

Module Details	
Module Title:	International Petroleum Law
Module Code:	LAW7033-B
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Law
Subject Area:	Law
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Seminar	24
Directed Study	176

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1 (Sep - Jan)

Module Aims
The aim of the module is to develop your knowledge and understanding of some of the key commercial and related legal issues arising from the international oil and gas industry. It provides an overall overview and general understanding of oil and gas and of its operation, of issues relating to exploration and production, of the various contracts and phases involved in exploration and production, and of the environmental protection challenges in exploration and development of petroleum resources.

Outline Syllabus
-Introduction to the basic concepts of oil and gas; basic contractual issues; operation; assignment -Ownership, phases of petroleum exploration and developemnt and contractual arrangements and licences

- Financing/funding of oil and gas projects
- Decommissioning and financial liability
- Impact of new technologies and the international protection of new technologies

Environmental social and human rights challenges and business responses

Learning Outcomes

1	Apply the law relating to oil and gas and of the structure, purpose and complexity of arrangements used by the contracting parties in the course of oil and gas exploration and production operations, taking appropriate account of the risks, challenges and emerging issues in the sector.
2	Undertake complex critical evaluation of main legal rules, institutions and procedures relevant to oil and gas, using specialist literature and current research.
3	Demonstrate knowledge of the oil and gas related case law, and address the key elements of related substantive and procedural matters and of a wide range of socio-political, economic and other contextual implications of the area of oil and gas.
4	Critically apply the principles and law in this field to new cases and situations.
5	Apply independent research skills using primary and secondary resources, and be able to communicate key learning both orally and in writing.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

A range of methods will be adopted to direct and support learning on this module. You will attend a weekly two hour face to face workshop. For each of the workshops you will be asked to carry out some preparatory work which will include reading articles, book chapters and primary legal materials. Your preparation will also include independently researching questions set. During the workshops there will be some lecturer input and you will be asked to discuss your preparation and work in groups or individually to critique additional materials, debate questions and analyse primary law. There will be follow up work after most workshops to consolidate your learning and help you develop the criticality required at this level. Your work will be supported by the use of the Virtual Learning Environment where you will find relevant materials. Oral feedback will be given in the class and opportunities for written feedback will be provided. Tutors will be available to meet you individually if requested to discuss further feedback opportunities and review your progress.

Assessment will be by coursework only. This will comprise a written essay based coursework of 4000 words or equivalent. This will ensure that you are able to apply legally based reasoning to answer conflict based questions. You will be required to undertake a critical analysis of a complex issues in this field applying the principles and law studied in the module. The coursework will require the use of independent research, critical and analytical skills. You will also be expected to use appropriate legal terminology and written communication. The summative assessment is aimed at testing your ability to meet the learning outcomes of the module.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Formative	Coursework	Development task		%

Summative	Coursework	Essay.	-4000 words	100%
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Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

Please note:

This module descriptor has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but minor changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.