

DETAILED CURRICULUM
LEVEL THREE- SEMESTER FIVE
LAW OF THE SEA

COURSE DETAILS			
Course Code	LW 5242		
Course Title	LAW OF THE SEA		
Course Type	Core		
Credits	02		
Hours Allotted	Theory	15	Total 45
	Practical		
	Assignments/Tutorials	30	
AIM			
The course will introduce the contemporary legal issues in the law of sea and also the international legal frame work for maritime activities. The course will further explain strength and weaknesses of the available mechanisms of law making in this field.			
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES			
After the completion of course unit, learners should be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) have a comprehensive knowledge on all aspects of law of the sea. (b) develop the views on legitimacy, coherence and integrity of the law of sea framework (c) be equipped to present coherent and pusuasine arguments in areas concerned. 			
COURSE CONTENTS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction: Early development of the subject: sources of modern Law of the sea: attempts at codification; International organizations pertaining to law of the sea: the present legal regime. 2. Baselines: Straight baselines; bays; river mouths; harbour works; low tidies elevation; islands; reefs; charts and publicity; present day customary international law; validity of baselines. 3. The Territorial Sea: Development of the concept; the legal status of the bed, subsoil and superjacent air space; the breadth of the territorial sea; the right of innocent passage; rights and duties of coastal states. 4. The Continental shelf: the legal status of the continental shelf; the seaward limit of the islands; the rights of the islands, of coastal states and non independent territories. 5. The Exclusive economic Zone: elevation of the EEZ; the Legal status of the EEZ; the rights and duties of the coastal state in the EEZ. The rights and duties of other states in EEZ; relationship between the rights of the coastal state and the rights of the other states; the attribution of other rights in the EEZ; unilateral claims to EEZs. Significance of the EEZ. 6. High Seas; Definition: the legal status of the high seas; jurisdiction of the high seas. 7. The International Seabed Area: the background to the law of the sea convention provisions; 			

principles of the law of the sea convention regime; the international seabed authority; the system of exploitation; the common heritage; preparatory investment protection: the reciprocity states regime.

8. Marine Pollution: Sources of marine pollution; the framework of international law relating to marine pollution; pollution from ships; dumping pollution from seabed activities; land based sources of marine pollution from seabed activities; land based sources of marine pollution; atmospheric pollution.

9. Settlement of Disputes: Settlement of disputes under traditional law of the sea; settlement under UNCLOS III; general principles applicable in dispute settlement.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	% OF MARKS
Semester-end Examination:	70
Assignments:	20
Class Quizzes:	10

RECOMMENDED READINGS

1. RR Churchill and AV Lowe, The Law of the sea, Manchester press
2. MS Mc Dougal and WT Burke, The Public order of the Oceans, New Haven,
3. GJ Mangone, Law for the World Ocean, London
4. DPO Connel, The International Law of the Sea. Oxford
5. UN Seabed Committee (1968 – 73) Vol II
6. UN Seabed Committee (1997) Summaries by S Oda;
7. HA De Smith, The Law and Custom of the Sea. London
8. RP Anand, Origin and development of the Law of the Sea. The Hague.
9. CJ Colombos, The International Law of the Sea. London.