

*Mr. Neofytos Kourtesis, M.Sc.*

Mr. Neofytos Kourtesis, M.Sc. has extensive experience in the shipping industry, with practical knowledge and insight into various aspects of maritime operations, logistics and management. He also has a deep and solid understanding of the Greek maritime sector, which is recognised as one of the largest and most influential in the world.

Mr. Kourtesis attended the Merchant Marine Academy in Athens, Greece (1999-2003), and also holds a Master's Degree in International Transportation Management (2006-2008) from the State University of New York (S.U.N.Y) Maritime College (USA). During the same period, he gained seagoing experience onboard tanker vessels. His maritime accreditations also include a Captain Class A' Certificate (2018) with equivalent seagoing experience.

For almost 17 years he has been Operations Manager in the bulk and tanker carrier fleet of Seahawk Maritime SA, Greece, dealing with all aspects of shipping, such as claims handling, charter party execution including crew requirements, voyage estimation, cargo operations and contract performance. He is also responsible for communicating with stakeholders such as charterers, agents, terminals, and port authorities to ensure smooth operations.

Mr. Kourtesis is a Founding Partner & CEO of MARDIPLO P.C. - Maritime Corporate Diplomacy in Kifisia, Greece, advising clients on claims handling, dispute resolution, and business development.

Since 2022 he has been lecturing on Cargo Operations at the Metropolitan College.

He is a native Greek speaker and fluent in English.