to respond to the shortage of legal experts who possess the adequate knowledge in the full spectrum of international maritime law and the necessary skills to incorporate and efficiently implement international instruments into domestic legislation.

The comprehensive LL.M. programme not only studies maritime law from an international perspective, but looks on a comparative basis into the major legal systems in relation to maritime affairs. Through its international faculty composed of eminent academics, practitioners and members of the judiciary, the programme addresses current challenges facing the international maritime community and the various responses put forward to ensure safety of navigation, security of shipping, protection of the marine environment, safeguarding of human rights, and peaceful use of the oceans.



LL.M. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates seeking funding must be nominated by a Government or other appropriate nominating authority. Such candidates should normally be persons already serving in or intended to be appointed to a Government Ministry or Department concerned with legal, port or shipping affairs, or an organization in the country of the nominating Government involved in these matters.

The Institute also reserves a number of places for candidates who are not engaged in government agencies or who were not awarded a fellowship but who have dreamt of a career in international maritime law. Such candidates may apply as self-financed candidates and enjoy the uniqueness of the IMLI training.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

A degree in law with a high standing from a recognised university;

and

Proficiency in English language.



STRUCTURE OF THE LL.M. PROGRAMME

The duration of the programme is one academic year, beginning in September/October and ending in June/July of the following year. The programme is intensive and student achievement is highly competitive. In brief, the programme structure, which is designed to cover all aspects of international maritime law at an advanced post-graduate level, comprises the following modules:

Introduction to Public International Law
Introduction to Shipping Law
Introduction to Law of the Sea and Humanitarian Law
Law of the Sea Specific Regimes I
Law of the Sea Specific Regimes II
Carriage of Goods and Passengers by Sea
Proprietary Interests in Ships
Wet Shipping
Law of Maritime Safety and Security
Maritime Claims
Marine Environmental Law
Maritime Legislation Drafting
Dissertation

Each student is required to submit a 10,000 to 15,000-word dissertation, independently researched and supervised by a Member of the Institute's Faculty. Each student is also required to submit a maritime legislation drafting project under the supervision of a designated Member of the Institute's Faculty which effectively implements an international instrument, especially those developed by IMO, in domestic legislation.

IMLI MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation

The Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation consists of post-graduate education in international maritime law, including law of the sea, shipping law, maritime security law and marine environmental law. The purpose of the programme is to train professionals to become specialists in the maritime field, especially in drafting national legislation which effectively incorporates and implements international maritime instruments – particularly those developed by the IMO.

The M.Hum. programme aims to respond to the needs of IMO Member States to have as part of their national agencies trained specialists in international maritime law who, despite the lack of a formal education in law, will be in a position to understand the intricacies of international maritime law and adequately implement and enforce it at national level.



M.HUM. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates seeking funding must be nominated by a Government or other appropriate nominating authority. Such candidates should normally be persons already serving in or intended to be appointed to a Government Ministry or Department concerned with legal, port or shipping affairs, or an organization in the country of the nominating Government involved in these matters.

The Institute also reserves a number of places for candidates who are not engaged in government agencies or who were not awarded a fellowship but who have dreamt of a career in international maritime law. Such candidates may apply as self-financed candidates and enjoy the uniqueness of the IMLI training.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

A degree from a recognized university or other academic institution in a discipline related to international maritime law;

and

Proficiency in English language.



STRUCTURE OF THE M. HUM. PROGRAMME

The duration of the programme is one academic year, beginning in September/October and ending in June/July of the following year. The programme is intensive and student achievement is highly competitive. In brief, the programme structure, which is designed to enhance the skills of maritime professionals in international maritime law and legislation drafting, comprises the following modules:



Introduction to Public International Law
Introduction to Ships and Shipping
Introduction to Shipping Law
Introduction to Law of the Sea and Humanitarian Law
Law of Ports: Operations and Efficiency
Law of the Sea Specific Regimes I
Law of the Sea Specific Regimes II
Carriage of Passengers by Sea
Proprietary Interests in Ships
Wet Shipping
Law of Maritime Safety and Security
Maritime Claims
Marine Environmental Law
Ocean Governance: Policy and Institutional Framework
Maritime Legislation Drafting
Research Project



Each student is required to submit a research project of 10,000 to 15,000-words which, upon evaluation of the current national legislation, proposes a roadmap or plan of action to ensure the development of national legislation which effectively implements IMO instruments and other internationally agreed maritime legal standards. Each student is also required to submit a maritime legislation drafting project under the supervision of a designated Member of the Institute's Faculty which effectively implements an international instrument, especially those developed by IMO, in domestic legislation.

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The Institute's Resident Faculty, under the supervision of the Director, is responsible for the teaching of all aspects of international maritime law within the academic syllabi.

The teaching of the Resident Faculty is complemented by the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme, which aims to introduce students to the latest developments in international maritime law and offers networking opportunities which serve students well when they return to their home countries.

Many Visiting Fellows come from world-renowned Universities, international organizations, and international tribunals. Other Visiting Fellows include ambassadors, experts, and eminent practitioners.

FIELD TRIPS

Master's students usually attend several educational field trips as part of the Institute's Master's Programmes. These field trips allow students to familiarize themselves with various important maritime institutions and network with experts who are involved in the development and implementation of international maritime law.

As from 2024, the annual field trip to London enables the students to attend the session of the IMO Legal Committee to observe the deliberations of the Committee. During the field trip to London, students also visit maritime institutions such as the IMO Headquarters where they meet the IMO Secretary-General and Officers of the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, the IOPC Funds, the ITF Seafarers' Trust, the International Chamber of Shipping, Lloyd's Register, and the International Group of P&I Clubs.



IMLI Class at
the ITF
Seafarers' Trust
Headquarters

IMLI Class and Faculty
together with
Mr. Arsenio Dominguez
(IMO Secretary-General
and Chairman of the IMLI
Governing Board) at the
IMO Headquarters during
the 111th Session of the
IMO Legal Committee



IMLI PUBLICATIONS



1. The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law and The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance
2. The Books entitled "Serving the Rule of International Law" and "Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law"
3. & 4. The Book Series "IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law"
5. IMLI Annual Report and 35th Anniversary Brochure

FACILITIES AND AMENITIES



Library

ICT Facilities

Accommodation

Common Room

Cafeteria

Laundry

Recreational Facilities

Exercise Facilities



ALUMNI



The Institute fosters a truly multicultural environment that brings a unique flavour to the academic experience. The exposure to different legal and cultural backgrounds contributes significantly to broadening the vision of students and their understanding of the international legal order, and facilitates an intercultural dialogue for the benefit of all.

Upon successful completion of their studies, graduates join a formidable IMLI network of over 1,110 maritime experts from 152 States and territories who are leading the international maritime sector to greater heights.



First official visit to IMLI of Mr. Arsenio Dominguez
(IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board)

IMLI SPECIALIZED COURSES



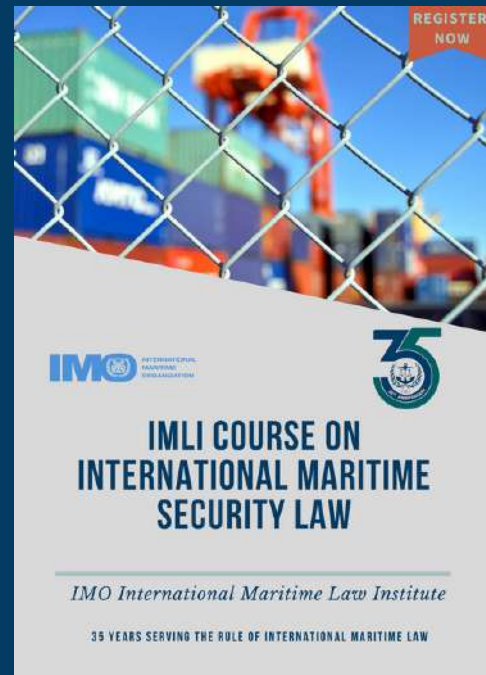
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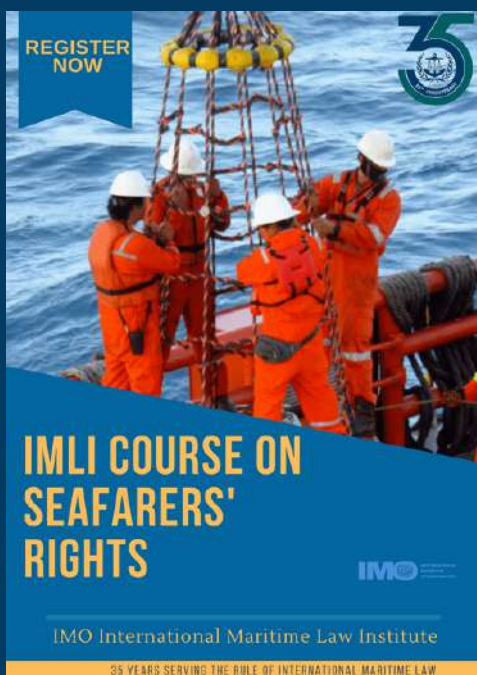
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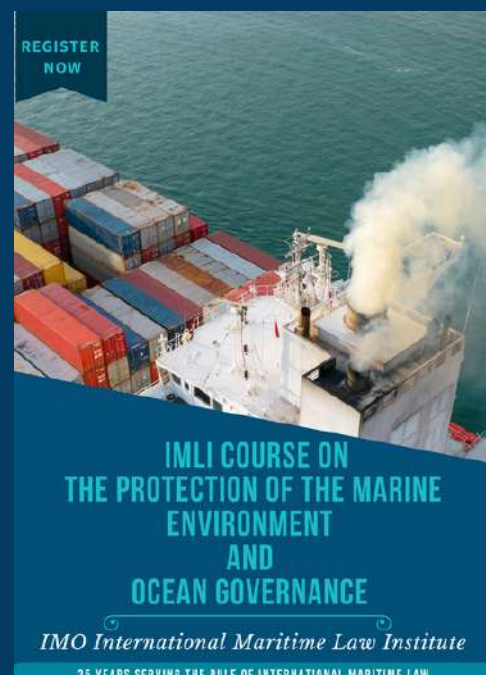
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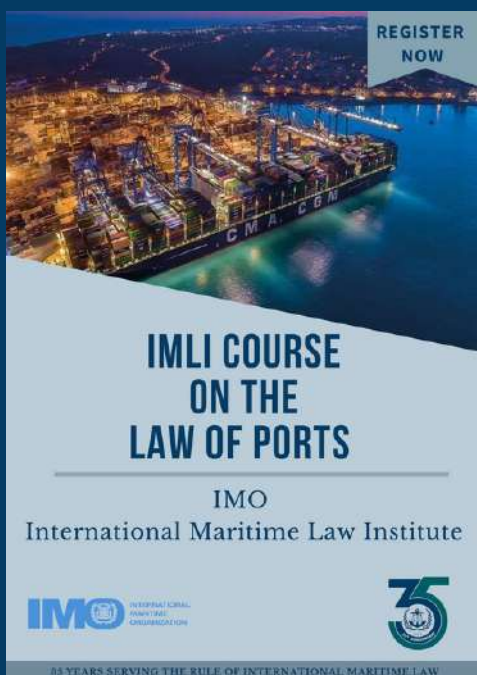


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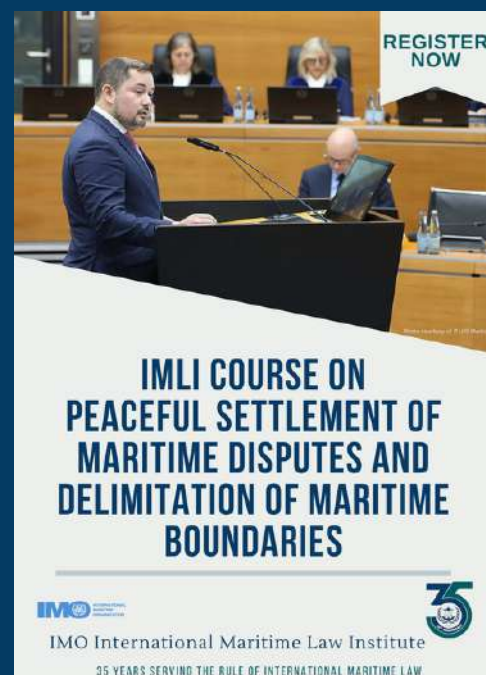
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MARITIME DISPUTES AND
DELIMITATION OF MARITIME
BOUNDARIES**

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TESTIMONIALS



Ms. Adel Asrawi Elias
(Mexico) Class of 2021

“IMLI provided me with the highest educational standards to become a specialist in international maritime law. I would like to highlight that thanks to the Institute and the mentorship programme they carried out, the Embassy of Mexico in the United Kingdom contacted me in order to for them as a technical officer being in charge of the IMO/IOPC Funds and IMSO agenda. I thank IMLI for supporting women in the maritime sector and especially Professor Attard for this valuable opportunity.”



Dr. Murat Sümer
(Türkiye) Class of 2015

“Reflecting on my journey at IMLI, I am reminded of the invaluable training and mentorship I received during the 2014-2015 academic year, which has been instrumental in my professional development and achievements. My academic journey was significantly enriched by the invaluable experience and vast knowledge gained at IMLI, not only propelling me through further academic pursuits but also deepening my passion for international maritime law. As we commemorate the 35th anniversary of IMLI, which has been a lighthouse for me and my fellow graduates, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the pivotal role it has played in shaping my professional career in international maritime law. The unique training I received at IMLI has been invaluable in my former role as a diplomat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye. Since 2019, serving as The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law at IMLI, as well as taking on the responsibilities of an Academic Coordinator, has been a profound honour. These roles have enabled me to impart knowledge and foster new generations of maritime leaders to support the Institute's mission of capacity building in all IMO Member States.”



Mr. Mykola Kozachenko
(Ukraine) Class of 2019

The impact that IMLI has is huge - starting from the academic part, which has deepened my personal knowledge in all aspects of maritime law and has allowed me to see “the wider picture”. It has helped me to grasp a deep understanding of legal and cultural diversity around the world, which really assists in handling the international maritime business and the respective disputes.”



Ms. Paola Castro Silveira
(Portugal) Class of 2014

“Academically, IMLI allowed me to have access to highly qualified mentors, who permitted me to improve my knowledge in the area and to perform research in the field of international environmental maritime law and security law. Professionally, the expertise gained, and the network created (as we had access to experts all around the world), have given me the opportunity to work as a postgraduate professor in maritime law in Portugal and as an external consultant at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for Mozambique and Angola after concluding the IMLI Master’s.”



Mr. Darius Gustav Joseph
(Antigua and Barbuda)
Class of 2022

“The biggest takeaway which could be said to be the main point of IMLI is the incorporation of IMO instruments into domestic law. The most common issue for Member States is that conventions are being signed without sufficient legislation being put in place and significant emphasis is placed on drafting skills. Aside from the purely academic aspects of IMLI, it allows you to get a basic understanding of international relations and how the numerous perspectives shape the development of international law..”



Lt. Fiona B. Elumba
(the Philippines) Class of 2023

“IMLI training and capacity building has equipped me with the knowledge and skills to properly address and respond to issues and inquiries as I perform my functions and responsibilities. I now have a better and broader understanding of maritime law and I am able to apply what I have learned from IMLI to what is happening on the ground.”



CONNECTING THE WORLD THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

More information regarding IMLI's programmes and courses is available on the IMLI website:
<https://imli.org/programmes-and-courses/>

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