

Programme Specification
MSc Oil and Gas Law
For students entering in 2018

MSc Oil and Gas Law (full time)
MSc Oil and Gas Law (part time)

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This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

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| Awarding Institution | University of Reading |
| Teaching Institution | University of Reading |
| Length of Programme | Full time 12 months, part time 24 months |

Programme information and content

The aims of the program are to

1. train a critical pool of professionals so as to develop their knowledge of the key issues in the emerging oil and gas industry;
2. increase the analytical and research skills of students in terms of their ability to collect and analyse information relating to legal, economic and environmental problems related to the oil and gas industry;
3. enable students to tackle complicated legal problems and provide solutions
4. expose students to a multidisciplinary learning environment;
5. help students develop an array of both analytical and critical skills, through independent study and working with others;
6. provide students with the knowledge and skills for professional life and further academic study.

Module information

The programme comprises of 180 credits

Students on the MSc Oil and Gas Programme:

Can take optional taught modules totalling 180 credits from the list of optional modules provided by the School of Law, or from an approved list of modules from across the University

Or

Choose to allocate 40 credits to a Project, in which case the following modules will be compulsory:

| Module | Name | Credits | Level |
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| LWMTPR | Project | 40 | 7 |
| LWMTPS | Project Skills | 10 | 7 |

The project must be written on a topic that has a meaningful relationship to issues of Oil and Gas law.

The remaining credits will be taken from the list of optional modules from the School of Law or from an approved list of modules from across the University.

Full-time January entrants

Please note that if choosing to allocate 40 credits to a project, the project submission date falls in early September, whereas you will study some of your taught modules in the (subsequent) Autumn term. You may wish to bear that in mind when choosing a project topic.

Part-time or modular arrangements

The MSc Oil and Gas programme can be taken part-time over two years. In the first year of study, a student will normally be required to complete 20 credits from each of the School of Law module list and the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development module list and further optional modules totalling not less than 20 credits and not more than 50 credits. In the second year of study a student will normally be required to complete any remaining modules. For MSc Oil and Gas students who choose to write a Project, this includes the Project-related modules LWMTPS Project Skills, and LWMTPR Project. The programme may not be completed over more than two years.

Additional costs of the programme

The readings required for each module will be made available in electronic form and/or in hard copy in the library. Students who wish to purchase their own copies of relevant books and materials must do so at their own expense.

Optional modules:

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. Details of any additional costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the programme. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

Placement opportunities

From time to time opportunities for internship and similar placements may arise and the School facilitates a number of such opportunities.

Teaching and learning delivery:

Teaching methods will vary from module to module but teaching will primarily be by means of seminars. Certain modules may be partially taught by means of lectures and tutorials.

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is – 150 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module contact hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description

Accreditation details

Assessment

All modules other than the Project will be assessed by one or a combination of: a timed, unseen examination; a timed, seen examination; assessed written work; and other forms of assessment (such as participation in class or an oral class presentation).

Progression

Part-time and modular progression requirements

Part-time Candidates

A part-time candidate may only proceed into their second year if they have achieved 2 marks of at least 50% in the first year. A part-time candidate who chooses not to proceed to the second year may be considered for the award of Certificate if they have an average mark of 50 or more in modules worth 60 credits and has no mark below 40.

Classification

The University's taught postgraduate marks classification is as follows:

Mark Interpretation

70 - 100% Distinction

60 - 69% Merit

50 - 59% Good standard (Pass)

Failing categories:

40 - 49% Work below threshold standard

0 - 39% Unsatisfactory Work

For Masters Degree

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 70 or more over 180 credits; and
- (ii) a mark of 60 or more for the project; and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iv) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 60 or more over 180 credits; and
- (ii) a mark of 50 or more for the project; and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iv) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 180 credits; and
- (ii) a mark of 50 or more for the project; and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iv) students must not have any mark below 40.

For PG Diploma

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 70 or more over 120 credits; and
- (ii) In addition, the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iii) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 60 or more over 120 credits; and
- (ii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iii) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 120 credits; and
- (ii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iii) students must not have any mark below 40.

For PG Certificate

To qualify for a **Postgraduate Certificate**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 60 credits; and
- (ii) must not have any mark below 40.