



UCalgary Law Graduate Program Courses

Oil and Gas Law

The upstream oil and gas industry. Topics include ownership of oil and gas and split estates; coal bed methane; the legal character of the private oil and gas lease; the anatomy of the various clauses of the oil and gas lease; and Crown disposition systems, including the Alberta (conventional and oil sands) and federal legislation and related policy question.

Environmental Law

Legal theories, concepts, principles, and processes relevant to environmental protection. Topics include ecological and ethical dimensions, jurisdictional issues, common law rights and remedies, environmental assessment, public participation, contaminated sites, enforcement and compliance, economic approaches, endangered species and protected spaces, land use planning, and environmental dispute resolution.

Public Lands & Natural Resources Law

The protection, exploitation, and management of Crown-owned lands and renewable and non-renewable natural resources (other than oil and gas, and including forestry, rangeland, minerals, wildlife, fisheries, wilderness, recreational, and heritage). Discussion of the nature of public ownership, public and private values, economic approaches, and inter-jurisdictional management.

Aboriginal Law

The law governing the relationship between indigenous peoples and settler society. Topics include recognition of aboriginal laws and custom, self-determination and other applicable principles of international law, self-government, common law recognition of aboriginal title, treaties, the fiduciary duty of the Crown, constitutional entrenchment of aboriginal and treaty rights, application of provincial laws, the Indian Act, land surrenders, and exemptions from seizure and taxation.

International Environmental Law

The customary and treaty law rules applicable to global and transboundary environmental issues. Topics include air pollution, climate change, international wildlife law and trade, the international chemicals agreements liability regimes, and shared resources.

Energy Law

An overview of energy regulation, focusing on competition and pricing. Topics include the theory and process of energy regulation, regulatory jurisdiction, judicial review of energy regulation, regulation of natural gas and electricity prices, market restructuring, and deregulation. The course will familiarize students with the legal issues that arise when the legislature and regulators respond to market failures, and/or protect the public interest, in the provision of natural gas and electricity services.

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Environmental Law and Ethics

The ethical underpinning of environmental law, with a consideration of various views, including the land ethics, deep and shallow ecology, instrumental and utilitarian approaches, and inherent value.

Oil & Gas Contracts

Selected problems in oil and gas law, including industry contracts (pooling, farmout, joint operating, purchase and sale and royalty agreements); fiduciary duties; and title review.

Environmental Impact Assessment Law

Environmental impact assessment (EIA) law and practice in Canada. Topics include the role of EIA in the regulatory process and as a planning tool, federalism, triggers, equivalency, harmonization, joint assessment, implementation of assessment decisions, adaptive management, strategic environmental assessment, the role of traditional knowledge, and public participation.

Pollution Control and Waste Management Law

The provincial and federal pollution control regimes for air and water pollution and for the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. Topics include federalism; regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to pollution from “point” and “non-point” sources; cumulative pollutant loads; the “precautionary” and “polluter pays” principles; and liability for contaminated sites.

Mining Law

An examination of the law concerning mineral exploration, financing, and development. The course will include close study of mining legislation concerning land available for mineral activity, competition among companies, acquisition of mineral title, and title disputes. Commercial agreements for mineral development will be examined, including options and joint ventures. Financing through stock exchanges and otherwise will be discussed. Issues concerning first nations, international mineral activity and the environment will be addressed.

International Trade Law

The public law framework for international trade, with emphasis on the WTO and NAFTA. Topics to be covered include national treatment, most favoured nation treatment, anti-dumping and countervail actions, and dispute resolution.

International Law

The elements of public international law, including sources, the role of customary law, the laws of treaties, recognition, state responsibility, and the roles and powers of international organizations.

Graduate Seminar in Legal Theory

An exploration of schools of legal theory, with the goal of helping students situate their graduate research within one or more of those approaches to legal scholarship. *Mandatory for all LLM students.*

Graduate Seminar in Legal Research

Preparation for developing, researching and writing a thesis or major research paper. The distinctive nature of legal scholarship and its professional context will be explored. Students will be introduced to specific research techniques and to the challenges of comparative and cross-cultural work. *Mandatory for thesis-based LLM students.*

NOTE: UCalgary Law may also offer the following courses, but they may not be available each academic year:

- Law & Economics
- Water Law
- Alternative Energy Law
- International Investment Law
- International Petroleum Transactions
- Law of Species & Spaces
- Regulatory Theory & the Law
- Oil Sands Law
- Climate Change Law

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