The IFLOS Summer Academy

Law of the Sea and Maritime Law at the Seat of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
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The Summer Academy

A unique experience for your academic career.
ABOUT THE ACADEMY

...recognizes with appreciation the important contribution to capacity building in the field of the law of the sea by the Summer Academy of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

UN General Assembly Resolution A/72/L.18 ‘Oceans and the law of the sea’, 2017

Our Summer Academy offers you a unique intellectual experience with a series of lectures and workshops—recognised and appreciated by the UN General Assembly.

To give you a perfect learning environment, the lectures will take place at the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea.

It gives you the excellent chance to learn more about the Law of the Sea as well as Maritime Law, in a remarkable four week course in Hamburg, Germany.

To give you an in-depth understanding of the law, our Summer Academy also examines the political, economic, environmental and scientific aspects of the issues surrounding the Law of the Sea.

Where you will be learning:
The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
THE CURRICULUM

- Week I -
  Development of the UNCLOS Regime; Dispute Settlement; Procedure and Case Law of the Tribunal; Maritime Zones; Offshore Resources; Maritime Limits and Boundaries

- Week II -
  Freedom of Navigation and Shipping; Fisheries; Outer Continental Shelf; Maritime Environmental Protection; New Uses of the Ocean

  - Week III -
    - Shipping Industry; Maritime Law Overview; Carriage of Goods by the Sea; Arrest of Ships; Salvage and Towing;

  - Week IV -
    - Marine Insurance; Oil Pollution; Limitation of Liability; Ship Building; Classification Societies; Vessel Financing
As it is our goal to provide you with a first-class look into the Law, our faculty consists of a wide variety of international experts.

The core of the Faculty, which consists of current and former Tribunal judges, is joined by high profile experts from universities, scientific institutions and law firms.
Enjoy Hamburg. Germany’s second largest city is frequently ranked as one of the most liveable cities in the world. Situated at the river Elbe, it is home to the Elbphilharmonie, the UNESCO world heritage site Speicherstadt as well as a lively scene of culture and entertainment.

During your experience at the summer academy you will get the chance to explore this beautiful city. Our program encompasses a boat trip around the harbour and a reception by the Government of Hamburg.
EXCURSIONS

An inherent part of our program and your experience will be our weekend excursions, for example to the historic City of Lübeck. Every now and then, smaller weekday-trips to sights and attractions of a maritime nature in and around Hamburg enhance the variety of our program.
APPLICATION & FINANCE

Application

The application process starts in early spring each year with publication of relevant guidances and timelines on the Summer Academy’s website.

Our Requirements

Postgraduate degree

Generally, a Master’s degree is required.

Exceptions can be made for postgraduates with a Master program in progress or relevant professional experience.

Undergraduates close to graduation may apply if their studies focus on the issues taught at the Academy.

Two recent Letters of Reference

Strong interest in Law of the Sea and/or Maritime Law

This needs to be demonstrated by recent academic and professional work.

Fees

Fees for the Summer Academy cover all parts of the program, lunch on weekdays and a public transport pass for the city of Hamburg. The concrete amount varies from year to year (2019: 1,590.00 €).

If necessary, hotel accommodation will be arranged for you at usual rates.

Scholarship

In order to facilitate the participation of applicants from diverse economic backgrounds, the Foundation is able to provide a limited number of scholarships to candidates in need of financial assistance each year.

These scholarships include all fees and accommodation, but unfortunately no other contribution to living costs. Partial scholarships (without accommodation) can be negotiated.

Travel grants can only be granted in exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case-basis.

To find out more about the application requirements and process as well as scholarship options, visit the FAQ-section on our website:

https://www.iflos.org/summer-academy/
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THE FOUNDATION

The organisation behind the Summer Academy
Established in 2003, the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea aims to use the opportunities provided by the Tribunal for the peaceful settlement of law of the sea disputes and the further implementation of the Convention.

It seeks to further the dialogue between the academic world, the judges of the Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and those working in the maritime economy, as well as to encourage the exchange of views and information on the practical consequences of international law regulations.

Hence, one of the Foundation's main goals is to promote learning and research in the field of international law of the sea at a global level, in particular for nationals of developing countries.
LEGAL INFORMATION

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Our Institutional Partners

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