



Programme Specification

Commercial Law [Frenchay]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: Commercial Law [Frenchay]

Highest award: LLM Commercial Law

Interim award: PGCert Commercial Law

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Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Affiliated institutions: Not applicable

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: No

Year abroad: No

Sandwich year: No

Credit recognition: No

Department responsible for the programme: FBL Dept of Law, Faculty of Business & Law

Contributing departments: Not applicable

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies: Not applicable

Apprenticeship: Not applicable

Mode of delivery: Full-time

Entry requirements: For the current entry requirements see the UWE public website.

For implementation from: 01 September 2019

Programme code: M34A12

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: This Law Postgraduate Programme seeks to extend and develop students' understanding of the law relating to the core aspects of commercial law including contract law, dispute settlement, competition, corporate governance, aspects of international banking and finance, intellectual property and employment. The course aims to provide opportunities for students to gain an understanding of a range of global issues affecting commercial law and practice and to gain knowledge, understanding and the requisite skills in preparation for employment in commercial legal practice and commercial organisations both in the UK and abroad.

Educational Aims: 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 commercial law and commercial and business 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 Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this programme graduates will achieve the following learning outcomes.

Knowledge and Understanding

- A1. Complex and specialised areas of commercial law and practice, often working at the current limits of understanding
- A2. The customs and practice of International Commercial Law
- A3. Global, regional and national regulation of the international commercial law
- A4. The influence of European Law in relation to commercial law and commercial and business practices
- A5. Research approaches and techniques used in the analysis of legal issues drawing on the main research traditions in law
- A6. Pervasive Issues including sustainability, global citizenship, diversity and employability

Intellectual Skills

- B1. Ability to deal with complex and specialised legal norms and to explore the current limits of legal knowledge
- B2. Ability to critically analyse, at the appropriate postgraduate level, rules of law and to apply them to complex and developing factual situations

- B3. Ability to analyse and synthesise abstract concepts and theories
- B4. Ability to create responses to problems that redefine existing knowledge and/or develop new approaches to particular problems
- B5. Ability to independently evaluate complex legal issues and to suggest alternatives
- B6. Ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels
- B7. Ability to conceptualise and integrate complex ideas and arguments from multiple sources and perspectives

Subject/Professional Practice Skills

- C1. Ability to plan and undertake effective research on complex and specialised legal issues
- C2. Ability to use information and knowledge effectively
- C3. Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral form
- C4. Ability to articulate ideas, develop arguments and engage in debates orally, through presentations and group discussions and in written work
- C5. Ability to recognise and address ethical dilemmas and corporate social responsibility issues
- C6. Ability to use relevant ICT effectively
- C7. Ability to work effectively as part of a team, to listen and respond to contributions in group processes and to negotiate and persuade other

Transferable Skills and other attributes

- D1. Ability to work autonomously with a self-awareness of key research and analytical issues to be dealt with in any particular piece of work
- D2. Ability to plan strategies for effective research and analysis
- D3. Ability to think analytically and reflexively about complex material and to present arguments and information coherently and at a level consistent with postgraduate study
- D4. An awareness of ethical issues including sustainability issues

- D5. Independent learning and reflective practice required for effective performance in future work roles
- D6. Sensitivity to diversity in people and ability to work with people in different situations
- D7. Time management

Part B: Programme Structure

Year 1

The student must take 180 credits from the modules in Year 1.

Year 1 Compulsory Modules

The student must take 105 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJGUPW-15-M	Foundations for Research 2023-24	15
UJGUP8-15-M	International Contracts 2023-24	15
UJGUPX-60-M	Legal Research Project 2023-24	60
UJGUPY-15-M	Research Methods 2023-24	15

Year 1 Optional Modules

Students must take 75 credits.

Students may also choose a maximum of one module not listed below, offered on any of the other LLM award routes by the Department of Law (15 credits).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJGUPG-15-M	Contemporary Research Project 2023-24	15
UJGUPP-15-M	Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility 2023-24	15
UJGUPQ-15-M	European Environmental Policy and Law 2023-24	15
UJGUP9-15-M	Globalisation and the Law 2023-24	15

UJGUPH-15-M	Information Technology Law 2023-24	15
UJGUPF-15-M	International Banking and Finance Law 2023-24	15
UJGUPJ-15-M	International Commercial Disputes 2023-24	15
UJGUPA-15-M	International Competition Law and Policy 2023-24	15
UJGUPS-15-M	International Employment Law 2023-24	15
UJGUPD-15-M	International Environmental Law 2023-24	15
UJGUPK-15-M	International Financial Crime 2023-24	15
UJGUPL-15-M	International Intellectual Property Law 2023-24	15
UJGUPC-15-M	International Law and Institutions 2023-24	15
UJGUPN-15-M	Natural Resources Law 2023-24	15
UJGUPR-15-M	Shipping Law 2023-24	15

Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

The Programme requires students to develop knowledge and understanding of complex and specialised areas of law, often working at the current limits of understanding. In addition providing opportunities to master specialist knowledge in specialised areas of law, the programme facilitates the development of a range of postgraduate level skills, particularly the key skills of independent study and research which include the ability to undertake critical analysis of relevant legal provisions and evaluate the impact of such rules and principles in practice across a range of jurisdictions; reflective study; critical reasoning; the ability to develop research strategies; oral and written communication skills. The key requirement for the project, in particular, that students produce a piece of written work that contributes to the corpus of legal knowledge in terms of the originality of the material

considered, or of approach to the material, requires students to demonstrate the key critical, analytical and research skills, thus highlighting the postgraduate nature of the programme.

Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

QAA Framework for Higher Education in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (August 2008):

The educational aims and learning outcomes of the programme reflect the requirements of the QAA Framework for a qualification at Master's level. The programme has been designed to incorporate the QAA's Characteristics Statement for Master's degree (September 2015). There is no QAA subject benchmark statement for Law at master's level.

UWE Vision and Mission:

The educational aims and learning outcomes support the UWE Vision and Mission by focusing in particular on the development of skills which foster innovation, sustainability, internationalisation, diversity and employability. The programme aims to address the need for an understanding of Environmental and Sustainable Development law in a global context, focusing on both national and international legal developments and is designed to appeal to a diversity of students, recognising their differing needs.

Faculty Strategies and Policies:

The FBL Employability Strategy, LTA Strategy and the Blended Learning Framework are implemented in the learning, teaching and assessment strategies adopted.

Development of the programme took into account student feedback over a number of years, as well as the views of partner institutions who offer LLM Programmes, alumni and employers. The QAA Statement of Masters Degree Characteristics 2015 and the UWE Bristol Strategy 2010 were also key reference points in seeking to ensure that the programme meets the learning needs of our students.

Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.