

LLM Oil and Gas Law: Contracting, Decommissioning and Trade



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Module description:

International oil and gas projects consist of various operations and transactions all of which are subject to legal regulation. This module focuses on commercial arrangements between private oil companies, and examines a number of specific types of oil and gas operations and transactions in the upstream sector and beyond. The focus is on the arrangements between private oil companies, as opposed to arrangements between states and state oil companies, on the one hand, and private companies, on the other. These arrangements include various commercial contracts used in the course of petroleum upstream operations, sale and disposal of upstream assets, decommissioning, sale and shipping of oil and gas, and gas allocation, balancing and processing agreements. The course will not be confined to any specific legal system and

will be comparative in its orientation. Examples of legal regimes and practices from various parts of the world will be relied upon throughout the course.

Seminar topics:

- Joint operating agreements
- Unitisation agreements
- Seismic, drilling and well services agreements
- Allocation of risks in oil and gas contracts
- Decommissioning
- Access to infrastructure
- Acquisition and disposal of oil and gas assets
- International oil sales agreements
- International gas transactions: allocation, balancing and processing
- International gas transactions: sale and transportation

Methods of assessment

Modules on the LLM programmes will be assessed in one of the following ways. As this website is set up in advance, it is not possible to specify which method of assessment will be implemented for each module.

Either:

- One 6000 word essay

Or

- One 3-hour written examination

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