

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

UK Oil And Gas Law

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| Reference | BS4114 | Version | 4 |
| Created | February 2017 | SCQF Level | SCQF 10 |
| Approved | June 2017 | SCQF Points | 15 |
| Amended | June 2017 | ECTS Points | 7.5 |

Aims of Module

The petroleum industry brings together the most powerful public and private actors in the form of states and international oil companies (IOCs). Oil and gas law has the task of arranging the resultant relationships and of ensuring that the legitimate interests of each side are protected. This Module aims to provide students with an overview of some of the main legal issues in the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS) oil and gas industry today, and a basic understanding of the main actors and their respective interests. Key legal issues in oil and gas contracting in the UKCS will also be explored. The course will primarily look at these issues from the standpoint of Scots and/or English law, but at times a comparative approach with other jurisdictions will be taken.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a sound understanding of the evolution and complexities of the UKCS Licensing Regime;
- 2 Critically appraise the legal and commercial basis of oil and gas industry contractual arrangements in the UKCS;
- 3 Identify and critically analyse the legal rights and responsibilities of the key actors under different types of industry arrangements;
- 4 Critically evaluate legislation addressing marine, atmospheric and ecosystem pollution by the O and G industry in the UKCS.

Indicative Module Content

Overview of World Petroleum Agreements; Rule of Capture: Ownership of Oil & Gas; UKCS Licensing; Introduction to Oil and Gas Contracts; Structure of CRINE/LOGIC Contracts; Legal standards: Oil & Gas UK; Renewable Energy Issues; Pollution and Environmental Regulation; Taxation; Health and Safety in the UKCS; Decommissioning Issues and the DSA/DCPD.

Module Delivery

This is a lecture and seminar based module. Lectures provide core module content. Seminars develop associated higher level skills through student centred learning.

Indicative Student Workload

| | Full Time | Part Time |
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| Contact Hours | 36 | 36 |
| Non-Contact Hours | 114 | 114 |
| Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | 150 | 150 |
| <i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i> | | |

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4

Description: Written coursework exercise worth 30% of the overall module grade.

Component 2

Type: Examination Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4

Description: Examination worth 70% of the overall module grade.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The Module is assessed by two components: C1 - Coursework - 30% weighting. C2 - Examination - 70% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

| Module Grade | Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade: |
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| A | At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component |
| B | At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component |
| C | At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component |
| D | At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component |
| E | At least 35% on weighted aggregate |
| F | Less than 35% on weighted aggregate |
| NS | Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination |

Module Requirements

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| Prerequisites for Module | None. |
| Corequisites for module | None. |
| Precluded Modules | None. |

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