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| **SCHOOL OF LAW 2024-2025: LLM MODULE SYLLABUS**  Teaching in A24 and B24 is in two 5 week blocks with study week between them.  30 credits are taught within a single semester (10 weeks)  15 credits: Semester A24 – Blocks A **or** B (5 weeks) / Semester B24 - Blocks C **or** D (5 weeks)  Semester C24 – 5 week block only (15 and 30 credits)  Study Week falls within the two blocks (limited teaching/events/tutorials etc.) |

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| **Module Code:** | *SOLM145* |
| **Module Title:** | *Maritime Arbitration* |
| **Number of Credits** | *Credits 30* |
| **Semester and Block Taught:** | ***Semester:*** *B24* ***Block:*** *C and D* |
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| **Assessment:** | **Exam (on campus)** |
| **Time and venue of class:** | Thursdays at 09.00-12.00 in LIF LG1  *Please check timetable for any changes.* |
| **Additional Module Information:** | If you intend to take this module, it is highly recommended that you take also at least one of the following modules so as to familiarise with commonly arising issues in maritime disputes:  SOLM142 Charterparties: Law and Practice  SOLM143 Carriage of Goods |

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| **Teaching Team and Contact Details** |

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| **Module Overview** |

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| Specialist dispute resolution mechanisms catering to specific industry needs are popular in international commerce, and arbitration has emerged as the dominant industry choice for resolving shipping disputes, in particular charterparty disputes.Indeed important maritime arbitration centres have long been established in London and New York, and more recently others have started to emerge in countries such as Singapore. London remains a leader in this field with a large number of disputes being decided each year through arbitration in accordance with the Terms of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association. The module will tackle questions such as: What is special about maritime arbitration and what distinguishes it from general commercial arbitration? What are the features of maritime arbitration that make it particularly popular? Is arbitration by its nature more suited to the resolution of disputes arising in connection with certain types of shipping contracts (e.g. charterparties) rather than others (e.g. contracts of carriage contained in bills of lading)? Why? What are the implications of widespread use of arbitration for the continued development of shipping law?  The module will aim at establishing a sound understanding of maritime arbitration as a method of dispute resolution as well as the theoretical and practical implications of its widespread use. It will also provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to go further into depth in their independent exploration of the subject matter. |

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| **Module Weekly Syllabus** |

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| **Week 1:**  Thursday 30.01.2025 | Introduction to maritime arbitration and overview of major maritime arbitration centres – MG  The agreement to arbitrate I: charterparty contracts – MG |
| **Week 2:**  Thursday 06.02.2025 | The agreement to arbitrate II: bill of lading contracts – BR |
| **Week 3:**  Thursday 13.02.2025 | The maritime arbitral process under English and Federal US Law and under LMAA Terms and SMA-NY Rules – MG |
| **Week 4:**  Thursday 20.02.2025 | The importance of expertise: maritime arbitrators and their role – MG |
| **Week 5:**  Thursday 27.02.2025 | How does the maritime arbitral tribunal decide? Assessing the evidence and applying the law – MG |
| **WEEK 6 – STUDY WEEK** | |
| **Week 7:**  Thursday 13.03.2021 | Challenging and Appealing Awards – MG |
| **Week 8:**  Thursday 20.03.2025 | Confidentiality of Awards – benefits and implications – BR |
| **Week 9:**  Thursday 27.03.2025 | Enforcing awards – MG |
| **Week 10:**  Thursday 06.03.2025 | Arbitration and the continued development of shipping law – MG |
| **Week 11:**  Thursday 13.03.2025 | Sum Up and Exam Revision – MG |

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| **Reading List** |

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| C Ambrose et al., *London Maritime Arbitration* (4th edn, Informa 2017)  The full text of this book is available from the [i-Law Maritime Database](https://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3251795~S6) which you can access through the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) Library Online Catalogue, once you have been issued a permanent user card. Please look under “Publications” on the left-hand menu. |
| M Goldby and L Mistelis, *The Role of Arbitration in Shipping Law* (OUP 2016) |
| You will be referred a variety of materials, which will be available online, for each topic. Please see QMPlus for details. |