



Programme Specification

International Commercial Law [UWE Online]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: International Commercial Law [UWE Online]

Highest award: LLM International Commercial Law

Interim award: PGCert International Commercial Law

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Awarding institution: University of the West of England

Teaching institutions: University of the West of England

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: Distance without attendance 2yrs

Entry requirements:

For implementation from: 24 March 2025

Programme code: M34P12

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: The LLM in International Commercial Law is a two-year online programme designed to cater to individuals who wish to pursue LLM in international commercial laws. With a focus on integrating theory and practice, the programme aims to equip students with the necessary expertise, knowledge, and skills in the given area of law.

This Programme allows students to develop their knowledge and understanding of the laws and regulatory structures underpinning business and commerce in a globalised economy.

Modules cover essential topics including foundation of law and research, corporate governance, world trade law, intellectual property, technology law, international contracts, international financial crime, and international banking laws.

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.

Utilising a combination of research and teaching, students will engage in asynchronous learning activities aimed at providing a comprehensive understanding of contemporary issues in international commercial laws.

Assessment methods vary across modules, encompassing written course work, presentations, individual reports, essays, and self-reflections, allowing students to demonstrate graduate attributes effectively.

The final module, Legal Research Project, serves as an opportunity for students to research a topic of their choice and showcase their legal knowledge, critical understanding, research skills and self-reflection.

Features of the programme: The LLM in International Commercial Law 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 commerce globally. 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.

Educational Aims: The LLM in International Commercial Law aims to facilitate personal and team-based efficacy in the following:

A critical, systematic and structured knowledge of regulation of international commercial transactions, and a developed capacity for rigorous academic research.

An ability to critically evaluate law, regulation and policy in the field and to apply relevant laws and theories in order to solve problems in respect of complex, unpredictable or incomplete matters, and make judgements, and propose solutions for reform/improvement.

An ability to communicate professionally, to both specialist and non-specialist audiences, in a variety of media.

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

A commitment to lifelong learning and personal professional development, including through critically reflective practice.

Programme Learning Outcomes:

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

Programme Learning Outcomes

- PO1. Demonstrate critical, systematic understanding of the knowledge, theories, concepts, values, principles, and rules of commercial law within a global context.
- PO2. Develop intellectual curiosity and independence, including the ability to critically analyse the law and legal systems, identify gaps in knowledge, and create and interpret legal knowledge and hypotheses.
- PO3. Exhibit comprehensive ability to undertake self-directed research, employing techniques to identify, retrieve, evaluate, and work with relevant information from a range of primary and secondary legal and non-legal, contemporary sources to apply findings in both scholarly and practice-based contexts.
- PO4. Communicate effectively via a range of mediums, in a variety of contexts, to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- PO5. Solve problems and make sound judgements, proposing original solutions, with capacity to make decisions in complex, unpredictable, and incomplete scenarios and contexts
- PO6. Take personal responsibility for own learning, evidencing capacity for reflection on learning and a professional approach to continuing development.
- PO7. Demonstrate effective performance as a professional both independently and within teams, showcasing self-direction, autonomy, and the capability to plan and execute tasks.

Assessment strategy: Assessments are aimed at enabling learners to understand and critically analyse different contexts, closely linked to learning and skills development to equip learners to become agile learners and authentically connected to the real world of practice to assist professional practice, employability and lifelong learning. Assessments are designed to support the monitoring of progress by both tutors and learners and provide the opportunity for learners to understand and reflect upon their progress. Assessment criteria are specified within module handbooks and are clearly congruent with the learning outcomes.

The programme uses varied assessment methods, which respond to a range of learning preferences, testing of the knowledge base, intellectual, subject specific and transferable skills through a combination of written assignments, presentations and portfolios. Informal assessment of skills is through active engagement with learning materials, with peers via discussion boards and with module tutors.

The assessment strategy is subject to periodic review by the programme leader in response to changes to modules, student feedback and current relevance.

Student support: This programme is designed to support students aspiring to build deeper knowledge in international commercial laws through this LLM Programme. We prioritise student success, offering dedicated student support to address any concerns promptly. This support covers student onboarding and preparation activities, general pastoral care and the in-depth academic guidance and support needed for online students to succeed.

Throughout a student's journey, we emphasise the importance of academic and pastoral support. Academic inquiries will be directed to module tutors and UWE support staff, ensuring that students receive expert guidance during the duration of their studies. Meanwhile, our student support team is here to assist with any pastoral non-academic concerns, providing assistance through whatever channel the student prefers to use, whether app, email, or phone.

Using a ticketing system in the student information management system (CRM) the student support team efficiently manages inquiries, ensuring no issue goes unresolved. They are equipped to handle a wide range of student support needs, from technical difficulties to time management and personal challenges.

We understand that timely assistance is crucial, which is why our support staff monitor key engagement metrics and proactively outreach to any at risk student, to ensure swift responses and effective resolutions. Every student interaction is logged in to the CRM, ensuring a seamless support experience.

Part B: Programme Structure

Year 1

Students must take 90 credits from the modules in Year 1 comprising six from the eight 15 credit modules in the programme.

The order in which students take modules depends on their intake month but all students must take Foundations for Law and Research first.

Year 1 Compulsory Modules

Students must take 15 credits from the modules in Compulsory modules. All students must take Foundations for Law and Research first

| Module Code | Module Title | Credit |
|-------------|--|--------|
| UJGUQH-15-M | Foundations for Law and Research 2024-25 | 15 |

Year 1 and Year 2 Compulsory Modules

In year 1, students must take 75 credits in from the modules in Year 1 and Year 2 Compulsory modules.

In year 2, students must take 30 credits from the modules in Year 1 and Year 2 Compulsory modules.

| Module Code | Module Title | Credit |
|-------------|---|--------|
| UJGUQP-15-M | Technology Law 2024-25 | 15 |
| UJGUQK-15-M | Corporate Governance 2024-25 | 15 |
| UJGUQJ-15-M | World Trade Law 2024-25 | 15 |
| UJGUQL-15-M | International Contracts Law 2024-25 | 15 |
| UJGUQM-15-M | International Banking and Finance Law 2024-25 | 15 |
| UJGUQN-15-M | Intellectual Property Law 2024-25 | 15 |
| UJGUQQ-15-M | International Financial Crime 2024-25 | 15 |

Year 2

Students must take 90 credits from the modules in Year 2 comprising the remaining two 15 credit modules not taken in Year 1 plus the 60 credit Legal Research Project.

Year 2 Compulsory Modules

Students must take 90 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules comprising the remaining two 15 credit modules not taken in Year 1 plus the 60 credit Legal Research Project.

| Module Code | Module Title | Credit |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| UJGUQR-60-M | Legal Research Project 2025-26 | 60 |

Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

This programme will engender advanced legal and scholarly skills, including critical analysis, problem-solving, research, and teamworking and self-efficacy skills, whilst developing a systematic, critical understanding of international commercial law.

The programme introduces those without legal backgrounds to the foundational knowledge and skills required to study and research the law and policy, before exploring topics including technology law, corporate governance, world trade and international contracts, international banking and finance and crime, and intellectual property law.

Students will work towards becoming reflective practitioners.

Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

The programme has been designed to reflect the UWE Bristol 2030 Strategy of delivering professionally recognised and practice-oriented programmes, which contribute to an outstanding learning experience and generate excellent graduate employment opportunities and outcomes for all students.

The programme aligns with the QAA descriptor for a higher education qualification at Level 7 on the FHEQ Masters degree, extracted from the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies, February 2024 (2nd edn).

The programme aligns with the Subject Benchmark Statement: Law, March 2023.

Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.