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Tuesday, December 10, 2013

SPECIAL NOTICES:

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION AT STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES: The EMU Student Business Services (SBS) office, located in 201 Pierce Hall will close at 4:30 p.m. daily. The service window located at 203 Pierce Hall will remain open for assistance with collections, third-party and Eagle Card services until 5 p.m. Service EMU is open for account questions as scheduled. Payments can be made online 24/7 at ebill.emich.edu or at Service EMU in the Student Center and also in the drop box in front of Pierce Hall. These payments will be processed the next business day. The new SBS hours will be:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursdays -9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please contact EMU_Ebill@emich.edu with any questions.

YEAR-END GIFTS: The end of the year is quickly approaching and The Foundation is asking for your assistance so that they can process year-end gifts in a timely manner. If you have any checks delivered to your office, be sure to include the envelope when sending them to the EMU Foundation for receipting. The IRS requires EMU to prove delivery by Tuesday, Dec. 31 in order to process a 2013 tax receipt. All gifts that arrive to individual departments during the holidays should be delivered to the EMU Foundation on or before the end of the business day, Monday, Jan. 6, to receive a 2013 tax receipt. Please direct any questions to Cherie Burkheiser, Midge Elkins or Garima Sharma at The Foundation at 484-1322.

2014 UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM — NOMINATE!: The nomination site at www.emich.edu/symposium/nomination is open to students through January 15, 2014. Why should students present their research at the March 28, 2014 Undergraduate Symposium? Go to Kerri Musick's EMUblog post: <http://blogemu.com/kerris-konsciousness-undergraduate-symposium/> and find out. For more information, contact wkivi@emich.edu.

EMU PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS AND REMINDERS: The EMU Police Department facilitates a variety of community service programs focused on safety awareness for our residential halls, classrooms and campus. These include crime prevention seminars, and training sessions and programs on sexual assault and alcohol awareness for faculty, staff and students.

EMU Police use high visibility foot patrols, mobile patrols, bicycle patrols and an extensive video monitoring system to help deter crime. It is important to report crimes or suspicious activities immediately -- police have a better opportunity to apprehend suspects and solve crimes. Please review the information below and report any crimes or any suspicious activities. Reporting a crime or suspicious activity can be done anonymously.

- To report an incident, or information anonymously, please call 487-4847 or send an email to dps_questions@emich.edu.
- Call Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAKUP (800) 773-2587 or email at www.1800speakup.org or visit the [Crime Stoppers homepage](#).
- For more information on public safety, please visit the [EMU Public Safety Tips homepage](#).
- EMU publishes a Daily Crime Log of all crimes reported to the EMU Department of Public Safety. This information can be viewed at [EMU Daily Crime Log homepage](#). EMU also publishes the [Daily Crime Log for the City of Ypsilanti](#).
- Online, real-time crime mapping covering EMU and the City of Ypsilanti is available at: <http://geodata.acad.emich.edu/Crime/Main.htm>.

Telephone numbers and email accounts listed above are set-up specifically for those who wish to report a crime or information related to a crime. **Your identity will remain anonymous.**

For questions pertaining to EMU Safety Tips or crime prevention, please contact Police Officer Candace Dorsey, Crime Prevention Coordinator at 487-0987 or by email at cdorsey@emich.edu. The Crime Prevention office is located within the EMU Police Department at 1200 Oakwood Street. Police Dispatch at 487-1222. **For emergencies, call 911.**

Today's Events

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING: The EMU Board of Regents will hold its December board meeting **today, Dec. 10**, at 1:30 p.m., in room 201, Welch Hall. Below is the schedule for the committee meetings. All meetings are in Welch Hall.

- Faculty Affairs: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m., Room 205
- Athletic Affairs: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., Room 201
- Educational Policies: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., Room 205
- Student Affairs: 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., Room 205
- Finance and Investment: 11:30 - 12:15 p.m., Room 201

For additional information, please visit the [Board of Regents homepage](#) or contact Vicki Reaume at 487-2410 or email vicki.reaume@emich.edu.

CAMPUS SAFETY AWARENESS & HAZARD COMMUNICATION TRAINING: All new employees of the University are required to participate in the Safety Awareness & Hazard Communication Training presented by Environmental Health Safety (EHS). Please plan to attend the training **today, Dec. 10**, 8:30 - 10 a.m., room 300, in Halle Library. Please register at environmental_health_safety@emich.edu or call 487-0794.

SOUL SPEAK: A GROUP FOR WOMEN OF COLOR: The next *Soul Speak* will be held **today, Dec. 10**, 12 - 1:30 p.m., in the Kiva Room, located on the 3rd floor of the Student Center. The environment will provide a safe and supportive space to connect and discuss the unique experiences of being women of color while at EMU. For questions, please contact Joi Rencher at 487-0899 or email jrencher@emich.edu.

ORAL DEFENSE: Daniel R. Taylor, from the College of Technology will present his dissertation on "*Technology Adoption, Multiple Intelligence and Middle-Eastern Youth*," **today, Dec. 10**, 3 - 5 p.m., room 206 Sill Hall.

WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS TO PREPARE FOR FINALS: The Keys to Degrees program, part of the Academic Success Partnerships Department, is holding a workshop entitled, "Preparing for Finals," **today, Dec. 10**, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., in room 104 in the Student Center. The workshop will assist students by revisiting good study habits and test-taking tips. Light refreshments will be served. The workshop is LBC approved. For more information, contact Keys to Degrees at either keys.to.degrees@emich.edu or 487-8041.

EMU MEN'S BASKETBALL TAKE ON GREEN BAY: The EMU men's basketball team will play against Green Bay **tonight, Dec. 10**, at 7 p.m., in the Convocation Center. To see the complete roster and schedule, please visit [EMU Men's Basketball homepage](#).

"SEASON OF LIGHT" MOVIE IN THE PLANETARIUM: The EMU Planetarium presents an all-new show just in time for the holidays **tonight, Dec. 10**, at 8 p.m., in the Planetarium, located at 402 Mark Jefferson Science Complex. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door, at any EMU ticket office, online at www.emutix.com or by phone at 487-2282. The show is open to the public. Seating capacity is limited to 37 and all shows will start promptly at their designated times so please arrive early. For questions or more information, please call Norbert Vance at 487-4146 or email Tom Kasper at tkasper@emich.edu. Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EmuPlanetarium>.

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SUBMISSIONS IN EMU TODAY: Please note, **EMU TODAY** is an internal daily e-blast sent to faculty and staff. To submit an announcement or post an event, please forward your entry electronically to emu_today@emich.edu. Please be sure to format your entry with a title and include a description of the event, where the event will be held (room and building), the date and time, and a contact name, phone number and/or e-mail address. For questions, contact Debra Johnson at 487-2484.

NOTE: An asterisk denotes a new item.

Lectures & Presentations

ADDITIONAL MIOSHA HAZARD TRAINING SESSIONS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED: Based upon the demand, and the requirements for receiving the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) Hazard Communication training including the Globally Harmonized System, additional training sessions have been scheduled through the end of the year as follows:

- **Thursday, Dec. 12**, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., room 300, Halle Library
- **Tuesday, Dec. 17**, 9 - 10 a.m., Halle Library Auditorium
- **Wednesday, Dec. 18**, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., room 300, Halle Library

To register, go to environmental_health_safety@emich.edu or call 487-0794.

Conferences & Workshops

EAGLEMAIL TIPS & TRICKS - LUNCH AND LEARN SESSION: EMU Human Resources is pleased to offer "EagleMail Tips & Tricks" Lunch and Learn session on **Wednesday, Dec. 11**, 12 - 2 p.m., room 110, Halle Library. EagleMail has a number of tools that can help you become more productive. The goal of this session is to show EagleMail tools that will help you: Compose professional e-mail messages, organize and classify your data for ease of retrieval, and respond quicker to requests for information. Presenter: Kathy Robertson, Senior Performance Improvement Tech.

Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to the session. Registration for these sessions is completed through [Survey Monkey](#). Please visit the [Human Resource Lunch and Learn Program](#) for a complete description of each session. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Gordon at 487-3430 or email at hr_tod@emich.edu.

Activities and Events

ANNUAL HOLIDAY STEAK & EGGS BREAKFAST: 'Tis the season! Celebrate with friends and colleagues at the annual Holiday Steak & Eggs Breakfast at Eastern Eateries on **Wednesday, Dec. 11**, 7 a.m. to noon. The menu includes: NY Strip Steak, Roasted Redskins, Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Waffle Bar and Full Beverage Station - all for just \$7.35. For more information, please visit [fb.com/emichdining](https://www.facebook.com/emichdining), twitter.com/emichdining, or emich.edu/dining. Happy Holidays from EMU Dining Services.

YPSILANTI MEALS ON WHEELS HOSTS 17TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOUR: The Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels will host the 17th Annual Holiday Tour and Downtown Stroll on **Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15**. Enjoy the Saturday evening stroll in downtown Ypsilanti by browsing through unique lofts and festive businesses while enjoy a strolling dinner, "A Taste of Ypsi," prepared by local restaurants. The final stop is desserts, beverages and entertainment at Materials Unlimited. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the YMOW office, Haab's, MIX, and Nelson Amos Studios. Saturday, Dec. 14, 6 -10 p.m. and tickets are \$40. Saturday tickets can also be used on Sunday. Sunday, Dec. 15, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. and tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the tour. All proceeds benefit Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels. For more information visit: www.ymow.org/fundraising-events/holiday-tour-downtown-stroll/. EMU makes the Meals for the Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels.

2013 WINTER COMMENCEMENT AT EASTERN: The 2013 Winter Commencement will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 21**, at 2 p.m., at the Convocation Center. For additional information and the full schedule, please visit [2013 December Commencement homepage](#).

KEN STEVENS RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: Please join us on **Tuesday, Dec. 17**, at 4 p.m. in the Quirk Building to congratulate CMTA Professor Ken Stevens on his retirement and thank him for 41 years of outstanding service to the University. Sponsored by the Department of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts. The program will run from 4 - 4:30 p.m., in the Sponberg Theatre with refreshments following in the Quirk lobby area. Please RSVP to Pam Cardell at pam.cardell@emich.edu or call 487-1220.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR JOHN CLARK: University Archives will be hosting a retirement party for John Clark who will be retiring after 30+ years of service to the Library at EMU. The event will take place on **Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014**, 2 - 4 p.m., in the Carillon Room, Halle Library. Questions can be directed to Alexis Braun Marks at abraunma@emich.edu or Diane Browning dbrowning@emich.edu.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. HUMANITARIAN AWARDS: Each year, the University presents the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards at the MLK Day President's Luncheon. The 2014 luncheon will be held on **Monday, Jan. 20**. These awards recognize individuals from within the University and the surrounding community who exemplify the values and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nominations for the 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards are currently being accepted.

Non-Student Award

Nominations for the Humanitarian Award for non-students must include: (1) a letter of nomination, (2) one letter of support, and (3) a resume/CV of the nominee. Completed nomination materials must be received by the Office of Government and Community Relations, 207 Welch Hall or via e-mail to lgreden@emich.edu by **Monday, Dec. 16, 2013**, at 5:00 p.m. Only completed applications will be considered. Late applications will not be accepted.

Student Award

Nominations for the Humanitarian Award for an EMU student must include: (1) a completed application, (2) a short essay, and (3) one letter of support from an EMU faculty or staff member. The application, requirements and more information can be found at www.emich.edu/finaid/ and at the Office of Financial Aid, 403 Pierce Hall. Completed application materials must be received by the Office of Financial Aid or via e-mail to fa_scholarships@emich.edu by **Monday, Dec. 16, 2013**, at 5:00 p.m. Only completed applications will be considered. Late applications will not be accepted.

EMU has a long and storied tradition of discourse, learning opportunities, creative expression and community building in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. To learn more about the upcoming week's events, please go to <http://www.emich.edu/mlk/>.

2013-2014 STAR LECTURE SERIES WELCOMES 5TH GUEST SPEAKER: The EMU Honors College invites all students, staff, faculty and community members to the 2013-2014 Star Lectures: "Manifestations of Poverty." Please join us for the 5th lecture of the series featuring Marty Raymond who will address "Poverty Makes Me Ill," on **Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014**, 7 p.m., in the Student Center Ballroom. This session will explore the complex factors that contribute to personal health including access to health care, nutrition, exercise, community violence, pollution, and health literacy. For additional information, please contact rebecca.sipe@emich.edu.

Arts, Film & Entertainment

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DARIUS RUCKER IN CONCERT: Darius Rucker and his *True Believers Tour* featuring Eli Young Band with special guest David Nail will be coming to the EMU Convocation Center on **Friday, Jan. 31, 2014**. For more information, call the EMU Ticket Office at 487-2282 or go to www.emutix.com.

THE ROADSHOW 2014 LINEUP: Skillet, Third Day, Andy Mineo, Jamie Grace and more are coming to the EMU Convocation on **Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014**. The concert starts at 6 p.m. This year, all seats for the Roadshow 2014 Lineup will be reserved and there will be three ways concert goers can obtain their tickets:

- \$10 at the door (pick-up at venue box office)
- \$10 In advance at the venue box office during regular hours
- \$20 online or by phone

There will not be any additional services fees for the tickets for this concert. For more information, call the EMU Ticket Office at 487-2282 or go to www.emutix.com.

JUSTIN MOORE IN CONCERT AT THE CONVOCATION CENTER: Tickets will go on sale in February 2014 for the Justin Moore's "Off the Beaten Path" tour scheduled for **Saturday, March 15, 2014** at the EMU Convocation Center. Also starring Randy Houser, with special guest John Thompson. For more information on Justin Moore visit www.moorejustinmusic.com.

Athletics

GO EMU EAGLES: The 2013 Fall athletic schedule of events is available for [Men's Basketball](#), [Women's Basketball](#), [Women's Soccer](#), [Women's Volleyball](#), [Men's Swim & Dive](#), [Women's Swim and Dive](#), [Wrestling](#), [Women's Gymnastics](#).

Please visit the [EMU Athletics homepage](#) for more information about all Eagles athletic games, schedules, rosters and much more. For ticket information, go to [EMU Tickets](#) or call the ticket office at 487-2282. All football games will be broadcasted live on WEMU 89.1.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

- EMU vs. Western Michigan University, **Saturday, Feb. 15**, Bowen Field House
- Eagle Invitation, **Saturday, March 8**, Bowen Field House
- MAC Championships, **Saturday, March 22**, Convocation Center

WRESTLING

- EMU vs. Olivet College, **Tuesday, Dec. 17**, 7 p.m., Bowen Field House
- EMU vs. Northern Iowa, **Sunday, Jan. 5**, 1 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Northern Illinois, **Friday, Jan. 17**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Kent State, **Friday, Jan. 31**, 7 p.m., Bowen Field House
- EMU vs. Buffalo, **Sunday, Feb. 16**, 1 p.m., Convocation Center
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

- EMU vs. Rochester, **Saturday, Jan. 4**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Western Michigan, **Tuesday, Jan. 14**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Akron, **Wednesday, Jan. 22**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Ohio, **Saturday, Jan. 25**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Bowling Green, **Wednesday, Jan. 29**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Kent State, **Saturday, Feb. 8**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Toledo, **Saturday, Feb. 15**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Central Michigan, **Wednesday, Feb. 26**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Northern Illinois, **Saturday, March 1**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Ball State, **Tuesday, March 4**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- EMU vs. Lawrence Tech, **Tuesday, Dec. 31**, 1 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Ball State, **Thursday, Jan. 9**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Western Michigan, **Wednesday, Jan. 15**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Akron, **Sunday, Jan. 26**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Miami, **Sunday, Feb. 2**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Kent State, **Thursday, Feb. 6**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Bowling Green, **Saturday, Feb. 15**, 4:30 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Toledo, **Wednesday, Feb. 19**, 7 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Northern Illinois, **Sunday, March 2**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center
- EMU vs. Central Michigan, **Saturday, March 8**, 2 p.m., Convocation Center

Reminders

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN - "MISSION POSSIBLE": Eastern Michigan University's United Way campaign has raised \$51,895.24 with 258 people participating. Please help push us to our goal of **\$120,000** and **50%** participation. Be part of the change for the better in our community. One person, one gift adds up to big results. The pledge site will remain open throughout December. For questions, please contact Kevin Kucera or Linda Moore at 487-8892 or Dawn Stovall at 487-1105. Thank you for choosing to **LIVE UNITED**.

SKANDALARIS BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION ACCEPTING ENTRIES: The Center for Entrepreneurship is accepting entries for the 2014 Skandalaris Business Plan Competition. Students from across campus are encouraged to enter their plans for the chance at thousands in prize money. Finalists will present their plans to a live audience at the Sesi Midwest Entrepreneurship Conference Friday, Feb. 14 at the EMU Student Center. Plans need to be submitted by January 10, 2014. Students can submit their plans online at <https://app.pitchburner.com//s1/site//skandalarisBPC>.

WINTER BREAK COURSE BEING OFFERED UP NORTH: Earn up to four credits taking a course at Shanty Creek Resorts over Winter Break—Feb. 23–28. Find your course now at emich.edu/winterbreak. For more information, contact Sarah Painter at spainter@emich.edu or 487-9045.

EXHIBITION TAKES A LOOK AT THE EVOLUTION OF TRACK & FIELD AT EMU: The University Archives has an exhibit on the third floor in Halle Library (outside Archives). The exhibition takes a look at the evolution of the sport on campus, its athletes and coaching staff. The exhibit will be up until the end of the year.

REMINDER TO ALL EMPLOYEES WHO MAY WISH TO CHANGE THEIR PAYROLL EXEMPTIONS: According to Internal Revenue Service regulations, if you are changing your exemption status or withholding allowances for 2014, you are required to complete a new Federal W-4 Form (Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate). You can find the electronic form by going to my.emich, click the "Employee Tab" and then click on W4. If you are not making a change you do not need to take any action. For questions, please call 487-2393 or email at payroll.questions@emich.edu.

YOU.COMMUNITY.STORY - PLEASE TAKE THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY: Please share how you engage or have engaged with our local, state, national and global communities. The Community Engagement Survey was sent to your emich.edu email box on 10/23. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. To learn more about the survey, its value and impact, please visit the [Community Engagement Survey](#). For questions, please contact Decky Alexander at aa_asl@emich.edu.

EMU ATHLETICS AND FOOD GATHERERS OF WASHTENAW COUNTY FOOD DRIVE: Throughout the month of November, the EMU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is asking students, fans and the community members to donate canned food items to the main atrium area of the Convocation Center. The food donation box is set-up through Food Gatherers of Washtenaw County. All food donations will go to service 150 non-profit agencies and programs providing direct food assistance in the form of hot meals, nutritious snacks and more to low-income adults, seniors and children in Washtenaw County.

HELP HOMELESS FAMILIES IN WASHTENAW COUNTY - DONATE TO THE SALVATION ARMY: Now through **Friday, Jan. 31, 2014**, EMU has the opportunity to show the Washtenaw County community just how much we care – all while showing our Eagle pride.

EMU's PRSSA is partnering with The Salvation Army to give hope to those in need this holiday season. We are competing against other state universities (including Wayne State University and the University of Michigan – Dearborn) to raise the most money for this noble cause and we are asking for your help.

Please make a tax-deductible donation to the EMU PRSSA online Red Kettle at www.onlineredkettle.org/EMUPRSSA or give “EMUgives” to 71777.

This past year, money raised through the Red Kettle Campaign helped The Salvation Army provide more than 23,500 meals and more than 12,000 nights of shelter to those in need in Washtenaw County. For more information, please follow along with EMU PRSSA on Twitter (@emuprssa) or their website: www.emuprssa.com.

WINTER BREAK COURSE - BECOMING JEWISH IN AMERICA: Earn up to three credits this Winter break traveling to New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. learning about the Jewish contribution to America. Visit emich.edu/ust for more information or contact Jen Short at 487-3229 or jen.short@emich.edu.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY UPDATES: If your Department Directory listing is not accurate, please send the updated information to: dept_directory@emich.edu. For questions, contact Debra Burke at 487-6895 or by e-mail at dburke15@emich.edu. Please note that personal directory listings are populated by Banner and you will need to contact Academic HR or Staff HR to update personal listings.

POST AN EVENT TO THE EVENTS CALENDAR: To submit a new event, click on [Submit an Event](#), or go to the EMU homepage, then click on "calendars," then click the green button labeled "Submit an Event" (located on the bottom left) and enter your event information. If you need help or have questions, please contact Debra Johnson at djohn144@emich.edu or call 487-2484. All events are subject to approval.

Scholarships

EVANS-STRAND DIVERSITY AWARD: This \$1000 student award, modeled after the Nobel Peace Prize, annually recognizes an individual for significant contributions that advance the understanding and acceptance of diversity at EMU. Student award recipients are honored at the EMU Martin Luther King Day luncheon celebration on **January 20, 2014**. Application and eligibility requirements are available for download at http://www.emich.edu/cas/students/scholarships/evans_strand_2014.pdf. **Application materials are due by December 16, 2013**. Please send the application to Kate Mehuron, Associate Dean of Programs, kmehuron@emich.edu or Office of the CAS Dean, 214 Pray Harrold, 487-4348.

SEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: To find out about current scholarship opportunities, go to [search scholarships](#).

On this day...

In 1996 - South Africa's President Nelson Mandela signed into law a new democratic constitution, completing the country's transition from white-minority rule to a non-racial democracy.

Quote:

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man." - **Benjamin Franklin**

Fact:

The [United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea](#), also called the **Law of the Sea Convention** or the **Law of the Sea Treaty**, is the international agreement that resulted from the third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, which took place between 1973 and 1982.

The Law of the Sea Convention defined the rights and responsibilities of nations in their use of the world's oceans, establishing guidelines for businesses, the environment, and the management of marine natural resources. As of August 2013, 165 countries and the European Union have joined in the Convention. However, it is uncertain as to what extent the Convention codifies customary international law.