The Sydney Law School in Europe Program offers a unique opportunity for students to undertake a fully-credited Sydney Law School unit of study during the mid-year break. Sydney Law School has for many years offered postgraduate units of study in the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy. For the first time in 2016, this course will be offered in the home of the North Sea oil and gas industry, Stavanger, Norway. The unit Principles of Oil and Gas will be offered to a limited number of Postgraduate and final year Juris Doctor students.

The program will be offered on an intensive basis, including a free day for reading and other activities. Students will be taught by Dr Penelope Crossley of the University of Sydney. Guest lectures will be delivered by leading expert, Professor Kim Talus. Professor Talus is Professor of European Economic and Energy Law at UEF Law School, Director of the Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law and Professor of Energy Law at the University of Helsinki.

We will also hear from Statoil representatives; Vice President for Business Development, Mr. Kristian Hausken and Ms Carine Ihenacho(tbc) Global Chief Compliance Officer. Mr Huaksen has held executive positions for more than 30 years with Statoil; he is currently overseeing approximately half of Statoil’s business development execution portfolio. Ms Ihenacho is responsible for Statoil’s business ethics and compliance program, including the anti-corruption program.

This is an opportunity for our law students to enrich their university experience by exploring the distinctive legal issues presented by oil and gas exploration and production and examining the legal and regulatory responses of oil producing states, whilst located in this North Sea oil hub. The unit explains the international legal principles that apply within the sector and sets the Australian experience against a broad comparative background.

LAWS6990 Principles of Oil and Gas Law
Content of the Unit:
Objectives: On completion of the unit, participants should be able: to explain the specific legal problems posed by the physical characteristics of oil and gas; to identify different approaches to the resolution of those problems, their strengths and weaknesses; to identify and analyse the special issues presented by offshore oil and gas resources on the one hand, and onshore resources on the other; to compare the approaches of different states to the exploitation of their oil and gas resources, and the different legal vehicles used to support and control the involvement of private capital is involved in this task; to identify the problems that may arise at each stage of the exploration, production and disposition of oil and gas, and to outline their legal solutions; to outline the legal approach to any special environmental and occupational safety problems posed by oil and gas operations; and to consider how legal regimes for oil and gas exploration and production may be evaluated in terms of political and legal risk.
It is anticipated that a course dinner will be held Tuesday 12th July with Wednesday 13th July scheduled as a free day.

**Assessment and eligibility:**
The unit is offered as a 6 credit point elective.

**Pre-requisites:** Students must be eligible to undertake elective units in 2016.
The unit is offered as a 6 credit point elective for PG and final year JD students.

Students are strongly advised to carefully consider the assessment regime before applying. Students who plan to attend classes overseas must be relatively free from other commitments.
Any students intending to undertake more than one offshore unit of study in a session should carefully consider their capacity to manage their workload. Reasons such as conflicting commitments, timetable clashes and heavy workload do not form a ground for special consideration.

**Assessment:**
- Take-Home Exam (100%)
- Take-Home Exam (70%) and Optional Essay or Problem Question (30%)

**Take home exam:** The take home exam will constitute a 2 hour exam in a 4 hour window of time for those doing the 70% assessment. The take home exam will constitute a 2.5 hour exam in a 5 hour window for those doing the 100% assessment. Take home exam due date – window of 5th August 2016 to 15th August 2016.

**Optional essay or problem question (30%):** This will be a 1500 word assignment, with the essay topic and problem question to be distributed in the first class. Optional essay/problem question – due date of 3pm Friday 29 July 2016

**Fee Information**
Two fees are payable to the University of Sydney:
1. The University of Sydney tuition fee (which varies depending on your enrolment)
2. A fee covering in-Norway expenses

The tuition fee covers tuition costs (including reading materials) in Norway and Sydney. This fee is set by the University of Sydney and is based on the standard tuition rates. The tuition fee will be incorporated in your 2016 fee invoice as per your regular units of study.

**Attendance:**
At all classes is compulsory. Students will not be eligible to submit assessments unless they have attended all classes (except in the case of illness or other serious misadventure).
Please note assessment may be subject to change.

**Accommodation:**
Students must arrange their own travel and accommodation for this unit. Accommodation suggestions will be provided to students.
The university is not located in the centre of town; it is however easily accessible by public transport.
Students should refer to the following website for bus routes (6&7) and timetables https://www.kolumbus.no/en/routes/bus-routes. A seven day bus pass currently costs 135NOK. Our visit coincides with Stavanger University’s summer break; as such, food and beverage facilities are not likely to be open. Participating students should be prepared to take a packed lunch each day.

As in other unfamiliar cities or areas, all students should be mindful and cautious when walking or travelling alone at night in Stavanger.
In the interests of establishing some group camaraderie before the unit commences, the application form will ask if you are willing to share your email address with other classmates. If you are interested in discussing accommodation options, travel plans, etc with your classmates, please provide your preferred email address.

The unit will also include a course dinner at a venue to be advised.

**Principles of Oil and Gas** is a semester 2 subject and will count towards your semester 2 study load.
The $700 paid upon application, will be allocated as payment of the in-Norway fee.

FEE –HELP/ HECS-HELP does not cover accommodation and general living expenses; it cannot be used to defer payment of the fee for in-Cambridge expenses.

OS-HELP
The Australian Government provides loans to assist eligible students to undertake accredited studies overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP. To be eligible for OS-HELP assistance for overseas study in both Asia and non-Asia destinations, you must be enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place (CSP). For further information please refer to: http://sydney.edu.au/study/finances-fees-costs/fees-and-loans/os-help-loans.html

STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES FEE 2016

Most domestic and international (undergraduate and postgraduate) students are liable for the SSA fee, which is charged per semester, based on your total study load for that semester. Below are the rates for 2016:

- Part time: $108.75 (Semester study load of 0.374 Equivalent Full-Time Student Load or less)
- Full time: $145.00 (Semester study load of 0.375 Equivalent Full-Time Student Load or more)

The Faculty strongly recommends all students consider purchasing additional travel insurance. Please note that your travel insurance policy should provide comprehensive coverage for medical expenses incurred overseas, including medical evacuation, and personal liability coverage. You should also ensure you are covered for cancellation costs in the event that the program is cancelled. It is strongly recommended that you purchase your travel insurance when you purchase your flight ticket. If you plan to take a laptop or other electronic devices, please ensure that you have arranged appropriate insurance.

Any students with pre-existing medical conditions must obtain a letter from their treating doctor which should then be supplied to Audit and Risk Management (cc Sonya Chater) for insurance purposes advising:
- details of the condition
- management of the condition
- suitability for overseas travel

Further information:

General Insurance and Claims Officer
Vlad Nesic
e:vlad.nesic@sydney.edu.au

Please refer to the website for further information:

TRAVEL
Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements to, from and within Norway. Students are strongly advised not to make travel bookings until you have received official notification from Sydney Law School that you have been accepted into the program.

During the course students are covered by the University of Sydney Student Travel Insurance Policy. Please note the policy is limited in its coverage. For example personal travel, loss of personal items and many routine medical costs are not covered. Further information can be found at: http://sydney.edu.au/audit_risk/insurance/travel/student.shtml
VISAS

At the time of publishing, Australian passport holders are allowed to enter the Schengen member states without a visa for a stay up to 90 days. Students are responsible for obtaining any visas they require and the University of Sydney accepts no responsibility if a student is unable to obtain a visa. As visa and other entry and exit conditions (such as currency, customs and quarantine regulations) can change at short notice, you should contact the nearest Embassy or consulate of Norway for the most up to date information.

Make sure your passport has at least six months' validity from your planned date of return to Australia.

CROSS-INSTITUTIONAL STUDENTS

Cross-institutional applicants are advised to contact their home institution to confirm that the unit can be credited towards their degree. Students are required to obtain written permission from their home institution before applying and paying the non-refundable deposit. Cross-institutional students should email law.offshore@sydney.edu.au for further details. Preference is given to University of Sydney Law students.

HOW TO APPLY

Sydney Law School in Europe units are very popular; applicants are strongly urged to submit applications without delay to avoid disappointment. Places are offered on a first in basis. Please note: It is anticipated that this unit will be capped at 30 students; an initial quota of 10 places are reserved for PG students and will be held until 18th March. The online application form will be available on the website, Friday 4th March:


1. A completed online application form must be submitted
2. When completing the online application form you will be directed to an online payment system to pay $700 (of which $500 is a non-refundable deposit). Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund of $700.
3. Applications will only be processed upon successful payment of the deposit, they will be processed in order of receipt and will be subject to eligibility.

APPLICATIONS OPEN: MIDDAY FRIDAY 4th March

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 18th March
(or earlier if the quota is full)

4. Successful applicants will be notified and will be enrolled by student administration. Do not confirm your travel arrangements until you have received official confirmation.

Please note, receipt of the online deposit does not imply acknowledgement or acceptance of your eligibility for the unit. Eligibility will be checked before an offer is confirmed.

REFUND POLICY

1. In the event that LAWS6341 Media Law: Comparative Perspectives is cancelled, students will receive a 100% refund of tuition fees and in-Norway expenses.
2. Upon application, all students must pay A$700 which will only be refunded if your application is unsuccessful.
3. Students who withdraw from the program prior to close of business on 22 April 2016 will receive a full refund of any tuition fees and in-Norway expenses paid, less the A$500 deposit.
4. Students who withdraw from the program after close of business on 22 April 2016 and before the census date will receive a full refund of tuition fees paid and no refund of the fee for in-Norway expenses.
5. 100% tuition fee liability or FEE-HELP debt will be incurred after the census date. No refund of either tuition or in-Norway fees are payable for unit of study withdrawals received after this date.

Applications to withdraw from the program must be received in writing and submitted to Sonya Chater by the relevant date. The Law School requests that students intending to withdraw from the program do so no later than 22 April 2016.

Students are advised to consult their tax consultant as to whether all travel expenses associated with their education are tax deductible.
CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

Units of Study and arrangements for these, including staff allocated, as stated in any publication, announcement or advice of the University are an expression of intent only and are not to be taken as a firm offer or undertaking. The University reserves the right to discontinue or vary such units, arrangements or staff at any time without notice. The University reserves the right to cancel your enrolment in the following circumstances:

1. Provision of false or misleading information;
2. Failure to pay outstanding loans, fines and/or fees;
3. Payment by a cheque which is dishonoured or by a credit card authorisation which your credit provider refuses to pay.

Students are strongly advised not to make travel bookings until you have received official notification from Sydney Law School that you have been accepted into the program.

The University of Sydney will not pay any amounts in respect of travel or other costs incurred by a student in the event that the program is cancelled at any time or if the student is unable to obtain a visa or if for any reason a student is unable or decides not to participate in the program.

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