



Programme Specification

Global Business and Finance Law [Villa]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: Global Business and Finance Law [Villa]

Highest award: LLM Global Business and Finance Law

Interim award: PGCert Global Business and Finance Law

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Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: No

Year abroad: No

Sandwich year: No

Credit recognition: No

School responsible for the programme: CBL Bristol Law School, College of Business and Law

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies: Not applicable

Modes of delivery: Full-time

Entry requirements:

For implementation from: 01 September 2024

Programme code: M34M12

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: The LLM in Global Business and Finance Law allows students to develop their knowledge and understanding of the laws and regulatory structures underpinning business and finance in a globalised economy.

Students choosing this LLM will be engaged in the study and critical evaluation of a range of current issues, including the changing technological landscape, legal and regulatory responses to financial crime and the role of corporations in developing and maintaining ethical and sustainable business practices.

The LLM in Global Business and Finance Law operates within an educational environment where students will be encouraged to grow personally and professionally. Students completing this LLM will also possess a range of intellectual and professional skills, allowing them to pursue diverse employment opportunities in both the UK and internationally, such as legal practice, public sector employment, banking and financial crime investigation and regulation.

Recently, Villa College achieved a remarkable milestone by becoming the first higher education institution in the Maldives to receive a QS Stars Rating, with an Overall QS Rating of 4 Stars. Highlights of this achievement include achieving 5 stars in the following category: Online Learning, Employability and Environmental Impact.

Villa College is the first private higher education institution in the Maldives and its vision is to become the leading HE provider in the country. Their mission is to do this by providing internationally recognised affordable education which will sustain, develop and disseminate knowledge and understanding, therefore providing value to the local community, wider society and the Maldivian economy. Its vision and mission are all underpinned by a set of core values that very much align with those of UWE and the LLB Programme, in that they encompass quality, creativity, integrity, respect and social responsibility. This aligns with UWE's and the Law School ethos.

Features of the programme: The Global Business and Finance LLM engages with innovative learning and teaching strategies, research-led and practice informed teaching with the opportunity for students to develop their critical understanding of the law while engaging with some of the most pressing global issues impacting the

world of global business and trade. Students will develop their own analytical skills needed to make reasoned, creative and original judgments regarding the development and practical application of the law in this area. The programme provides students with the core legal knowledge and systematic understanding of the fundamental legal principles and the requisite skills in preparation for employment in legal practice, public sector employment, banking and financial crime investigation and regulation.

The programme is designed to enable students to continuously work towards the graduate attributes defined by UWE's 2030 Strategy and Villa College's mission and core values.

Educational Aims: The LLM in Global Business and Finance Law aims to facilitate the following:

A systematic and structured knowledge of regulation of international commercial transactions, banking, and the tools and techniques that support advanced legal research.

An ability to critically evaluate law and policy in this field and to apply relevant laws and theories in order to solve complex problems and consider solutions for reform/improvement.

An ability to communicate professionally, make effective decisions in a variety of situations, and manage complex tasks independently.

An awareness of themselves as global citizens through the recognition of the importance of ethics, sustainability and diversity in a global context.

A commitment to lifelong learning and personal professional development.

Programme Learning Outcomes:

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

Programme Learning Outcomes

- PO1. Demonstrate a deep systematic knowledge and understanding of business and finance laws in a global context, including an awareness of contemporary issues and debates within their field of study.
- PO2. Apply appropriate legal research methodologies in research and scholarship related to business and financial law in a global setting.
- PO3. Generate accurate and creative solutions to complex legal problems in a global business and finance law context.
- PO4. Critically evaluate the role and effectiveness of laws in relation to issues affecting the organisation and regulation of business and finance in domestic, regional and international contexts.
- PO5. Systematically organise and communicate advanced legal and nonlegal information, using criteria developed for specialist and non-specialist audiences in unpredictably complex legal contexts.
- PO6. Evaluate themselves and plan their personal and professional development through reflective practice.
- PO7. Take responsibility for themselves as global citizens, exercising ethical decision making and valuing diverse perspectives.

Assessment strategy: The programme adopts a programmatic assessment strategy which is built on inclusive authentic assessments. The strategy considers the different demographics of our students, together with the competencies, knowledge, and attributes they will gain upon completion of their studies with us. The strategy provides for formative assessments which will enable students to make use of feedback to develop their learning and skills.

In addition, the strategy considers the high rise of assessment offences through contract cheating and plagiarism or the recycling of essays. Therefore, a range of assessment styles are adopted with the aim of deterring assessment offences as well as meeting the aims of the programme learning outcomes whilst reflecting the

learning in the modules.

Throughout our modules, students will have a single point of assessment. We take a programmatic approach to the assessment strategy by creating an interaction in the different module assessments. The assessment styles and formats are varied and set with the aim of developing their knowledge, problem solving, research and reflection on learning and personal and professional development. By way of example, the assessment methods include presentations, course works but also aspects of practice such as drafting of legal advice.

The variety and authenticity of our assessment styles will enable our students to develop their academic and professional skills, helping students prepare for their transition into professional life.

Student support: STUDENT SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

Student support for all issues relating to the content, delivery and assessment of modules is provided by Module Leaders and for more general academic and professional concerns by the LLM Programme Leader.

All students are invited to participate in an Induction programme at the start of their studies. This includes specific guidance and orientation sessions . The LLM handbook also provides details of a range of issues relating to the LLM programme.

At Villa College students not only receive support from staff in the Faculty of Sharia and Law, they also receive study and life skills support from the Learning Support service at the institution. Learning Support assists students in coping with their studies by offering study skills and life skills workshops (e.g. academic writing, referencing, time management, etc.), English language support (E-Tutes Appointments and VC E-Tutes on Viber), PAL programme, etc. One-to-one appointments are also offered by the Learning Support service.

Villa College has its own library which students have access to. In addition, Villa

College students have access to UWE's online library services, study skills workbooks and other materials.

Focussed on enriching student experience, Villa College has a vibrant student culture with extra curricula activities that encompass an active student law society, pro bono activities and mooted competitions. In addition, Villa College regularly arranges events with a wide range of stakeholders with a view to transform awareness, build capacity, foster actionability and develop co-operation which students are invited to be a part of, and participate in.

Villa College has a Careers Service which provides a comprehensive support to students as they navigate their career paths. By offering personalized guidance, career counselling, skill-building sessions, and industry connections, Villa College aims to equip students with the necessary tools and resources to achieve their professional goals. Students have access to career advising sessions with experienced career advisors who can help students gain a better understanding of themselves and align their career aspirations with their academic choices. Career development sessions and events cover a wide range of topics, including resume writing, job search strategies, cover letter writing, interview preparation, networking skills, and professional etiquette. Villa College also maintains strong connections with industry professionals and employers, facilitating internship and job placement opportunities for students. The Career Services portal provides a convenient careers toolkit for students to explore various career resources, access job listings, and schedule one-on-one career advising sessions with our experienced career advisors. Moreover, Villa College places a lot of emphasis on industry engagement and maintains a high level of engagement with industry partners through their Corporate Access to Student Talent programme, Careers Fair, Industry Speaker Series, Business Festival, etc. These efforts provide students with an opportunity to connect and engage with a wide range of employers that match their fields of interest.

Villa College offers a range of counselling services to support students' psychological and emotional wellbeing. The counselling is conducted by trained counsellors who uphold professional and ethical boundaries in their work. These services aim to

promote a safe and supportive environment for students to discuss their concerns and receive guidance and support from trained professionals.

Part B: Programme Structure

Year 1

Full time students must complete 180 credits from the modules in Year 1.

Year 1 Compulsory Modules

Full time students must complete 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJGU93-30-M	Global Banking Law and Financial Crime 2024-25	30
UJGU94-30-M	International Commercial Law 2024-25	30
UJGUPX-60-M	Legal Research Project 2024-25	60

Year 1 Optional Modules

Full time students must select 60 credits from the modules in Optional Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJGUQF-15-M	Intellectual Property Law 2024-25	15
UJGU95-15-M	Alternative Dispute Resolution 2024-25	15
UJGU96-15-M	Corporate Governance Law 2024-25	15
UJGU97-15-M	International Competition Law and Regulation 2024-25	15

Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

The Global Business and Finance Law LLM is based on an understanding of law as both a vocational discipline and a subject of academic study. Students have

developed their critical and reflective capacity, exploring in depth the areas of contemporary legal, social, economic and environmental issues affecting international and domestic commerce and trade.

Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

QAA Framework for Higher Education in England, Wales and Northern Ireland 2014

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 Master's degree characteristics (March 201). There is no QAA subject benchmark statement for Law at master's level.

UWE and Villa College Vision and Mission

The educational aims and learning outcomes support the UWE and Villa College 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.

Programme monitoring and review may lead to changes to approved programmes. There may be a time lag between approval of such changes/modifications and their incorporation into an authorised programme specification. Enquiries about any recent changes to the programme made since this specification was authorised should be made to the relevant College Academic Registrar.

The University's Disability Statement:

The University philosophy is to integrate provision for disabled students within the services offered to all students at the University and so remove the barriers that can be disabling. It aims to provide an inclusive educational experience and so to

respond fully to the spirit as well as the letter of current legislation (
www.uwe.ac.uk/csa/disability.html)

Part E: Regulations

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