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SERVING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

UNLOCK YOUR FUTURE WITH THE  
**IMLI MASTER  
PROGRAMMES**

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



**Have you dreamt of a career in international maritime law?**

**Look no further.**

**IMLI offers you the knowledge, skills, and global perspective  
to turn that dream into reality**

**LOVE IT, LEARN IT, LIVE IT!**

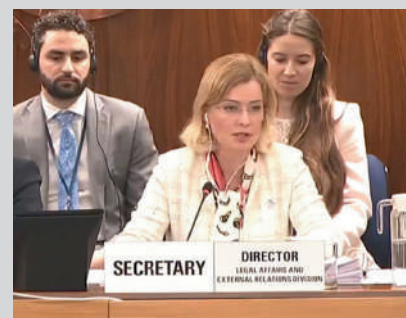
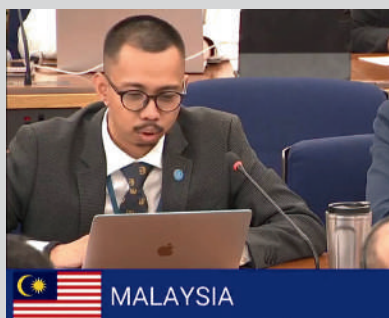
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**IMLI - Training the Maritime Leaders of Tomorrow**



# 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-six 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, IMLI has trained more than 1,180 maritime law experts from 152 States and territories. These graduates are at the forefront of the codification and progressive development of international maritime law, actively contributing to the legal and institutional advancement of their respective countries.



# 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 are equipped with 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. These candidates are typically individuals currently serving in, or designated for appointment to, a government ministry or department responsible for 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 self-financed candidates who may not be engaged in government agencies or may not have received a fellowship, but who are driven by a passion for pursuing a career in international maritime law. These candidates are encouraged to apply and benefit from the unique and world-renowned training that IMLI provides.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

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

and

Proficiency in the  
English language.





# STRUCTURE OF THE LL.M. PROGRAMME

The LL.M. programme is a full-time, intensive course of study that spans one academic year, commencing in September/October and concluding in June/July of the following year. It is a rigorous and highly competitive programme designed to prepare participants for leadership roles in the field of international maritime law.

Structured to provide advanced postgraduate-level training, the programme covers all major aspects of international maritime law through a comprehensive set of modules, including:

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

As part of the academic requirements, each student must submit a dissertation of between 10,000 and 15,000 words. This research paper is to be independently undertaken and developed under the guidance of a member of the Institute's Faculty.

In addition, students are required to complete a maritime legislation drafting project. Supervised by a designated Faculty member, this project involves the preparation of a legal text that effectively incorporates an international instrument, particularly those developed by IMO, into 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 is a post-graduate programme 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, with a particular emphasis on drafting national legislation which effectively incorporates and implements international maritime instruments – particularly those developed by the IMO.

This programme is specifically designed to meet the needs of IMO Member States by equipping personnel within national agencies, particularly those without a formal legal education, with the necessary understanding of the principles and complexities of international maritime law. Graduates of the M.Hum. programme will be capable of interpreting, applying, and enforcing international maritime law within their national legal systems.



# 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 who may not be connected to government bodies or have not received a fellowship, but who are eager to build a career in international maritime law. These individuals are invited to apply and take advantage of the distinctive, high-quality education provided by IMLI.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

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

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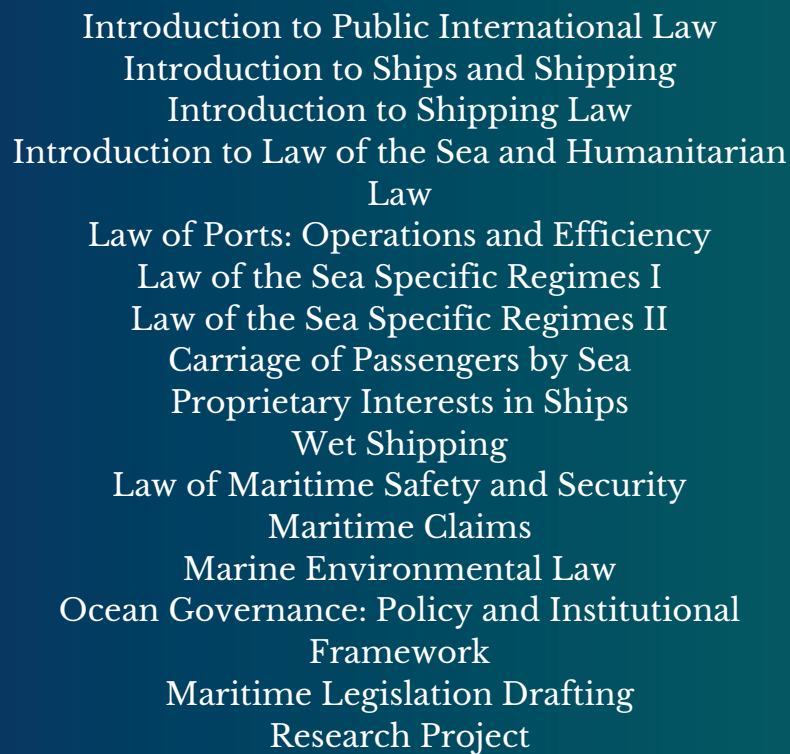
Proficiency in the English language.





# STRUCTURE OF THE M.HUM. PROGRAMME

The programme spans over one academic year, commencing in September or October and concluding in June or July of the following year. It is an intensive course of study with a highly competitive environment that demands excellence from its students. Designed to advance the expertise of maritime professionals in international maritime law and legislative drafting, the programme is structured around the following key 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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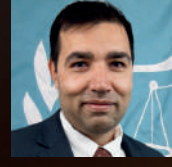
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The Institute's Resident Faculty, under the supervision of the Director, is responsible for the teaching of all aspects of international maritime law within the academic syllabi.

The teaching of the Resident Faculty is complemented by the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme, which exposes students to the latest advancements in international maritime law and provides valuable networking opportunities that benefit students upon their 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 typically participate in several educational field trips as part of the Institute's Master's Programmes. These field trips provide valuable opportunities to engage firsthand with key maritime institutions and to network with experts involved in the development and enforcement of international maritime law.

As from 2024, the annual field trip to London offers the students the unique chance 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 prominent maritime institutions such as the IMO Headquarters where they meet the IMO Secretary-General and Officers from 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.



**Members of the  
IMLI Class of 2025  
during a visit to  
Lloyd's Register  
Foundation**

**IMLI Students at the  
IMO Headquarters**





# FACILITIES AND AMENITIES



Library

ICT Facilities

Accommodation

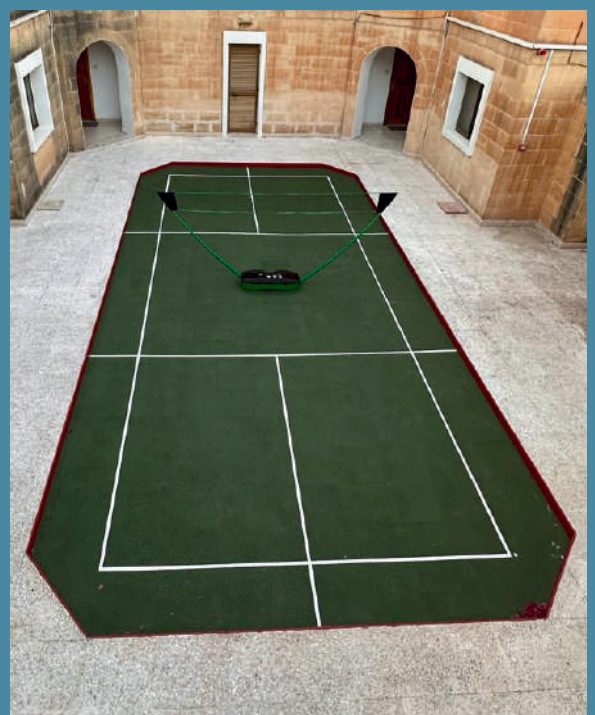
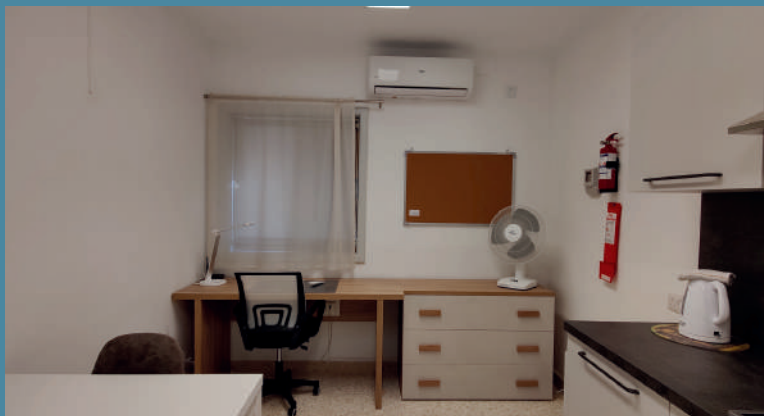
Common Room

Cafeteria

Laundry

Recreational Facilities

Exercise Facilities





# ALUMNI



The Institute cultivates a truly multicultural environment, enriching the academic experience with a unique blend of diverse legal traditions and cultural perspectives. This exposure significantly broadens students' horizons, deepens their understanding of the international legal framework, and fosters meaningful intercultural dialogue that benefits all participants.

Upon successful completion of their studies, graduates join a formidable IMLI network of over 1,180 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)



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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW**

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<https://imli.org/programmes-and-courses/>

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