



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information	
Awarding Institution	UWE, Bristol
Teaching Institution	University of the West of England Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
Delivery Location	University of the West of England, Frenchay, Bristol Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, split –Vietnam/Bristol
Study abroad / Exchange / Credit recognition	N/A
Faculty responsible for programme	Faculty of Business and Law
Department responsible for programme	Law
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links	N/A
Highest Award Title	LLM International Banking and Finance Law
Default Award Title	N/A
Interim Award Titles	Postgraduate Diploma International Banking and Finance Law Postgraduate Certificate International Banking and Finance Law
UWE Progression Route	N/A
Mode of Delivery	Full time; Part time
ISIS code/s	M3AC12 (M29B)
For implementation from	September 2019

Part 2: Description

This Law postgraduate programme provides students with the opportunity to study integral parts of the international banking and financial system. It is designed to allow students to develop an ability to understand and critically comment on such fundamental issues as the importance of effective and proportionate financial regulation, the activities of traders and the relationship between the banking sector and financial crime. Practical understanding is encouraged by including analysis of high-profile financial scandals such as the collapse of Northern Rock and the 'credit crunch' thus enhancing employability. The programme supports one of the key aims of UWE, in seeking to foster a strong global outlook in students. It is designed to encourage innovation and creativity in assessing current problems at the cutting edge of international banking and finance law and in designing responses thus preparing graduates for employment in legal practice, commercial organisations especially in the banking sector and in the public sector both in the UK and abroad.

The programme is based on an understanding of law as both a vocational discipline and a subject of academic study. The programme seeks to reflect this by:

- Equipping students with an advanced understanding of various aspects of international banking and finance law and banking practice, focusing in particular on current developments from both an academic and practice perspective.
- Developing the analytical skills needed to make reasoned, creative and original judgments regarding the development and practical application of commercial law.
- Assisting students to develop greater intellectual autonomy and to become independent learners.
- Equipping students with the research skills and methodological knowledge needed to conduct advanced legal research.
- Refining students' ability to communicate effectively complex ideas in oral and written form.
- Developing students' ability to look reflectively at their own professional practice.
- Encouraging ethical decision-making, sustainability and global citizenship.
- Assisting students to develop the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility and decision-making.
- Encouraging lifelong learning and personal development and thereby enabling students to be able to work with self-direction and originality and to make a positive contribution to society.

Programme requirements for the purposes of the Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR)

This programme equips students with an advanced understanding of key areas of law. It develops essential analytical, research and communication skills necessary for employment in legal practice as well as in related fields of employment. Students will be able to work with a high degree of intellectual autonomy and will have the ability to make reasoned, creative and original judgments in relation to the development and practical application of key areas of law as well as being able to work with self-direction and ethically to make a positive contribution to society and as global citizens.

Regulations

Approved to [University Regulations and Procedures](#)

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme

	Research Methods	International Banking and Finance Law	International Financial Crime	Foundations for Research	Dissertation
Learning Outcomes:					
A) Knowledge and understanding of:					
1. Complex and specialised areas of international banking and finance law, often working at the cutting edge of developments in this area.		✓	✓		✓
2. The influence of European Law on the financial services sector		✓	✓		✓
3. The policies adopted by international institutions towards the international financial services sector		✓	✓		✓
4. Existing global, regional and national regulation of the international financial services sector		✓	✓		✓
5. Research approaches and techniques used in the analysis of legal issues drawing on the main research traditions in law	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Pervasive Issues including sustainability, global citizenship, diversity and employability		✓	✓		✓
(B) Intellectual Skills					
1. Ability to deal with complex and specialised legal norms and to explore the current limits of legal knowledge in International Banking and Finance Law;		✓	✓		✓
2. Ability to critically analyse, at the appropriate postgraduate level, rules of law and to apply them to complex and developing factual situations;		✓	✓		✓
3. Ability to analyse and synthesise abstract concepts and theories;	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. Ability to create responses to problems that redefine existing knowledge and/or develop new approaches to particular problems;		✓	✓		✓
5. Ability to independently evaluate complex legal issues and to suggest alternatives;	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels;	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7. Ability to conceptualise and integrate complex ideas and arguments from multiple sources and perspectives	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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	Research Methods	International Banking and Finance Law	International Financial Crime	Foundations for Research	Dissertation
Learning Outcomes:					
(C) Subject/Professional/Practical Skills					
1. Ability to plan and undertake effective research on complex and specialised legal issues;	√	√	√	√	√
2. Ability to use information and knowledge effectively;	√	√	√	√	√
3. Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral form;	√	√	√	√	√
4. Ability to articulate ideas, develop arguments and engage in debates orally, through presentations and written work;	√	√	√	√	√
5. Ability to recognise and address ethical dilemmas and corporate social responsibility issues;	√	√	√	√	√
6. Ability to use relevant ICT effectively;	√	√	√	√	√
7. Ability to work effectively as part of a team, to listen and respond to contributions in group processes and to negotiate and persuade others.				√	
(D) Transferable skills and other attributes					
1. Ability to work autonomously with a self-awareness of key research and analytical issues to be dealt with in any particular piece of work;	√	√	√	√	√
2. Ability to plan strategies for effective research and analysis;	√	√	√	√	√
3. Ability to think analytically and reflexively about complex material and to present arguments and information coherently and at a level consistent with postgraduate study;	√	√	√	√	√
4. An awareness of ethical issues including sustainability issues.	√	√	√	√	√
5. Independent learning and reflective practice required for effective performance in future work roles.	√			√	√
6. Time management	√	√	√	√	√

Part 4: Programme Structure

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **full time undergraduate student**

ENTRY	Compulsory Modules (total of 120 credits)	Optional Modules	Awards
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations for Research UJGUPW-15-M • Research Methods UJGUP7-15-M • International Banking and Finance Law UJGUPF-15-M • International Financial Crime UJGUPK-15-M • Dissertation UJGT85-60-M 	<p>Students to choose 60 credits from the following modules (not all modules will necessarily be offered in every academic year):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Law and Institutions UJGUPC-15-M • Globalisation and the Law UJGUP9-15-M • International Contracts UJGUP8-15-M • International Intellectual Property Law UJGUPPL-15-M • Information Technology Law UJGUPH-15-M • International Commercial Disputes UJGUPJ-15-M • Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility UJGUPP-15-M • International Competition Law and Policy UJGUPA-15-M • Shipping Law UJGUPR-15-M • International Employment Law UJGUPS-15-M • World Trade Organisation Law UJGUPM-15-M • Contemporary Research Project UJGUPG-15-M • A maximum of one module not listed above, offered on any of the other LLM award routes by the Department of Law (15 credits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Certificate in International Banking and Finance Law • Postgraduate Diploma in International Banking and Finance Law • Credit requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PG Cert 60 credits ▪ PG Dip 120 credits <p>Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target/highest – LLM in International Banking and Finance Law <p>Credit requirements - 180 to include the Dissertation module which will be the final module undertaken.</p>

Part 4: Programme Structure LLM International Banking and Finance Law**University of Law, split –Vietnam/Bristol Delivery**

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey for students taking the Vietnam / Bristol split delivery

ENTRY	Semester 1 - Vietnam	Semester 2 - Bristol	Semester 3 Vietnam or Bristol
	<p>Compulsory modules (total of 60 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Methods UJGUP7-15-M • International Banking and Finance Law UJGUPF-15-M • International Contracts UJGUP8-15-M • Globalisation and the Law UJGUP9-15-M 	<p>Compulsory modules (total of 30 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations for Research UJGUPW-15-M • International Financial Crime UJGUPK-15-M <p>plus</p> <p>Optional modules Students to choose 60 credits from the Semester 2 options offered to UWE route.</p>	<p>Compulsory modules (total of 60 credits)</p> <p>Dissertation UJGT85-60-M</p>
	<p>Interim Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Certificate in International Banking and Finance Law (60 credits) • Postgraduate Diploma in International Banking and Finance Law (120 credits) <p>Target Award Target/highest – LLM in International Banking and Finance Law (180 credits to include the Dissertation module which will be the final module undertaken)</p>		

GRADUATION**Part time:****2 year programme**

All modules can be taken in any of year 1, 2 except for the following:

Foundations for Research – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 1
 Research Methods – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 2
 International Banking and Finance Law – to be taken in Year 1
 Dissertation – to be taken in Year 2

Three year programme

All modules can be taken in any of year 1, 2 and 3 except for the following:

Foundations for Research – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 1
 Research Methods – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 2
 International Banking and Finance Law – to be taken in Year 1.
 Dissertation – to be taken in Year 3

Part 5: Entry Requirements

The University's Standard Entry Requirements for taught postgraduate courses apply with the following additions

Candidates should normally hold a good honours degree in law (LLB (Hons)) or equivalent from a recognised UK Higher Education institution or equivalent from a recognised overseas institution.

Non law graduates may be admitted if they have relevant experience or an honours degree in a related subject area.

The University's Standard English Language Requirements for taught postgraduate courses apply.

Part 6: Reference Points and Benchmarks

Set out which reference points and benchmarks have been used in the design of the programme:

[QAA UK Quality Code for HE](#)

- Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)
- Qualification characteristics for [Master's degrees](#)

[Strategy 2020](#)

[University policies](#)

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