

REGULATIONS OF THE
2ND CYCLE OF STUDIES
LEADING TO THE DEGREE
OF **MASTER'S IN LAW AND
ECONOMICS OF THE SEA:
OCEAN GOVERNANCE**

NOVA School of Law
NOVA University, Lisbon

REGULATION 824/2021

The Master's in Law and Economics of the Sea: Ocean Governance has been in operation for six academic years, and in the meantime, relevant legislation has since been published, making it urgent to update the current regulations, bringing them closer inline to what the legislation determines and practice advises.

In accordance with the proposal approved by the Scientific Council and Pedagogical Council, the curricular structure has been changed and the Master's regulations updated, which were approved by Rectorial Order of August 2.

These changes were communicated to the Directorate General for Higher Education on 25 June 2021, in compliance with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 74/2006, of 24 March, as amended by Decree-Laws No. 107/2008, of 25 June, No. 230/2009, of 14 September, No. 115/2013, of 7 August, No. 63/2016, of 13 September and No. 65/2018, of 16 August, No. 230/2009, of 14 September, No. 115/2013, of 7 August, No. 63/2016, of 13 September and No. 65/2018, of 16 August, and registered by the Directorate General of Higher Education under No. R/A-Cr 267/2015/AL02 of 20/07/2021.

The Master's in Law and Economics of the Sea: Ocean Governance is duly accredited for 6 years by the Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education (NCE/14/01132 published on 12/08/2015) and registered by the Directorate General of Higher Education under registration number R/A-Cr 267/2015, dated 17/09/2015.

Regulations of the 2nd Cycle of Studies Leading to the Degree of **Master's in Law and Economics of the Sea: Ocean Governance**

CHAPTER I

OBJECTIVES, SCIENTIFIC AREA AND DURATION

ARTICLE 1

Update of the study cycle

The Law School of NOVA University, Lisbon (NOVA School of Law) created a 2nd cycle of studies in 2015 leading to a master's degree with the designation "Master's in Law and Economics of the Sea: Ocean Governance" (abbreviated MDEM), the regulation of which has been updated.

ARTICLE 2

Course objectives

1. The MDEM aims to provide graduates from any scientific area with interdisciplinary training simultaneously specialized and comprehensive in law and economics of the sea, attentive to the issues of governance of the sea, enabling them to pursue a professional activity linked to the issues of the sea, either as a legal expert in the areas of law most relevant to the sea, or as a professional from another area with solid complementary training in these areas of law.

2. The general objectives of the MDEM are:

- a)** The development of knowledge related to the economy and governance of the sea, from a multidisciplinary but integrated perspective, and from a holistic perspective of the sea;
- b)** The acquisition of in-depth knowledge in specific fields of law most relevant to the sea;
- c)** The acquisition of awareness and ability to understand and intervene critically on issues that link the sea to major challenges for humanity, including climate change and sustainable development;
- d)** preparation for professional activities linked to the economy or governance of the sea, whether at global, regional (European or other) or national level.
- e)** The acquisition of skills enabling lifelong learning;
- f)** The development of research skills.

ARTICLE 3

Scientific area

1. The course is integrated in the scientific areas of Law, Economics and Social and Behavioral Sciences.
2. Law and Economics of the Sea is one of the priority research areas of CEDIS - Centre for Research & Development on Law and Society of NOVA School of Law.

ARTICLE 4

Course duration

1. The course lasts four semesters, the first two of which are academic and the last two are for the preparation of the dissertation, project work or internship report.
2. The successful completion of the first two semesters leads to the degree of "Postgraduate Studies in Law and Economics of the Sea: Ocean Governance".

CHAPTER II

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, CURRICULAR STRUCTURE, SYLLABUS AND CREDITS

ARTICLE 5

Conditions for admission to the course

1. Admissions to the Master's course in Law and Economics of the Sea: Ocean Governance:
 - a) Holders of a bachelor's degree or legal equivalent;
 - b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree conferred following a 1st cycle of studies organized according to the principles of the Bologna Process by a State adhering to that Process;
 - c) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree that is recognized as meeting the objectives of the degree of 'licenciado' by the Scientific Council of the School;
 - d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized as attesting to the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the Scientific Council of the School.
2. The competent bodies of the School shall annually establish the number of students to be admitted and the admission criteria, and may establish other specific conditions and preference requirements for admission to the course.
3. The selection criteria to be established shall be objective, based exclusively on the candidates' merit and quality, and shall be set out in the notice announcing the call for applications.

ARTICLE 6

Curriculum structure and credits

1. The curricular structure and credits are set out in Annex I to this Regulation.
2. In each academic year, the Scientific Council may reduce the list of optional courses or add others that meet the general objectives of the MDEM.

CHAPTER III

REGISTRATION

ARTICLE 7

Optional subjects

1. Enrolment in elective courses is made per course, at the beginning of each semester and according to the terms established by the Board of Directors, through the Internet or at the Academic Division.
2. The School Board of Directors may establish a maximum number of enrolments in any optional subject, as well as condition the operation of any of these subjects to a minimum number of enrolments.
3. For the selection of free choice subjects, consideration may be given to subjects taught at other educational institutions, up to a maximum of 6 ECTS, for which the student has obtained credits, provided that they fall within one of the MDEM's scientific areas.
4. In the 1st semester subjects with an enrolled student number higher than the established number of students, those students with the highest graduation classification will be given preference; in the 2nd semester subjects, those students with approval in all 1st semester subjects and, among those, with the best approval average in those subjects, will be given preference.
5. Students who have already been enrolled in the subject and have not taken the assessment will not be given preference.

ARTICLE 8

Enrolment in individual course units

Enrolments in individual course units can be accepted, under the terms of article 46-A of Decree-Law No. 74/2006, of 24 March, as amended.

ARTICLE 9

Restrictions on the right to be registered

1. The maximum number of enrolments in the academic part of the master's is four semesters.
2. In exceptional, duly substantiated cases, and at the request of the student, the

Director may declare the prescription suspended for one semester.

3. The verification of the statute of limitations prevents enrolment in the following semesters, and the eventual re-enrolment of the student is subject to the general rules on filling places.

CHAPTER IV

CALENDARS AND CLASS SCHEDULES

ARTICLE 10

Semester duration

The actual duration of each academic semester shall, as a rule, comprise of nineteen weeks, including an examination period of a maximum of five weeks.

ARTICLE 11

School calendar

The School calendar is generally based on the following model:

School year: September 15 to July 31;

1st semester: September to December;

1st semester exams: January/February;

2nd semester: February to May;

2nd semester exams: June/July.

ARTICLE 12

Class schedule

1. Before the beginning of each academic semester, the schedule of classes for each subject is published by the Director, after consulting the Pedagogical Council.

2. In general, the classes of compulsory subjects will be held after work hours, but the Directorate may determine that the Master's degree will be taught during the daytime if the data on demand points to the convenience of this change, in accordance with the Scientific and Pedagogical Councils.

ARTICLE 13

Examination calendar

The schedule of examinations in each examination season is established by the Director, after consulting the Pedagogical Council, up to 60 days before the beginning of the examinations.

CHAPTER V

TEACHING METHODS

ARTICLE 14

Classes

1. Classes are theoretical and practical, appropriate to the nature of each subject, following a model of dialogue and participation of students, and may include practical exercises, conferences and colloquiums.
2. When the number of students and the nature of the subject allows, classes may be held in seminar format.
3. Subjects are taught in English, but the Scientific Council may decide otherwise in advance of each academic year.
4. The duration of each lesson is 60 minutes; when it is a block of two lessons, a 15-minute break is taken between the two lessons or, alternatively, this time is transferred to the end of the block.

ARTICLE 15

Programmes

1. The teaching of each subject observes the syllabus drawn up by the Professor before the beginning of the school year and is submitted to the coordination and the Pedagogical Council.
2. Course syllabi are published on the UNL website.

ARTICLE 16

Absences and substitutions

The total number of lessons per semester must be strictly adhered to, and the person responsible for the subject must, in the event of justified impediment, substitute themselves or teach further lessons to compensate for those that cannot be taught.

ARTICLE 17

Summaries

After each lesson, the Professor of the subject posts the respective summary in the academic management system of the School, indicating the subject taught, according to the syllabus, or the synthesis of the work done.

ARTICLE 18

Self-evaluation

1. The School defines the methods of regular self-evaluation of the teaching provided and periodically publishes its results.
2. The Pedagogical Council shall be responsible for supervising compliance with the provisions of the preceding articles and issuing the necessary guidelines.

CHAPTER VI

ASSESSMENT OF KNOWLEDGE

SECTION I - Academic semesters

ARTICLE 19

Registration

1. The regular enrolment in the subject in the semester in which it is taught is a necessary condition for submission to final assessment examinations.
2. The Academic Services automatically admit those students enrolled in the subject in the semester in which it is taught to such examinations.
3. Professors should not assess the work of students who are not registered on their class lists.

ARTICLE 20

Assessment

The rules set out in the Regulations for the Evaluation of Knowledge and Skills of NOVA School of Law shall apply.

ARTICLE 21

Method of assessment

1. In each subject, the Professor announces, in writing, at the beginning of the course, the applicable assessment method according to the objectives and specificities of the subject.
2. In the case where the final assessment consists of a written examination, it addresses all the subjects taught up to one week before the examination.
3. In the case where the Professor opts for a regime of continuous assessment, based on assessment elements as deemed convenient, such as written assignments, oral presentations or intermediate tests, or opts for combining the final examination with the weighting in the final classification of other assessment elements as deemed convenient, such as written assignments, oral presentations

or intermediate tests, it should be ensured that the method is well understood by the students.

4. In the case where assessment concerns, in whole or in part, written work, the rules concerning its elaboration, namely its individual or collective nature, theme and dimension, shall be clearly conveyed to the students at the beginning of the course.

5. Once the Professor has opted for the final examination, no Professor may determine or allow the final assessment to be made in a manner different from that foreseen.

6. The cases of students with disabilities that may affect the performance of the examination must be brought to the attention of the Director, accompanied by a proposal from the Professor, who may suggest a change in the type or duration of the examination or another that seems appropriate.

7. The written examinations shall be of three hours' duration unless the Professor announces a shorter duration in advance.

8. The duration of the oral examinations may vary, but shall not be less than 15 minutes or more than 60 minutes.

ARTICLE 22

Anti-plagiarism statement

In all written work intended for assessment, including the dissertation, students must declare that the text submitted is of their exclusive authorship and that any use of contributions or texts from others is properly referenced.

SECTION II - Dissertation, project work or internship report

ARTICLE 23

Procedures for appointing the supervisor(s), conditions under which co-supervision is allowed and rules to be observed in supervision

1. When enrolling in the third semester the student shall indicate: a) Whether they wish to write a dissertation, project work or an internship report, specifying, depending on the case, the dissertation topic, the nature and objectives of the project or the type and location of the internship; b) The name of a Doctor of Laws who will be advising the dissertation, project work or internship report, attaching the respective term of acceptance.

2. The elements referred to in the previous paragraph shall be registered in the student area, within the deadlines set annually for that purpose.

3. The supervisor should effectively guide the research, maintaining with the student necessary regular contact, in order to ensure the progress of the work and the quality of the result.

4. Co-supervision is allowed in cases where one of the supervisors is a doctor in Law and the other is a doctor in a non-legal area, or, if they do not hold a doctoral

degree, they are a specialist of merit recognized as such by the Scientific Council of NOVA School of Law.

ARTICLE 33

Writing and submission of the dissertation, project work or internship report

- 1.** The dissertation, project work or internship report must be related to one or more subjects taught in the MDEM.
- 2.** Students who choose to carry out project work or an internship report shall take into account the provisions of Annex II to these regulations, which is an integral part thereof.
- 3.** The paper should be written in Portuguese or in English. Papers written in other languages require prior permission of the Scientific Council of NOVA School of Law.
- 4.** The work must be presented in font and space that facilitate its reading and cannot exceed 200,000 characters of text, including notes and spaces, and may contain a maximum of 25 pages of supporting materials in annex, with the number of characters expressly indicated.
- 5.** The paper must take into account the Rules of Style issued by NOVA School of Law.
- 6.** The work is delivered in digital format (pdf) to the Academic Division up until September 15 of each year, receipt of delivery being delivered to the student by the Academic Division.
- 7.** The supervisor sends by letter or e-mail a statement attesting that the work satisfies conditions to be submitted to public discussion, or, if not, a reasoned statement to the effect that the work is not of sufficient quality to justify the granting of the master's degree, including, if applicable, a favourable opinion to the extension of the deadline for submission in order to improve or replace the dissertation, project work or internship report, pursuant to the provisions of article 34.

ARTICLE 34

Extension of the delivery deadline

- 1.** The deadline for submission of the dissertation, project work or internship report may be extended, upon reasoned request of the applicant, by decision of the Scientific Council.
- 2.** The application must be accompanied by approval of the supervising Professor.
- 3.** Only one extension may be granted, for a period not exceeding 90 days.
- 4.** The extension shall be subject to the payment of a fee of an amount equivalent to 30% of the tuition fee for the non-academic semester.
- 5.** Students who do not deliver their dissertation, project work or internship report within the established deadline or due to the extension must re-register and pay the corresponding fee in full.

ARTICLE 35

Acceptance for public discussion

All dissertations, project work or internship reports submitted for public discussion are accompanied by the supervisor's statement certifying that the work satisfies conditions to be submitted to public discussion.

ARTICLE 36

Public discussion

- 1.** The public defence of dissertations, project work or internship reports are held within three months after their receipt by the Academic Division.
- 2.** The performance of any public defence outside such deadlines depends on a decision of the Directorate, in accordance with the Scientific Council.
- 3.** Public defence of dissertations, project work or internship reports are published at least 15 days in advance.

ARTICLE 37

Jury

- 1.** The juries of public defences are composed of three members appointed by the Scientific Council, always including the supervisor. The Scientific Council may delegate this power to the Scientific Committee of the Master's.
- 2.** The most senior member of the School shall act as President; if they are of equal rank, the oldest shall act as President.
- 3.** The Chair shall have the casting vote.

ARTICLE 38

Defence

- 1.** Public defence begins with the candidate being given the opportunity to present the essentials of the dissertation, project work or internship report, for a period of about seven minutes, followed by the discussion by one of the jury members, excluding the supervisor or supervisors, for a maximum period of 30 minutes.
- 2.** The student then has an equal period of time to respond to the criticisms of the examiner.
- 3.** At the end of the discussion, the jury meets and makes the final decision.

ARTICLE 39

Decision

- 1.** The jury's deliberations are taken by a majority of its members, by means of a justified roll-call vote, abstentions not being allowed.
- 2.** Minutes shall be drawn up of the jury meetings, containing the votes of each of

its members and the respective reasoning, which may be common to all or some of them.

3. The grade is assigned according to the grading scale provided for the subjects.

CHAPTER VII

MASTER'S DEGREE

ARTICLE 40

Award of the degree of Master

1. The degree of “master” is awarded to those students who have passed all course units that make up 60 credits and the dissertation, project work or internship report.

2. The final classification of the master’s is obtained through the simple arithmetic mean of two parts:

- a)** The first part arises from the arithmetic average, rounded up to hundredths, of the 10 highest marks awarded in the subjects in which the student passed;
- b)** The second part arises from the classification attributed by the jury to the dissertation, project work or internship report.

3. The final classification of the master’ is expressed on a scale of 10 to 20, as well as on the European scale of comparability of classifications.

ARTICLE 41

Issue of degree letter, diploma supplement and certificates

1. The degree letter and the diploma supplement are issued up until 31 December of the calendar year in which the student completes the second cycle, provided that they request it before 31 July of that same year.

2. Once the degree has been registered, certificates regarding the completion of the course shall be issued within a maximum period of five days after receipt of the application.

3. The course letter and diplomas must contain: Full name of the student; identification document number; name of the course; degree awarded; final quantitative classification; final date of the course.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 42

Tuition fees

The tuition fees are set annually by the competent bodies.

ARTICLE 43

Financing

The Master's in Law and Economics of the Sea: Ocean Governance is funded by its own revenues from tuition fees or other legitimate sources.

23 July 2021. - The Dean Mariana França Gouveia.

ANNEX I

1. Teaching institution:

Universidade NOVA de Lisboa - NOVA School of Law (0911)

2. Type of degree:

MASTER'S - 2ND CYCLE

3. Title:

LAW AND ECONOMICS OF THE SEA: OCEAN GOVERNANCE

4. Degree or diploma:

MASTER'S DEGREE

5. Number of credits, according to the European Credit Transfer System, required to obtain the degree or diploma:

120 ECTS CREDITS

6. Options, branches, areas of specialization, specialties or other forms of organization of the curricular structure:

NOT APPLICABLE

7. Curricular structure:

TABLE I - SCIENTIFIC AREAS AND CREDITS

SCIENTIFIC AREAS	ABBREVIATION	ECTS	
		Mandatory	Optional
Law	DRT	80	18
Economy	DCN	14	0
Social and Behavioral Sciences	CSC	4	4
SUBTOTAL		96	22
TOTAL		120	

8. Remarks:

THE STUDY PLAN COMES INTO FORCE IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022.

9. Study plan:

TABLE II

Curricular units (1)	Scientific Area (2)	Curriculum year (3)	Course year organization (4)	Working hours										ECTS (7)	Observations (8)	
				Total (5)	Contact (6)											Total contact hours
					T	TP	PL	TC	S	E	OT	O				
International Law of the Sea and International Courts	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	168	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	6		
Ocean Policies	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4		
Environmental Law	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	168	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	6		
Maritime Law and Civil Liability	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4		
Natural Marine Resources and the Ocean Economy	ECN	1 st	Half-yearly	168	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	6		
Economic Models for Sustainable Ocean Economy	ECN	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4		
Financing Sustainable Blue Economy and Integration of Policies and Development	ECN	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4		
Maritime Security	CSC	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4		
Option 1	DRT/ECN/GST	1 st	Half-yearly	504	0	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	18		
Option 2	CSC	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4		
Dissertation, project work or internship report	DRT	2 nd	Annual	1680	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	60		

TABLE III - OPTIONAL COURSE UNITS

Optional course unit o. (0)	Curricular units (1)	Scientific Area (2)	Curriculum year (3)	Course year organization (4)	Working hours									ECTS (7)	Observations (8)	
					Total (5)	Contact (6)										Total contact hours
						T	TP	PL	TC	S	E	OT	O			
OPTION 1	European Law of the Sea	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	
	Port Law and Shipping Management	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	
	International Commercial Law	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	168	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	6	
	Energy Law	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	
	Insurance Law	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	
	Data Protection and Management Law	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	168	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	6	
	Business, Human Rights and Sustainability	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	
	Startup Life Cycle	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	168	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	6	
	Emerging Technologies: governance and regulation	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	
	Financial Instruments Law	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	
	European Asylum and Migration Law	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	168	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	6	
	International Humanitarian Law	DRT	1 st	Half-yearly	168	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	6	
OPTION 2	The Sea and Maritime Identity	CSC	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	
	Ocean Governance	CSC	1 st	Half-yearly	112	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	
	Course Unit completed at the FCSH within the Jean Monet* Chair	CSC	1 st	Half-yearly	168	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	6	

ANNEX II

Project work and internship reports

A traineeship of a professional nature subject to a final report

- 1.** The internship must take place in an entity other than the School, previously approved by it, capable of providing the student with work experience and monitoring that will enable them to achieve the objectives set out in article 15 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006, of 24 March, as amended (regime of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education).
- 2.** The traineeship may be remunerated, but must not correspond to an activity carried out with the aim of obtaining a licence to practise a profession, namely law or soliciting.
- 3.** The entity providing the internship must be aware that it will be used for this purpose and must bind itself to providing the information that is necessary for the assessment of the student's work by the School.
- 4.** The legal and factual conditions of the internship must allow the supervisor direct access to the work developed by the student during the internship.
- 5.** The traineeship shall be of a duration of not less than four months and not more than six months.
- 6.** The internship report should not be merely descriptive, and the internship should be seen by the student as a means of carrying out legal research. The report may contain a critical analysis of the activities carried out during the internship, and should develop one or more legal issues that the student has been confronted with during the internship.

Project work

- 1.** The School's research and development centres, or those of other higher education institutions, may host students for project work that falls within the scope of broader scientific research projects, provided that the work to be carried out within their scope is related to one or more disciplines of the MFA.
- 2.** Project work may consist, inter alia, in collecting and processing, for any purpose, including statistical or other purposes, information relevant for legal research (e.g. legislation or case law).
- 3.** The information processing should include a critical analysis component, in particular from the perspectives of legal science, legislative policy, legal sociology or legal economic analysis.



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