University of Zagreb  
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Course: **International Law of the Sea**
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Requirements: completed course in Public International Law

**COURSE OUTLINE**

1st meeting  
**Introduction:** course outline; aim of the course; method of knowledge evaluation

2nd meeting  

3rd meeting  
**Overview of maritime zones according to LOSC. Internal waters:** legal regime; access to ports.  
**Baselines:** normal baselines; straight baselines; bays; river mouths; harbour works; low-tide elevations.

4th meeting  
**Territorial sea:** concept of the territorial sea; breadth of the territorial sea; right of innocent passage; rights and duties of the coastal state; delimitation of the territorial sea.

5th meeting  
**Archipelagic waters:** concept of archipelagic waters; definition of the terms “archipelago” and “archipelagic state”; archipelagic baselines.  
**Contiguous zone:** emergence of the concept; breadth of the contiguous zone; legal status of the contiguous zone; archaeological and historical objects.

6th meeting  
**Continental shelf:** development of the continental shelf; Truman Proclamation, 1945; 1958 Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf; seaward limit of the continental shelf (1958 Geneva Convention, LOSC); rights of the coastal state over the continental shelf; rights of other states in the continental shelf; delimitation of continental shelves.

7th meeting  
**Exclusive economic zone (EEZ):** development of the concept; breadth of the EEZ; rights, jurisdiction and duties of the coastal state (Art. 56 LOSC); rights and duties of other states in the EEZ; relationship between EEZ and continental shelf (Art. 56, para. 3 LOSC).
8th meeting

**High seas:** the legal status of the high seas; freedom of the high seas; jurisdiction on the high seas; piracy; rights under special treaties; hot pursuit and constructive presence; high seas fisheries.

9th meeting

**International Seabed Area:** background and development of the legal concept; the Area as the common heritage of mankind; “pioneer investors”; the system of exploitation according to Part XI LOSC; International Seabed Authority; 1994 Part XI Agreement. **Straits used for international navigation:** transit passage; innocent passage; freedom of navigation; special regimes.

10th meeting

**Protection of the marine environment:** sources of marine pollution; the framework of international law relating to marine pollution; protection of special areas. **Settlement of disputes:** Part XV LOSC; mechanism for the compulsory settlement of disputes; choice of procedure: International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, International Court of Justice, Annex VII arbitral tribunal or Annex VIII special arbitral tribunal; exceptions.

11th meeting

**Conclusion. Recapitulation. Q&A.**

Essential reading:


Further reading:


Useful websites: