

Introduction to Shipping Curriculum

About this course:

This course provides a foundational understanding of the maritime industry and establishes the basis for all the other courses offered by BIMCO.

Course content:

1. Maritime geography and international trade. Developing your knowledge and understanding of ships, cargoes carried by ships and the commercial use of ships.
2. Overview of ships in maritime transport services. It covers most merchant ship types including constructional features and their engagement in international trade.
3. Overview of cargoes. Characteristics of different cargoes and related ship types.
4. Factors involved in investment and the business of ship owning, registering, insuring and the commercial use of ships.
5. Who is who. Main players and organizations involved in the maritime industry and their services in the life of a ship.
6. Maritime industry's move towards greater legislative control. Conventions, legislation and regulations: what these are, how they come into being and what effect they have on ships engaged in international trade and how they are enforced.
7. Using the Ship. Understand the main charters used in chartering a ship, basic voyage estimating, functions of Bills of Lading, Hague Rules, Hague-Visby Rules, Hamburg Rules and Rotterdam Rules.

Training language: English

Course length: 35 hours

Course prerequisites: none

Training methods:

The course is internet based with four key elements: interactive textbook (learning material), case studies, webinars and resources.

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This online course is based the following key elements: interactive textbook (main learning materials), quizzes, resources section and final test.

Assessment and certificates

At the end of the course, there is an online final assessment which will be graded by the system. It allows multiple attempts and pass grade is 50% or higher. Once you passed the assessment, a BIMCO Certificate of Completion will be issued and e-mailed to you.