

Course Report: Maritime & Transportation Law 2022

This report is based on the course evaluation done at the end of the autumn semester 2022.

This semester the basic structure of the maritime and transportation law course was changed. In principle all lectures were replaced by a number of seminars in order to increase the activity and in the end the students' learning results. Together with the four student papers that serve as a preparation for the exam, this led to that the students' results at the exam improved significantly. No student failed the exam.

The exam was arranged in December instead of January, which made it possible for the foreign students to travel back home for Christmas holiday. After Christmas a new case was arranged through Zoom. The case was based on a fictive sea accident and lasted from Monday to Friday. It formed an opportunity for the students to practise the theoretical knowledge they had gained during the initial part of the course that ended with the exam before Christmas.

Taken as a whole it seems that the students were content with the course. Half of the students that took part in the course evaluation reported that the content was relevant for achieving the expected study results. However, there were also students that wanted to have more lectures in addition to the seminars. As a response to this, the plan is to add some recorded lectures to the seminars in order to make it easier for the students to prepare the tasks. A better preparation also means that the seminar discussions can begin at a higher level.

There is also a need for modernising the course literature. The latest edition of one of the main text books was published in 2016. In addition, some students reported that the literature was too expensive. However, this is inevitably so since books on special subjects of this kind usually are printed in very small editions.

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