



Module Specification

Natural Resources Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Natural Resources Law

Module code: UJGUPN-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Not in use for Modules

Field: Law Postgraduate (Programmes)

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: The module examines international, regional and national legal and institutional arrangements concerning the use and conservation of natural resources. It analyses both theoretical and practical dimensions of these arrangements along with legal principles guiding the use and conservation of natural resources. The notion of sustainable development occupies an important place in this module as it focuses on the north-south dimension and on individual developing country case

studies. Natural resources regulation is analysed within the broad conceptual framework of sustainable development as the module examines links between exploitation of natural resources for economic development and conservation in the context of broader policy changes such as climate change. The module fits within the overall aims of all the LLM awards and has been designed in particular to address the need for internationalisation of the curriculum.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: In addition to the learning outcomes, on successful completion of this module students should have the ability to work in groups.

Outline syllabus: The course is divided into three parts:

Part I provides an overview of the sources and legal concepts and principles applicable to energy and natural resource activities.

Part II turns to the international legal regulation of specific energy and natural resources sectors, in particular the oil and gas, water and renewable sectors.

Part III looks at the relationship between natural resources, human rights and the environment.

These discussions are set in an international and comparative context. The following is a list of topics which will be explored in the seminars. The emphasis may shift where there is a shift in relative importance. The list has been drawn broadly enough so that developments in the area can be taken into account.

Sources, actors and concepts.

Water resources.

Oil and gas.

Renewable resources.

Transboundary resources.

Dispute settlement, sanctions and remedies

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The main focus of teaching and learning on the taught LLM programme is through independent research and debate in the context of 2-hour weekly workshops. The workshop-based approach to teaching and learning is designed to enable the student to develop the independent research, analytical and reflective skills required for successful completion of a postgraduate level course. Students will need to complete the necessary preparatory reading and study of any set case materials in advance of each workshop. From each workshop, the student will be expected to have developed a general mastery of the subject under consideration. In addition, students will be expected to raise, critically assess and defend different points of view on controversial issues in class and to make presentations to the class on their own and in groups.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

- D1** An ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels in the subject area
- D2** An ability to recognise problems and identify solutions
- D3** An ability to analyse, evaluate and reflect upon complex materials relating to the subject area
- D4** An ability to undertake independent research
- MO1** A critical understanding of the international legal principles and concepts relating to natural resources law
- MO2** An ability to critically examine natural resources law in relation to its wider political, social, environmental and economic context

MO3 An ability to analyse the range of regulatory and non-regulatory techniques employed in the natural resources law field and discuss their adequacy and/or shortcomings in the context of sustainable development

MO4 An ability to critically assess the comprehensiveness of existing global, regional and national regulation of energy and natural resources activities

MO5 An ability to evaluate different mechanisms for compliance and enforcement of rules related to natural resources

MO6 An ability to critically examine existing conflicts related to natural resources and discuss the legal issues at stake

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 126 hours

Face-to-face learning = 24 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujgupn-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujgupn-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy is to improve students' learning and ensure that assessment is linked to the learning outcomes. Learning outcomes will be assessed by oral presentation and written coursework. Assessment questions will be set by tutors. Both assessments require students to undertake independent research building on material covered in the workshop sessions. Formative assessment opportunities are provided in workshops throughout the module. The assessment process is aligned with the LLM programme and designed to enable students to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have acquired at the module level.

Assessment components:

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Oral presentation and questions (15 mins)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Written coursework essay (maximum 3000 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Oral presentation and questions (15 mins)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Written coursework essay (max 3000 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Environmental Law and Sustainable Development [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

Commercial Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [HCMCUL] LLM 2023-24

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2022-23