Module Specification

International Competition Law and Regulation

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Part 1: Information

Module title: International Competition Law and Regulation

Module code: UJGU97-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2026-27

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

College: College of Business and Law

School: CBL Bristol Law School

Partner institutions: None

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: From a few regimes of competition law in the world to over 120 jurisdictions, it is undeniable that the increase in significance and geographical scope during the last three decades has been impressive. Therefore, the role and place of competition law and policy in a globalised economy cannot be ignored.
The module is designed to include international and comparative elements such as the relationship between competition law and economics, the relationship between competition law and trade; the internationalisation process of competition law and

policy, the territoriality principle (extraterritorial application) of competition rules in the EU, the US and other jurisdictions; the comparative study of key aspects of competition law in established systems such as EU competition law, US antitrust law, French, German, UK, Australian, and Japanese competition law regimes, and some of the newer competition systems such as those of BRICS nations, Viet Nam, Singapore and ASEAN EC. While the EU, the US and the UK regimes will be at the core of the comparative analysis, some of the other national regimes will be selected in agreement with the students and according to their own specific interests.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The aims of this module are:
To develop the intellectual skills of coherent description, synthesis, logical analysis and criticism in relation to a broad range of materials.
To enhance written and oral communication skills.
To prepare for employment through the development of transferable skills such as the ability to make critical judgements, to solve problems within the parameters of the law and to work independently and with others.

Outline syllabus: The following is an indicative list of topics that will be explored. The exact content of these workshops may be changed to reflect current trends in this subject area:
The relationship between competition law and economics
The relationship between competition law and trade
The internationalisation process of competition law
The fight against cartels, horizontal agreements and major developments
Vertical restraints
Mergers and the internationalisation of merger control
Dominant positions
Public and private enforcement and/or Competition law and Intellectual Property Law and/or competition law in the digital era

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The teaching and learning strategy emphasises a student-centred approach developed within or outwith smaller groups in class through group activities such as discussions, legal debates, practical exercises, current real case analysis. Some of these activities might be supported by the use of interactive technology if need be and/or practical.
To enhance the quality of the sessions, students will be expected to prepare and engage with a wide range of primary and secondary sources resources to further their knowledge by reading, for example, newspapers, academic papers and topical blogs and carry out the required work.
The module is designed for delivery through a combination of lectorials and workshops in which the relevant key concepts, principles, theories and approaches will be first communicated. They are based on preparation and participation and are designed to act as a place for discussion in which students are expected to examine, raise, critically assess and defend contrasting theoretical and conceptual points of view on controversial issues in class and, where appropriate to practise the law by applying it to contemporary facts and situations, to hone analytical and practical skills, as well as an opportunity to prepare for the assignment.

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

MO1 Demonstration of a refined understanding of the key concepts and policies of competition law within an international, European, and national context, and critically interpret the relevant legal sources.

MO2 Ability to apply competition law principles to practical and theoretical scenarios by evaluating arguments, weighing counter-arguments, and developing reasoned, evidence-based conclusions.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 128 hours

Staff-guided learning = 22 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy is based on the skills required to work in the field of competition law: evaluate information from different sources; applying the law to concrete and/or fictitious situations; being able to present persuasive argument in a cogent manner.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)
Description: 2500 word written coursework
Weighting: 100 %
Final assessment: Yes
Group work: No
Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Written Assignment (Resit)
Description: 2500 word written coursework
Weighting: 100 %
Final assessment: Yes
Group work: No
Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Global Business and Finance Law [BIBM] LLM 2026-27

Global Business and Finance Law [Frenchay] LLM 2026-27

Global Business and Finance Law [Villa] LLM 2026-27

Global Business and Finance Law [FTU] LLM 2026-27

Global Business and Finance Law [Frenchay] LLM 2026-27

Global Business and Finance Law [FTU] LLM 2026-27

Global Business and Finance Law [Villa] LLM 2026-27

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