



## **Module Specification**

### **International Contracts**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** International Contracts

**Module code:** UJGUP8-15-M

**Level:** Level 7

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 15

**ECTS credit rating:** 7.5

**Faculty:** Faculty of Business & Law

**Department:** FBL Dept of Law

**Partner institutions:** None

**Delivery locations:** Not in use for Modules

**Field:** Law Postgraduate (Programmes)

**Module type:** Module

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** Not applicable

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** In addition to the Learning Outcomes, the module may explore, develop and practice, but not formally assess, the ability to work in groups.

**Outline syllabus:** The following is an indicative list of topics that will be explored. The exact content of workshops may be changed to reflect more recent developments or interests in this subject area.

Introduction to the Sale of Goods

International Sales Contract - FOB Contracts

International Sales Contract - CIF Contracts

Bills of Lading

Documentary credits

UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG)

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** The main focus of teaching and learning on the taught LLM programme is through independent research and debate in the context of 2 hour weekly workshops. The workshop-based approach to teaching and learning is designed to enable the student to develop the independent research, analytical and reflective skills required for successful completion of a postgraduate level course. Students will need to complete the necessary preparatory reading and study of any set case materials in advance of each workshop. From each workshop, the student will be expected to have developed a general mastery of the subject under consideration. In addition, students will be expected to raise, critically assess and defend different points of view on controversial issues in class and to make presentations to the class on their own and in groups.

**Module Learning outcomes:** On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

**D1** Ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels in the subject area

**D2** Ability to recognise problems and identify solutions

**D3** Ability to analyse, evaluate and reflect upon complex materials relating to the subject area

**D4** Ability to undertake independent research

**MO1** A critical understanding of the international legal principles relating to international contracts, in particular an appreciation of the complexity of balancing rights of parties based in different countries and legal systems

**MO2** A critical understanding of how domestic rules integrate with international principles and conventional provisions

**MO3** An ability to locate and understand both international and national legal instruments and mechanisms relevant to international contracts

**MO4** An ability to critically research into different areas of international trade transactions and critically analyse the results of that research in particular in the context of globalisation

**Hours to be allocated:** 150

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 126 hours

Face-to-face learning = 24 hours

Total = 150

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujgup8-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujgup8-15-m.html>

**Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** Learning outcomes will be assessed by oral presentation and written coursework. Assessment questions will be set by tutors. Both assessments require students to undertake independent research building on material covered in the workshop sessions.

The oral assessment will allow the student to give an oral presentation on an area relevant to the module. The student should present this in a clear and structured manner with appropriate content. The assessment also gives the student an

opportunity to answer questions in this area of the law, to elaborate on the further reading that the student has done.

The written assessment assesses a different skill; that of writing clearly and precisely in an area of law relevant to the module. Here, the student should write in a clear and structured manner with appropriate content. The assessment also gives the student an opportunity to conduct further research, with an extensive bibliography and detailed footnotes.

Formative assessment opportunities will be provided in workshops throughout the module.

### **Assessment components:**

#### **Written Assignment (First Sit)**

Description: Written coursework essay (max 2000 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

#### **Presentation (First Sit)**

Description: Oral presentation and questions (20 minutes)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

#### **Written Assignment (Resit)**

Description: Written coursework essay (max 2000 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Presentation (Resit)**

Description: Oral presentation and questions (20 minutes)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Commercial Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

Commercial Law [BIBM] LLM 2023-24

Commercial Law [Villa] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [FTU] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [HCMCUL] LLM 2023-24

International Banking and Finance Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24