



Module Specification

International Environmental Law

Version: 2023-24, v2.0, 07 Jun 2023

Contents

Module Specification	1
Part 1: Information	2
Part 2: Description	2
Part 3: Teaching and learning methods	3
Part 4: Assessment.....	5
Part 5: Contributes towards	6

Part 1: Information

Module title: International Environmental Law

Module code: UJGUPD-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: The module focuses on international legal and institutional arrangements concerning the conservation of the environment.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The module examines both theoretical and practical dimensions of these arrangements along with some of the salient aspects of the expanding

areas of international environmental law. The notion of sustainable development occupies an important place in this module and provides an acknowledgement that environmental law needs to be considered at the same time as social and economic aspects of development. The module examines the north-south tension along with the link between trade, human rights and the environment. The module fits within the overall aims of all the LLM awards and has been designed in particular to address the need for internationalisation of the curriculum.

Outline syllabus: The following is a list of topics which will be explored in the seminars. The emphasis may shift where there is a shift in relative importance within the subject field. The list has been drawn broadly enough so that developments in the area can be taken into account.

History, Institutions and Principles.

The environment and human rights.

Sustainable development.

Instruments, rules and standards.

Trade and the Environment. The World Trade Organisation (WTO) and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).

Enforcement of environmental obligations.

Access to environmental justice.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module begins with an introduction to principles of international environmental law such as sustainable development, the precautionary principle and common but differentiated responsibility. It explores

issues related to the exploitation, protection and the conservation of the environment. The module then examines questions related to compliance, effectiveness and the enforcement of international environmental law. These discussions are set in an international and comparative context.

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

D5 Ability to work in groups

MO1 A critical understanding of the international legal principles and concepts relating to environmental protection

MO2 An ability to critically assess international environmental law in relation to its wider political, ecological and economic context

MO3 An ability to analyse existing instruments and mechanisms for environmental protection and discuss their adequacy and/or shortcomings in the context of sustainable development

MO4 An ability to critically evaluate different techniques for compliance and enforcement of environmental standards

MO5 An ability to critically examine existing international environmental conflicts and discuss the legal issues at stake at the national, regional and global level

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/uigupd-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uigupd-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy is to improve students' learning and ensure that assessment is linked to the learning outcomes. 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. Formative assessment opportunities are provided in workshops throughout the module. The assessment process is aligned with the LLM programme and designed to enable students to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have acquired at the module level.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Written coursework essay (maximum 3000 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Oral presentation and questions (15 mins)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Written coursework essay (maximum 3000 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Oral presentation and questions (15 mins)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Environmental Law and Sustainable Development [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

Commercial Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

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

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

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2022-23