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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

UK Oil, Gas and Renewable Energy Law

Reference	LL4019	Version	2
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	May 2019	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2021	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

This Module aims to provide a comprehensive overview of key current legal issues in the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS) relating to the oil, gas and renewable energy industries, at the same time providing an in depth review of the main actors and their respective interests. In this regard, the law has the task of arranging complex relationships and of ensuring that the legitimate interests of all stakeholders are protected. The Module will primarily look at these issues from the standpoint of English and/or Scots 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/Leasing regime as it relates to oil, gas and renewable energy;
- 2 Critically appraise the legal and commercial basis of the contractual arrangements of the oil, gas and renewable energy industries 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 oil, gas and renewable energy industries in the UKCS.

Indicative Module Content

Overview of World Petroleum Agreements; Rule of Capture: Ownership of Oil & Gas; UKCS licensing/offshore leasing; Introduction to Oil and Gas and RE Contracts; Structure of CRINE/LOGIC Contracts; Legal standards: Oil & Gas UK; The emergence of the Oil and Gas Authority; The role of the Crown Estate and Marine Scotland in Offshore Leasing; Renewable Energy and sustainability issues; Pollution and Environmental Regulation; Taxation; Health and Safety in the UKCS; Decommissioning and the Decommissioning Relief Deed.

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

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
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 calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 30% weighting of C1 coursework and 70% weighting of C2 examination components. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module

		Coursework:						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	NS
Examination:	A	A	A	B	B	B	E	
	B	B	B	B	C	C	E	
	C	B	C	C	C	D	E	
	D	C	C	D	D	D	E	
	E	D	D	D	E	E	E	
	F	E	E	E	E	F	F	
	NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination						

Module Requirements

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

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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