

STUDENT LEARNING GUIDE

Independent Learning and Further Research Guide

Oil Pollution and Compensation Law | Course Code LGC300

COURSE PURPOSE

This guide extends the lecture presentations through directed reading, applied research, practical exercises, reflection and visible evidence of completion. It should be used alongside the lecture materials and the final assessment.

Course aim

The course develops the learner's ability to understand and apply the legal, regulatory, financial and professional principles covered in Oil Pollution and Compensation Law, using authoritative sources and realistic maritime or commercial scenarios.

Course learning outcomes

- Identify and explain the key international conventions related to oil pollution, including MARPOL, the Civil Liability Convention and the Fund Convention.
- Analyse legal principles of liability and compensation for oil-pollution damage.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of current legal and institutional frameworks.
- Apply relevant legal concepts to case studies involving oil-pollution incidents.
- Demonstrate awareness of developments and challenges in oil-pollution law and enforcement.

The learner journey

1. Study the lecture presentation and record initial notes or questions.
2. Complete the directed reading and identify the authority supporting each main point.
3. Undertake the lecture-linked research and practical activity using public, fictional or properly anonymised information.
4. Upload the required output to the LMS and complete the knowledge check.
5. Respond to feedback and retain the final work in the learner portfolio.

PROGRAMME MAP

The programme provides 30 hours of structured independent learning. Completion should be evidenced through LMS submissions, knowledge checks, feedback and the final learner portfolio.

Lecture	Exact lecture title	Independent time
1	Compensation for Pollution Damage from Seabed Mineral Exploration and Extraction	6 h 00 min
2	OIL POLLUTION CLAIMS AND PUBLIC NUISANCE	6 h 00 min
3	LEGAL PRECEDENTS AND THE EVOLUTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE	6 h 00 min
4	THE RECOVERABILITY OF PURE ECONOMIC LOSS IN PUBLIC NUISANCE	6 h 00 min
5	DETERMINING WHETHER DAMAGE IS DIRECT OR MERELY CONSEQUENTIAL	6 h 00 min

Research and submission standards

- Use current primary or authoritative sources first.
- Cite the organisation or author, title, date, URL and date accessed.
- Separate facts, assumptions, analysis and recommendations.
- Use public, fictional or properly anonymised cases and do not disclose confidential or personal information.
- Declare permitted use of generative AI and verify every factual or legal statement against the original source.
- Retain notes, source extracts, drafts, feedback and the final submission as evidence.

Core source directory

- [IMO Civil Liability Convention](#)
- [IMO Fund Convention](#)
- [International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds](#)
- [IMO MARPOL Convention](#)
- [Merchant Shipping Act 1995](#)
- Also use the corresponding London Gateway College lecture material and any tutor-approved primary authority or recognised professional source.