

# LAWS 3048 LAW OF THE SEA

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 200804

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**Description** This subject will introduce students to the rules regulating the principle uses of the world's oceans. It will highlight historical development of the law of the sea, the sources of the contemporary law of the sea and the adoption of the 1982 Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Legal regime of various maritime zones including territorial sea and contiguous zone, continental shelf, the exclusive economic zone and the high seas will be studied. Various sources of marine pollution, fisheries, marine scientific research, maritime spatial planning, deep sea bed mining and dispute settlement will also be explored in this subject.

**School** Law

**Discipline** International Law

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** LAWS 2008

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Explain the relevant international law and policy affecting the oceans
2. Identify various maritime zones in terms of oceans governance and the present status of the law of the sea
3. Apply knowledge and understanding to make an assessment of where the law of the sea can be expected to develop in the future
4. Analyse practical fact situations, locate and apply the relevant legal norms to them

## Subject Content

Nature and History of the Law of the Sea  
 Baselines and Regime of Internal Waters  
 The Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone  
 Special Passage Regimes: International Straits and Archipelagos  
 The Exclusive Economic Zone  
 The Continental Shelf: Principles of Maritime Delimitation  
 Marine Pollution  
 Fisheries  
 Marine Scientific Research  
 Maritime Spatial Planning System  
 High Seas, Common Heritage of Mankind and Deep Sea Bed Mining  
 Dispute Settlement

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Presentation	1,000 - 1,500 words	20	N	Individual
Intra-session Exam	1 hour	35	N	Individual
Final Essay	3,500 words	45	N	Individual

### Prescribed Texts

- Donald R. Rothwell and Tim Stephens, The International Law of the Sea (Hart, 2010)