

# MARITIME LAW

# LL.M.



## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER THIS DEGREE?

The Maritime Law LL.M. program prepares attorneys to become specialists in the domestic and international legal problems associated with the use of navigable waters and the protection of the marine environment. The program attracts domestic and international law students looking to complete their degree in a city prominently positioned for the study and practice of Maritime Law.

## WHY THIS DEGREE AT MIAMI LAW?

Surrounded by water, Miami offers students a unique opportunity to study Maritime Law. As one of the most international, dynamic cities in the U.S. positioned at the gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean, Miami is unquestionably the cruise capital of the world. It hosts the largest single-ship cruise terminal and all the major companies' principal place of business located minutes from the Port of Miami—the top cargo gateway of the Americas.

## DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Internationally renowned scholars and practitioners teach in the program. The Maritime Law LL.M. is led by Bernard H. Oxman, Richard A. Hausler Professor of Law, who is widely recognized as one of the world's leading experts on the Law of the Sea. The program also draws upon faculty from UM's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

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## UNPARALLELED CURRICULUM

The Maritime Law LL.M. requires a total of 24 credits and uses a flexible approach to learning which allows students to design a curriculum that aligns with their interests and career goals. There are four required foundational courses: **Admiralty**, **Coastal Law**, **International Law** and **Law of the Sea** and a wide range of elective courses to choose from. Recent elective offerings include: **Marine Insurance**, **Maritime Personal Injury**, **Marine Ecology and the Law**, **Legal Environment of the Cruise industry**, **Crimes at Sea**, and **Ocean Policy & Development**.

### Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

Students can complement their law courses with graduate level courses at the *Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS)*—one of the leading academic oceanographic and atmospheric research institutions in the world.

## TRAINING FOR THE PROFESSION

The Maritime Law LL.M. program offers a variety of practical learning opportunities:

- Research Assistantships & Directed Research
- Maritime Law LL.M. Externships with the United States Coast Guard District Seven Legal, specialized firms and major cruise line companies
- Involvement in Miami Law's Maritime Law Society
- Participation in relevant Moot Courts

## MENTORSHIP, NETWORKING & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Students receive one-on-one course advising to elect appropriate courses that match their academic and professional goals. Maritime Law LL.M. students receive guidance from an experienced career advisor who has special training in assisting LL.M. students with their job search and professional development needs, including individualized instruction on networking, resume writing and interviewing skills. Students have various networking opportunities on and off campus and the chance to attend events and conferences with experts in the field.

## STUDY OPTIONS

- **Full-time and part-time options**
- **Intensive Legal English + Maritime Law LL.M.** (Spring admission only)
- **Joint J.D./LL.M. in Maritime Law:** Current Miami Law students have the option to apply to the joint J.D./LL.M. program in Maritime Law. The joint J.D./LL.M. Program offers students an opportunity to earn both degrees over either six semesters and two summers of study, or over seven full semesters, saving time and tuition expense.

## PRACTICE LAW IN THE UNITED STATES

This Program offers the opportunity to qualify to take the bar exam in multiples states, including New York, which accepts foreign law graduates with an LL.M. degree. Foreign lawyers pursuing the Maritime LL.M. program have the option to apply to the joint degree program and are eligible to receive both the LL.M. and the J.D. in as little as two and a half years, saving time and tuition expense while enabling them to sit for the bar exam in any state in the U.S.

## PROGRAM LEADERSHIP



Program Chair, **Bernard H. Oxman**, is the Richard A. Hausler Professor of Law at the University of Miami School of Law and a world-renowned expert on the Law of the Sea. He is the only American to serve as judge ad hoc in both the International

Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and has served as arbitrator in public and private international cases. After receiving his J.D. from Columbia Law School, he served on active duty in the International Law Division of the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, after which he joined the U.S. Department of State, where he was the first Assistant Legal Adviser for Oceans, Environment, and Scientific Affairs. He participated in the negotiation of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea as U.S. Representative to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. He was co-editor in chief of the American Journal of International Law and was elected to the American Law Institute, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Institut de Droit International.