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**Law**

**Unit Outline**

## **Oil and Gas Agreements**

**LAWS5532**

**TS-N-4, 2016**

**Campus: Crawley**

**Unit Coordinator: Mr John Chandler**

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## Unit details

<b>Unit title</b>	Oil and Gas Agreements	<b>Credit points</b>	6
<b>Unit code</b>	LAWS5532		
<b>Availability</b>	TS-N-4, 2016 (07/11/2016 - 18/01/2017)		
<b>Location</b>	Crawley	<b>Mode</b>	Face to face

## Contact details

<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Law								
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<b>Unit contact hours</b>	Offered intensively (commences 27 October, workshop 23- 25 November 2016). Students must attend all sessions.								
<b>Online handbook</b>	<a href="http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/units/unitdetails?code=LAWS5532">http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/units/unitdetails?code=LAWS5532</a>								
<b>Unit website</b>	<a href="http://www.lms.uwa.edu.au">http://www.lms.uwa.edu.au</a>								

## Unit description

This unit examines the law regulating oil and gas agreements in Western Australia. The aim is to consider the key provisions of key contracts important to the commercial development of oil and gas. They include transportation and storage contracts and long term sales contracts. The workshop includes contributions from leading industry experts and comprises both plenary sessions and small group sessions analysing problem situations.

### Introduction

The course will be coordinated by Professor John Chandler and run intensively over 3 days. John has over 40 years experience in the resources industry, focusing particularly on the development and financing of large projects.

### Unit Content

The main study will be directed to an in-depth examination of the law regulating oil and gas agreements in Western Australia. The aim is to consider the key provisions of key contracts important to the commercial development of oil and gas. They include joint venture agreements, transportation and storage contracts and long-term sales contracts.

**Australian Oil and Gas Law LAWS8589/9589 is a prerequisite for this unit.**

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Lecture Times:	8:30am-5:00pm, 23- 25 November 2016
Lecture Building & Room:	To be confirmed

### Learning outcomes

<b>Outcomes</b>
(1) identify the agreements more commonly used to commercialise oil and gas in Australia
(2) identify and explain the fundamental principles of the law regulating agreements for the transportation and sale of gas in Australia;
(3) critically analyse and apply those principles in relation to a range of oil and gas agreements;

### Learning outcomes

Students are able to (1) identify the agreements more commonly used to commercialise oil and gas in Australia; (2) identify and explain the fundamental principles of the law regulating agreements for the transportation and sale of gas in Australia; (3) critically analyse and apply those principles in relation to a range of oil and gas agreements; and (4) identify and explain the fundamental principles of the law regulating the marketing of oil and gas in Australia.

## Unit structure

### Class Structure

The teaching and learning in this unit will occur through a combination of formal class contact and independent study of the materials provided.

Formal contact hours in the unit are concentrated into an intensive workshop, divided into plenary sessions and small-group sessions. The plenary sessions are in the form of lectures interspersed with discussion. They aim to give a broad coverage of the key legal materials and concepts, in conjunction with the materials to be distributed. The materials are arranged so as to link readings and lecture headings on each topic. Small-group sessions will take up a number of problems for more detailed examination in the light of general guidance in the lectures. In the first half of each small-group session participants will divide into syndicates to work up responses to the problems (Case Studies) which will then be compared and further discussed in larger meetings in the second half of the session.

Some of the readings included in the materials are drawn directly from legislation, regulations, and reports of judicial decisions. Context and language may be unfamiliar to students who do not have a legal background, but the lectures will aim to clarify the significance and, where necessary, the meaning of this material.

Alongside the intensive sessions the other major element of the unit is a research paper on a theme of the student's choice within the course scope.

Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. It is a condition of passing the unit that students have attended **all** sessions of the unit. An attendance register is maintained and students must sign in and out on this to qualify to meet this condition. In exceptional circumstances attendance at an individual session can be waived by the Unit Coordinator.

The reason for this condition is that the workshop is attended by non-students active in the oil and gas industry. Attendance is both an opportunity to increase knowledge and an essential part of the learning for the unit.

### Unit schedule

Date	Lecture Topic
Thursday, 27 October 2016	Last date for enrolment in the unit.
Monday 7 November 2016	Initial material posted on Blackboard Learning Management System <a href="http://www.lms.uwa.edu.au">http://www.lms.uwa.edu.au</a> . Hard copies can be purchased through the Bookshop.
Wednesday, 23 November – Friday, 25 November 2016	Intensive teaching period; Room to be confirmed, 8:30am-5:00pm
Wednesday, 30 November 2016	Due date for last posting to Bulletin Board for first assignment.  Each student must ensure that his/her research paper topic and working outline has been discussed with John Chandler by this date.
Thursday 22 December 2016	Deadline for submission of research paper

## Teaching and learning responsibilities

### Charter of student rights and responsibilities

<http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/life/charter>

### Information for students with disabilities

<http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/life/health/uniaccess>

## Assessment

### Assessment overview

Typically this unit is assessed in the following way: . Further information is available in the unit outline.

### Assessment mechanism

#	Component	Weight	Due Date	Relates To Outcomes
4000 words	Up to 4000 words for the combined total of postings concerning the First and Second Case Studies. Bulletin boards will be opened for each, and you are required to submit at least 4 postings. It is also required that your first posting is made on the First Case Study and is made before the the start of the intensive workshop (that is before 23 November 2016).	50%	First posting to be made by 22 November 2016 and all postings completed by 30 November 2016.	1,2, 3

4000 words	Research Paper	50%	22 December 2016	1, 2, 3
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### Assessment items

Item Title	Description	Submission Procedure for Assignments	Submit to
Postings to Bulletin Board	50% will be awarded for the combined total of postings concerning the First and Second Case Studies. Bulletin boards will be opened for each, and you are required to submit at least 4 postings. It is also required that your first posting is made on the First Case Study and is made before the start of the intensive workshop (that is before 23 November 2016).	Postings are to be made on bulletin boards opened on Blackboard. But in addition you must submit a hard copy of all your postings as an assignment in accordance with the Law School's procedures and policies <a href="http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/policies">http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/policies</a> (make sure your pheme account is activated) .	Upload to ASSESSMENT area on LMS at <a href="http://www.lms.uwa.edu.au">www.lms.uwa.edu.au</a>
Research Paper	50% of the marks for the unit will be awarded on the basis of performance in the research paper: maximum extent 4,000 words.	Assignments are to be submitted in accordance with the Law School's procedures and policies <a href="http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/policies">http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/policies</a> by-hand (make sure your pheme account is activated)	Upload to ASSESSMENT area on LMS at <a href="http://www.lms.uwa.edu.au">www.lms.uwa.edu.au</a>
Research Topic	The topic of the paper is to be chosen by the student in consultation with John Chandler. To assist choice, a list of suggestions for possible topics is attached (will be circulated).		
SJD	There are additional assessment elements for the SJD. The Research Paper for SJD students is a maximum 7,000 words.		

### Textbooks and resources

#### Recommended texts

#### Unit materials

Unit materials are provided at the commencement of the unit.

#### Technical requirements

##### Accessing LMS

- You need to be ENROLLED in a unit. If your record says INVALID you cannot access LMS or any other UWA electronic Unit system.
- Contact Student Administration <http://www.studentadmin.uwa.edu.au/>
- You need have a CURRENT Pheme password - to activate your UWA Pheme account, go to <https://www.pheme.uwa.edu.au/> Select the **Students** section and click on **activate your Pheme account**.

##### How can students access the LMS?

Go to the LMS website, <https://www.lms.uwa.edu.au/login.php> and log in using your UWA Student Number (found on your Campus Card) and Pheme Password. Click on the **LOGIN** button. Access to LMS requires an active UWA Student Number and Pheme Password.

##### LMS Help link

For STUDENTS at <https://www.lms.uwa.edu.au/login.php>

**Unable to access LMS?** Ask SISO (Student Internet Support Office)

On the phone: (08) 6488 3814

In person: Reid or Science Library

Via email: [support@student.uwa.edu.au](mailto:support@student.uwa.edu.au)

SISO can help with logging-in to the LMS, basic navigating/using the LMS

Make sure you give them your name and student number if you email them.

### **Additional resources and reading**

In preparing the paper, students should follow, so as far possible and appropriate, the guidelines in the Honours Brochure, available at <http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/honours>

In particular -

#### **Subsequent Procedure for Honours Candidates**

4. Selection and Refinement of a Topic for a Dissertation

(a) The Need for a Thesis, (b) Identification of Current Issues

#### **Research and Writing of the Dissertation**

1. Introduction and Conclusion, 2. Research, 3. Analytical Skills, 4. Organisation of Materials

#### **Submission of the Dissertation**

2. Style and Format

The Australian Guide to Legal Citation may also be helpful. <http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/research/uwalr/style>

### **Other important information**

Students must attend all sessions. Enrolments close and teaching commences two weeks before the start of the intensive workshop.

### **Policies**

- **Academic Conduct**
- **Assessment**
- **Reviews and Appeals**
- **Special Consideration**

For information on the above policies, please see:

- Undergraduate Major students: <http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/current-students-undergraduate>
- LLB & Juris Doctor students: <http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/legal-qualifying-degree>
- Graduate Diplomas and Masters students: <http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/diplomas-and-masters>
- Postgraduate Research students: <http://www.law.uwa.edu.au/students/postgraduate-research>