**Soran University/ Faculty of Law**

**Commercial Law- Fourth Year**

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## Course book 2014-2015

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**1- Rationale**

This module has three principle aims. Firstly, is to study the main oil and gas contracts. Secondly, to provide students with English commercial terms and phrases in order to enhance their abilities in terms of English language. Finally, to highlight and study the methods of alternative dispute resolution.

**2- Learning outcomes**

By successful completion of the module students will be able to show:

**2.1- Knowledge and Understanding of:**

Firstly, the legal dimensions of the oil and gas contracts. Secondly, why corporates are going to arbitration before going to the court when a dispute arise. Finally, the most useful vocabularies that are known as the lawyer`s English language vocabularies.

**2.2 -English language skills:**

The ability to demonstrate understanding and learning commercial legal terms and expressions.

**2.3 -Intellectual Abilities:**

to produce conclusions and solutions in a variety of complex legal situations in the fields of oil and gas industry

**3- Specialist Resources (faculty provided)**

Specialist lecture notes developed for the module

Students will be required to discuss inside classroom from time to time to answer the questions and provide their opinion regarding to a certain issue.

* Advanced Law for Business, Keenan, Pearson Educational (most current edition)
* Oil Contracts, online book available at <http://en.calameo.com/read/000468402fbd203cd5613>

#### 4- Indicative Reading and Learning Support List

* [www.westlaw.co.uk](http://www.westlaw.co.uk)
* [www.bis.gov.uk](http://www.bis.gov.uk) (dept for business ,innovation and skills – formerly known as DTI, BERR)
* [http://www.rics.org](http://www.rics.org/)
* [www.googletranslation.com](http://www.googletranslation.com)

**5-Teaching and Learning Methods**

Faculty of Law teaching and learning philosophy is to develop the whole student i.e. to provide you with challenging activities and exams that require you to develop and improve skills as well as increase knowledge and understanding of contractual, international commercial law and financial procedures.

This value-added approach means that you need to be provided with the

Opportunity to develop skills through discussion and analysis involving development of practical, professional skills based on classroom discussion questions and case studies to provide the opportunity to test understanding of the principles involved.

The lecture programme is designed to bridge the gap between your current

Knowledge, understanding and level of skills and those required by those working within a company, corporation or financial environment.

Tutorials, practicals and questions activity will involve you in investigations and discussions on set topics.

This approach sees the learning needs as the focus of the learning activity with

the understanding that you will need to take on some responsibility for your own

learning.

**7- this module covers:**

**Unit one:** an overview of Commercial law in general.

**Unit Two:** Oil and Gas Contracts.

**Unit Tree:** The legal profession vocabulary.

**Unit Four:** Dispute Resolution.

**Weekly Lecture**

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| **Name of the Lecturer** | **week** | **Subject Title** | **Nr** |
| Himdad F. Ahmad | 1 | **Commercial law in general** |  1 1 |
| // | 2 | **Government options to develop their natural resources** | 2 |
| // | 3 | **Concession contract**  | 3 |
| // | 4 | **Concession contract** | 4 |
| // | 5 | **Advantage and Disadvantage of Concession contract** | 5 |
| // | 6 | **Production Sharing Contract** | 6 |
| // | 7 | **Production Sharing Contract**  | 7 |
| // | 8 | **Ad-disadvantage of Production Sharing contract** | 8 |
| // | 9 | **Service Contract**  | 9 |
| // | 10 | **Types of service contract** | 10 |
| // | 11 | **Types of service contract** | 11 |
| // | 12 | **Ad-disadvantage of service contract**  | 12 |
| // | 13 | **First semester exam** | 13 |
| // | 14 | **Joint venture contract** | 14 |
| // | 15 | **Joint venture contract** | 15 |
| // | 16 | **The legal profession** | 16 |
| // | 17 | **Making a claim in the civil court** | 17 |
| // | 18 | **Areas of law I** | 18 |
| // | 19 | **Areas of law II** | 19 |
| // | 20 | Areas of Law III | 20 |
| // | 21 | Areas of Law IV | 21 |
| // | 22 | **Alternative Dispute Resolution --Negotiation** | 22 |
| // | 23 | **Alternative Dispute Resolution --Negotiation** | 23 |
| // | 24 | **Alternative Dispute Resolution --Mediation** | 24 |
| // | 25 | **Alternative Dispute Resolution --Mediation** |  25 25 |
| // | 26 | Second semester exam  | 26 |  |  |
| // | 27 | Alternative Dispute Resolution--Arbitration | 27 |
| // | 28 |  **Alternative Dispute Resolution--Arbitration** | 28 |
| // | 29 | **The dispute between the Iraqi Central Government and the KRG over oil and gas contract** | 29 |
| // | 30 | **The whole year review** | 30 |
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**7- Assessment**

This module is comprised 2 course exams (15%+15%), 10% on the activity of students, and one final exam 60%.

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**Typical Questions**

**Question 1: what are the main government options to develop natural resources?**

**Question 2: PSA is…….**

**Question 3: Translation some of the English terms into Kurdish or Arabic language**

**Question 4: what are the main service contracts?**

**Question 5: the advantage of ADR?**