

SYLLABUS

2. Information regarding the programme

1.1 Higher education institution	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Law
1.3 Department	Department of Private Law
1.4 Field of study	Energy Law
1.5 Study cycle	Master
1.6 Study programme / Qualification	International and Comparative Business Law

2. Information regarding the discipline

2.1 Name of the discipline		International Energy Law					
2.2 Course coordinator		Catalin Gabriel Stanescu					
2.3 Seminar coordinator		Catalin Gabriel Stanescu					
2.4. Year of study	1	2.5 Semester	1	2.6. Type of evaluation	E A	2.7 Type of discipline	Compulsory

3. Total estimated time (hours/semester of didactic activities)

3.1 Hours per week	3	Of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	1
Time allotment:					hours
Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes					20
Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation)					20
Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays					10
Tutorship					5
Evaluations					5
Other activities: N/A					-
3.7 Total individual study hours		55			
3.8 Total hours per semester		97			
3.9 Number of ECTS credits		7			

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. Curriculum	Thorough knowledge of Contract, EU Law.
4.2. Competence	Good command of the English language.

5. Specific competencies acquired

Professional competencies	- Ability to understand a topic at the core of the global, regional and national agenda - Ability to understand the interaction between different regulatory instruments, relevant policies and main contracts regarding development and use of natural resources - Develop an insight into ways in which economic, environmental and sustainable considerations influence the resolution of legal conflicts
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Transversal competencies	- Advisory and counselling skills - Decision-making skills
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6. Objectives of the discipline (outcome of the acquired competencies)

7.1 General objective of the discipline	The main objective of the course is to provide the students with a legal understanding of a topic at the core of the global, regional and national agenda. The interaction between different regulatory instruments, relevant policies of development and use of natural resources and various environmental and sustainability impact issues will be treated in the light of international law, European Union law and national law. Emphasis is placed also on the private law instruments, mainly oil and gas contracts, employed by the industry and on dispute resolution mechanism, mainly arbitration, in the energy field. A further aim of the course is to develop students' insight into ways in which economic and environmental considerations influence the resolution of legal conflicts.
7.2 Specific objective of the discipline	At the end of this course, the students will be able to: critically evaluate national, regional and international decisions and the case-law of ICSID in the field of energy law; understand complex practical situations entailing energy related issues in various contexts; understand correctly the relationship between international, regional and national law relating to energy matters; form a well-reasoned opinion on the role of energy and energy security in today's economic, legal and geo-political context.

7. Content

7.1 Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
15. Introduction to Energy Law	The lectures are based on analytical presentations of the primary, secondary and soft-law sources, supplemented with a keen attention on the classic and recent arbitral case-law of international bodies or of the CJEU. The lectures are meant to highlight the grand scheme of the international energy law system, while showcasing its unique nature of the Energy Charter Treaty	The students are required to prepare by thoroughly going through the reading materials before each session. This will ensure that the focus of each lecture is dedicated to the more complex issues, which require detailed legal analysis and which are often prone to diverging interpretations.
16. Energy Security		
17. EU Treaty Law on Free Movement and Competition in Relation to Energy Markets		
18. Liberalisation of and Competition in the Electricity and Natural Gas Markets		
19. Special Legal Regimes & Exploitation of Oil and Gas – Licensing Systems		
20. Change of License Conditions. Expropriation		
21. Joint Operating Agreements. Farm In & Farm Out		
22. Trade Investment and the Energy Charter Treaty		
23. Nuclear Energy		
24. Oil Pollution		
25. Abandonment & Decommissioning		
26. Renewables and Financial Support Schemes		
27. Energy Efficiency. Smart Cities and Smart Grids		
28. The Energy Consumer		
Bibliography		

- Martha Roggenkamp, Catherine Redgwell, Inigo del Guayo and Anita Ronne – Energy Law in Europ, 2018, Oxford University Press - Kim Talus – Energy Law and Policy. A Critical Account, 2013, Oxford University Press - Kim Talus – Vertical Natural Gas Transportation Capacity: Upstream Commodity Contracts and EU Competition Law, 2011, Kluwer Law International, - Eduardo G. Pereira (ed) – Understanding Joint Operating Agreements, 2016, Intersentia		
7.2 Seminar	Teaching methods	Remarks
The seminars build upon the MA education by applying legal methodology within the specialised area of the energy sector at large that includes both international, EU and national law aspects. This means that the students are requested to understand, identify, analyze and solve legal issues and questions in an essential and complex political, legal and technological setting where many conflicting goals must be balanced.	The first part of each seminar is built around solving topical practical cases dealing with energy related disputes, covering the issues discussed in each specific class. In this section of the seminars, the students get acquainted with the diverse approaches required for solving a case in the field of energy. In the second part of each seminar, the students are required to work in groups (maximum three students / group). At the end of each <i>second</i> seminar, each group is required to produce brief documents / papers (based on priorly prescribed assignments), which are to be presented orally in front of the class.	The seminars are interactive in nature. Active participation in the debates that take place in the classroom is highly encouraged. Therefore, preparation by reading the prescribed materials before each seminar is mandatory. Similar to the approach adopted with regard to the lectures, this approach ensures that the focus of the seminars is directed to complex, analytical issues.

8. Evaluation

Type of activity	8.1 Evaluation criteria	8.2 Evaluation methods	8.3 Share in the grade (%)
8.4 Course	- Ability to apply the acquired knowledge and relevant case-law while solving complex energy related cases or while answering energy related questions.	Written exam	75%
8.5 Seminars	Ability to draft case briefs, legal memos, and deliver presentations on various energy related topics.	Written and Oral Assignments	15%
	Active and meaningful class participation	Oral	10%
8.6 Minimum performance standards			
At least 5 (on a 1 to 10 scale) for the written exam and the seminars assignments			

Date

Signature of course coordinator

Signature of seminar coordinator

11.09.2024

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Date of approval

Signature of the head of department

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