



Programme Specification

International Trade and Economic Law [Frenchay]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: International Trade and Economic Law [Frenchay]

Highest award: LLM International Trade and Economic Law

Interim award: PGCert International Trade and Economic 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 January 2019

Programme code: M34C12

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: This postgraduate Law programme offers students an opportunity to engage with the challenges posed by the current international trade regime in a legal context. It takes the perspective that international trade and economic law need to be considered along with the social, political and economic dimensions of governance and development. A range of trade and related issues are explored, such as the impact of international trade policy and rules on sustainability, development, human rights, competition and dispute settlement from the viewpoint of both developed and developing countries. 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 trade and economic law and in designing responses thus preparing graduates for employment in legal practice and commercial organisations as well as the public sector and non-governmental 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 international trade and economic law, especially focusing on current issues at the forefront of academic study.

Developing the analytical skills needed to make reasoned, creative and original judgments regarding the development and practical application of the law in this area.

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 international trade and economic law, often working at the current limits of understanding of legal principles underpinning this field of study
- A2. The customs and practice of international trade and economic law
- A3. Understanding of institutions in which the international trade regime is maintained and disputes are settled
- A4. Current global, regional and national legal instruments pertaining to international trade
- 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 (Full-time)

Full-time students must take a maximum of 105 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Full-time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJGUPW-15-M	Foundations for Research 2023-24	15
UJGUP9-15-M	Globalisation and the Law 2023-24	15
UJGUPX-60-M	Legal Research Project 2023-24	60
UJGUPY-15-M	Research Methods 2023-24	15

Year 1 Compulsory Optional Modules (Full-time)

Full-time students may choose one of the following two modules:

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJGUP8-15-M	International Contracts 2023-24	15

UJGUPM-15-M	World Trade Organisation Law 2023-24	15
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Year 1 Optional Modules (Full-time)

Full-time students must take 60 credits

Full-time 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
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 equips lawyers with the knowledge and skills necessary to engage with trade and businesses at the global level. As business have become global, lawyers who want to practice both in the international and domestic commercial and business sectors need an understanding of international trade to enable them to operate in this highly complex and competitive area. Students completing the course will have a critical and contextual understanding of the processes, actors and institutions of world trade and the free flow of capital, goods and services that shapes today's global economy. Graduates will be equipped with both the subject expertise as well as a range of professional and transferable skills which are sought after in commercial legal practice as well as in business, and the public and voluntary sectors, both in the UK and internationally.

Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

QAA UK Quality Code for HE:

Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)

Subject benchmark statements

Qualification characteristics for Master's degrees

Strategy 2020

University policies

Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.