



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013

GRA 8153 Offshore Law

Programme

Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) in Energy Management, Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) in Shipping - Offshore and Finance

Responsible for the course

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Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

4

Language of instruction

English

Introduction

The module introduces the students to international law, contracts and the legal framework of the industry, as well as the interface between maritime law, the law of the sea and offshore law. The course emphasises on international and national rules applicable to the sea, offshore structures and ships. This includes rules relating to the use of the sea and its resources as well as liability and pollution rules. The role of international conventions will be explained, as well as their impact on national rules, practices and contracts used. Standard contracts used in the offshore industry is covered. In this context, also basic principles of competition laws and its impact on business strategies and individual contracts will be discussed.

Learning outcome

Acquired knowledge:

The participants will acquire an understanding of the rules applicable to shipping and the maritime industry, with an emphasis on the following :

- International and national offshore law
- International law
- The importance of bi lateral and multi lateral treaties
- International Maritime Conventions, their development and use
- Pollution rules
- Liability rules
- Basic principles of maritime law
- Laws and Contracts commonly used
- Jurisdiction and dispute resolution
- International competition law and their effect on offshore contracts, mergers and acquisitions

Acquired skills:

The course will enable the students to identify and use the laws and regulations in order to :

- Understand the fundamentals of offshore laws
- Understand the fundamentals of maritime law
- Understand the interface and difference between maritime laws and offshore laws
- Understand the process of making, ratifying and implementing International Conventions
- Be able to recognise and solve international disputes
- Understand the importance of different legal regimes and jurisdiction clauses
- Interpret and use common standard contracts
- Identify legal liabilities in contract and in tort
- Determine whether or not agreement are in within the limitations set by competition and anti trust laws

Reflection:

The participants will learn the complex legal nature of offshore, the use of the seas resources, the international shipping, and how rules are international rules that are common for many countries through international conventions. They will be able to reflect on a practical case and to solve it using relevant laws - and to form opinions about the use of limitation rules and environmental concerns relating to shipping.

Prerequisites

Bachelor degree or equivalent, 8 years work experience, managerial experience and good written and oral knowledge of the English language.

Compulsory reading**Books:**

John S. Lowe. 2005.

Oil and Gas Law in a Nutshell

. 5th. West publishing. 1-5,14

Thor Falkanger, Hans Jacob Bull and Lasse Brautaset. 2011. Scandinavian Maritime Law. 3rd edition. Universitetsforlaget AS. Chapters 1

Articles:

Articles and handouts for reference to be distributed in the class

Recommended reading**Course outline**

- Offshore and petroleum law
- National laws, port state laws and international conventions
- International law
- Pollution rules
- Liability rules
- Standard contracts and their use
- Competition law
- Case work

Computer-based tools**Learning process and workload**

The course is conducted through a total of 16 hours of lectures and casework.

As a part of lectures, assignments will be placed on It's learning. Students are expected to be prepared for class by working on the assignments.

Examination

The students will be evaluated by the following elements :

Class participation, counting 20 %

Case work throughout the module, counting 20 %

Written assignment, counting 60 %

Written assignment to be handed in 3 weeks after the end of the module. Students will work in groups of up to 3 students on the written assignment.

Examination code(s)

GRA 81531 - Process evaluation; accounts for 100 % to pass the program GRA 8153, 4 ECTS credits.

The course is a part of a full Executive MBA in Shipping, Offshore and Finance and all evaluations must be passed to obtain a certificate for the degree.

Examination support materials**Re-sit examination**

Re-takes are only possible at the next time a course will be held. When course evaluation consists of class participation or process elements, the whole course must be re-evaluated when a student wants to retake an exam. Retake examinations entail an extra examination fee.

Additional information