

**OIL & GAS LAW
LAWS 2079.02
WINTER 2019
(Fridays 1:00 – 2:50, Room 204)**

COURSE OUTLINE

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Grading:

Final Exam – 90%
In-class Presentation – 10%

Texts:

None

Readings:

A reading list with links will be distributed in class. The reading list may be amended from time to time during the semester. Amendments will be communicated via the Brightspace site and in class. In addition to the reading list, materials may be handed out in class.

In-class Presentation:

Each student will be required to prepare and give an in-class presentation of no more than 10 minutes in length. The 10-minute maximum will be strictly enforced. The presentation should provide a commentary on one or more of the cases or readings from a previous class or, with the prior agreement of the professor, another relevant oil and gas law topic.

The best presentations will provide commentary, insight or critical analysis of the relevant topic. Do not simply provide a summary of a case or other material covered in class – this will not result in as good a mark for the presentation.

A sign-up sheet will be available in class for students to schedule their presentations.

Plagiarism:

All students must read the University policies on plagiarism and academic honesty <http://academicintegrity.dal.ca/> and the Law School policy on plagiarism <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/current-students/jd-students/academic-regulations.html>. Any paper or assignment submitted by a student at the Schulich School of Law may be checked for originality to confirm that the student has not plagiarized from other sources. Plagiarism is

considered a serious academic offence which may lead to loss of credit, suspension or expulsion from the law school, or even revocation of a degree. It is essential that there be correct attribution of authorities from which facts and opinions have been derived. Prior to submitting any paper or other assignment, students should read and familiarize themselves with the policies referred to above and should consult with the instructor if they have any questions. Ignorance of the policies on plagiarism will not excuse any violation of those policies.

Requests for Accommodation

Requests for special accommodation for reasons such as illness, injury or family emergency will require an application to the Law School Studies Committee. Such requests (for example, for assignment extensions) must be made to Associate Dean Michael Deturbide or the Director of Student Services as soon as possible, before a scheduled exam or a deadline for an assignment, and will generally require medical documentation. Retroactive accommodation will not be provided. Please note that individual professors cannot entertain accommodation requests.

Students may request accommodation for either classroom participation or the writing of tests and exams due to barriers related to disability, religious obligation, or any characteristic under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act. Students who require such accommodation must make their request to the Advising and Access Services Center (AASC) at the outset of the regular academic year. Please visit www.dal.ca/access for more information and to obtain the Request for Accommodation – Form A. Students may also contact the Advising and Access Services Centre directly at 494-2836.

2019 CLASS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 11, 2018	INTRODUCTION
JANUARY 18, 2018	THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT
JANUARY 25, 2019	OWNERSHIP OF OIL AND GAS
FEBRUARY 1, 2019	<i>NO CLASS – MUNRO DAY</i>
FEBRUARY 8, 2019	PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LEASES - PART A
FEBRUARY 15, 2019	PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LEASES - PART B
FEBRUARY 22, 2019	<i>NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK</i>
MARCH 1, 2019	ROYALTIES
MARCH 8, 2019	OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS RESOURCES
MARCH 15, 2019	OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS
MARCH 22, 2019	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
MARCH 29, 2019	<i>NO CLASS – GOOD FRIDAY</i>
APRIL 5, 2019	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES & EXAM REVIEW
APRIL 25, 2019	EXAM