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## Syllabus of Record

**BLAW 441 The Law of Property Oil and Gas Leasing II** 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits  
**BLAW 541 The Law of Property Oil and Gas Leasing II** 3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits

Prerequisites: (Undergraduate) **BLAW 440**  
(Graduate) **BLAW 633 and BLAW 540**

### I. Catalog Description

Second legal course in the energy/oil and gas sequence and will build upon and advance concepts from the first course. Specifically designed toward the sophisticated level understanding required to be employed

as "landman" in the oil and gas fields. Covers these topics: the Habendum Clause, the drilling and rental clause, dry hole, cessation of production, and drilling operation provisions, delayed rental and bonus provisions, forfeiture and related provisions, implied covenants, Prudent operator standard, implied drilling covenants, protection covenants, development, marketing and reasonable care covenants, assignments of royalties, royalty calculation under various state laws, drilling and operating agreements, assignment of working interest, pooling and utilization issues and problems, oil and gas farms and leases

**IV. Evaluation Methods**

**COURSE OUTCOME**

|                                      |     |            |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Two tests during the semester        | 40% | 1,2,3,5,   |
| Final Examination                    | 30% | 1,2,4,3,5, |
| Two assignments/written case studies | 30% | 3          |

**For Graduate Students:**

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|----------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Two tests during the semester    | 30% | 1,2,3,5,   |
| Final Examination                | 20% | 1,2,4,3,5, |
| Assignments/written case studies | 20% | 3          |

Research Project Report 10% 4,6,7,

**Grading scale Undergraduate:**

Final Grade: A greater than or equal to 90%

energy companies/or with landman companies to help solve real legal problems they may face

**Academic Articles and Journals**

Abbott, Kevin C. and Snyder, Nicolle R., Recent Decisions Affecting The Development Of The Marcellus Shale In Pennsylvania, 72 U. Pitt. L. Rev. 661. (2011).

American Institute of CPAs, Entities with oil and Gas Producing Activities, p.7-95 (2011)

Bibikos George and Jeffrey C. King, "A Primer On Oil And Gas Law In The Marcellus Shale States", 4 Tex. Oil, Gas & Energy L. 155 (2009)

Burnett Robert J., "Does Pennsylvania Recognize And Implied Covenant For Further

Exploration?", 13 Lawyers J.5. (January 2011).

Diary E. (2009) "Mechanics of hydraulic fracturing" *Petroleum related rock mechanics*

**B. Course Proposal Format**

**1. Under Graduate Curriculum Authorization Form**

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2. Course Description and Particulars

A: Attachments

B: Bibliography

2b. Rationale: With the increasing interest, profit and employment in the Energy and Shale industry this course will benefit our students and the local economy. This course will be included as a major area elective in our undergraduate and graduate program.

2c. Other Courses and Programs:

a. This course does not overlap with any other courses or programs

b. No other department is planning to use this course as a requirement or elective

2d. Variable Credit: This course will not be offered for variable credit

2e. Teaching Plans: The course will be primarily lecture based with emphasis on projects and

legal cases relevant to the industry. The course will be taught by one instructor.

2f. Special Topics. This course has not been offered as Special Topics.

2g. Comparisons.

Similar courses are offered in a number of Universities. For examples see below:

3b. Frequency: This course will be offered once during the academic year

3c. Enrollment:

The max expected enrollment will be 35 students

4. Catalogue Description:

upon and advance concepts from the first course. Specifically this course is geared toward the sophisticated legal understanding required to be employed as "landman" in the Oil and gas fields. This course will cover these topics: The Habendum clause, the drilling and rental clause, Dry