



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information	
Awarding Institution	University of the West of England
Teaching Institution	University of the West of England, Frenchay, Bristol Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, split –Vietnam/Bristol University of Foreign Trade, Vietnam/Bristol
Delivery Location	University of the West of England Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Foreign Trade University, Vietnam
Study abroad / Exchange / Credit recognition	N/A
Faculty responsible for programme	Faculty of Business and Law
Department responsible for programme	Law
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links	N/A
Highest Award Title	LLM International Trade and Economic Law
Default Award Title	N/A
Interim Award Titles	Postgraduate Diploma in International Trade and Economic Law Postgraduate Certificate in International Trade and Economic Law
UWE Progression Route	N/A
Mode of Delivery	<i>FT/PT</i>
ISIS code/s	M3AC12 (M34C12)
For implementation from	September 2018

Part 2: Description

This postgraduate Law programme offers students an opportunity to engage with the challenges posed by the current international trade regime in a legal context. It takes the perspective that international trade and economic law need to be considered along with the social, political and economic dimensions of governance and development. A range of trade and related issues are explored, such as the impact of international trade policy and rules on sustainability, development, human rights, competition and dispute settlement from the viewpoint of both developed and developing countries. The programme supports one of the key aims of UWE, in seeking to foster a strong global outlook in students. It is designed to encourage innovation and creativity in assessing current problems at the cutting edge of international trade and economic law and in designing responses thus preparing graduates for employment in legal practice and commercial organisations as well as the public sector and non-governmental organisations, both in the UK and abroad.

The programme is based on an understanding of law as both a vocational discipline and a subject of academic study. The programme seeks to reflect this by:

- Equipping students with an advanced understanding of international trade and economic law, especially focusing on current issues at the forefront of academic study.
- Developing the analytical skills needed to make reasoned, creative and original judgments regarding the development and practical application of the law in this area.
- Assisting students to develop greater intellectual autonomy and to become independent learners.
- Equipping students with the research skills and methodological knowledge needed to conduct advanced legal research.
- Refining students' ability to communicate effectively complex ideas in oral and written form.
- Developing students' ability to look reflectively at their own professional practice.
- Encouraging ethical decision-making, sustainability and global citizenship.
- Assisting students to develop the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility and decision-making.
- Encouraging lifelong learning and personal development and thereby enabling students to be able to work with self-direction and originality and to make a positive contribution to society.

Programme requirements for the purposes of the Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR)

The programme equips lawyers with the knowledge and skills necessary to engage with trade and businesses at the global level. As business have become global, lawyers who want to practice both in the international and domestic commercial and business sectors need an understanding of international trade to enable them to operate in this highly complex and competitive area. Students completing the course will have a critical and contextual understanding of the processes, actors and institutions of world trade and the free flow of capital, goods and services that shapes today's global economy. Graduates will be equipped with both the subject expertise as well as a range of professional and transferable skills which are sought after in commercial legal practice as well as in business, and the public and voluntary sectors, both in the UK and internationally.

Regulations

Approved to [University Regulations and Procedures](#)

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme

	UJGUUP7-15-M Research Methods	UJGUUP9-15-M Globalisation and the Law	UJGUUP8-15-M International Contracts	UJGUUPM-15-M World Trade Organisation Law	UJGUT85-60-M Dissertation	UJGUPG-15-M Contemporary Research Project	UJGUUPN-15-M Natural Resources Law	UJGUUPL-15-M International Intellectual	UJGUUPK-15-M International Financial Crime	UJGUUPH-15-M Information Technology Law	UJGUUPJ-15-M International Commercial	UJGUUPP-15-M Corporate Governance and	UJGUUPA-15-M International Competition Law	UJGUPC-15-M International Law and	UJGUUPD-15-M International Environmental Law	UJGUUPF-15-M International Banking and	UJGUUPS-15-M International Employment Law	UJGUUPR-15-M Shipping Law
Learning Outcomes:																		
A) Knowledge and understanding of:																		
Complex and specialised areas of international trade and economic law, often working at the current limits of understanding of legal principles underpinning this field of study.		√	√	√	√	√	√				√	√	√	√	√		√	
The customs and practice of international trade and economic law.		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Understanding of institutions in which the international trade regime is maintained and disputes are settled.		√	√	√	√	√		√				√	√					
Current global, regional and national legal instruments pertaining to international trade.		√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Research approaches and techniques used in the analysis of legal issues drawing on the main research traditions in law.	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Pervasive Issues including sustainability, global citizenship, diversity and employability	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
(B) Intellectual Skills																		
Ability to deal with complex and specialised legal norms and to explore the current limits of legal knowledge	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to critically analyse, at the appropriate postgraduate level, rules of law and to apply them to complex and developing factual situations;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to analyse and synthesise abstract concepts and theories;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to create responses to problems that redefine existing knowledge and/or develop new approaches to particular problems;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to independently evaluate complex legal issues and to suggest alternatives	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

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	UJGUUP7-15-M Research Methods	UJGUUP9-15-M Globalisation and the	UJGUUP8-15-M International Contracts	UJGUUPM-15-M World Trade	UJGUT85-60-M Dispute Resolution	UJGUPG-15-M Contemporary	UJGUUPN-15-M Natural Resources	UJGUUPL-15-M International	UJGUUPK-15-M International Financial	UJGUUPH-15-M Information	UJGUUPJ-15-M International	UJGUUPP-15-M Corporate Governance	UJGUUPA-15-M International	UJGUUPC-15-M International Law and	UJGUUPD-15-M International	UJGUUPF-15-M International Banking	UJGUUPS-15-M International	UJGUUPR-15-M Shipping Law	
Ability to conceptualise and integrate complex ideas and arguments from multiple sources and perspectives	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
(C) Subject/Professional/Practical Skills																			
Ability to plan and undertake effective research on complex and specialised legal issues;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to use information and knowledge effectively;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral form;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to articulate ideas, develop arguments and engage in debates orally, through presentations and group discussions and in written work;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to recognise and address ethical dilemmas and corporate social responsibility issues	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to use relevant ICT effectively;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to work effectively as part of a team, to listen and respond to contributions in group processes and to negotiate and persuade others.	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
(D) Transferable skills and other attributes																			
Ability to work autonomously with a self-awareness of key research and analytical issues to be dealt with in any particular piece of work;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to plan strategies for effective research and analysis;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ability to think analytically and reflexively about complex material and to present arguments and information coherently and at a level consistent with postgraduate study;	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
An awareness of ethical issues including sustainability issues.	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Independent learning and reflective practice required for effective performance in future work roles.	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Sensitivity to diversity in people and ability to work with people in different situations	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Time management	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

Part 4: Programme Structure LLM International Trade and Economic Law
UWE Delivery

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **full time student**, including: level and credit requirements, interim award requirements, module diet, including compulsory and optional modules

ENTRY	Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Awards
	105 credits Research Methods UJGUP7-15-M Globalisation and the Law UJGUP9-15-M International Contracts UJGUP8-15-M OR World Trade Organisation Law UJGUPM-15-M Dissertation (60 credits) UJGT85-60-M	Choose 75 credits from list of 15 credit modules: <i>(subject to availability)</i> World Trade Organisation Law UJGUPM-15-M International Contracts UJGUUP8-15-M Contemporary Research Project UJGUPG-15-M Natural Resources Law UJGUPN-15-M International Intellectual Property Law UJGUPL-15-M International Financial Crime UJGUPK-15-M Information Technology Law UJGUPH-15-M International Commercial Disputes UJGUPJ-15-M Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility UJGUPP-15-M International Competition Law and Policy UJGUPA-15-M International Law and Institutions UJGUPC-15-M International Environmental Law UJGUPD-15-M International Banking and Finance Law UJGUPF-15-M International Employment Law UJGUPS-15-M Shipping Law UJGUPR-15-M A maximum of one module not listed above, offered on any of the other LLM award routes by the Department of Law (15 credits)	Postgraduate Certificate in International Trade and Economic Law Credit requirements 60 credits Postgraduate Diploma in International Trade and Economic Law Credit requirements 120 credits

Part 4: Programme Structure LLM International Trade and Economic Law For students studying with Foreign Trade University, Vietnam on the full franchise programme		
Compulsory modules Research Methods UJGUP7-15-M Globalisation and the Law UJGUP9-15-M International Contracts UJGUP8-15-M Dissertation UJGT85-60-M	Optional modules Students choose 75 credits International Banking and Finance Law UJGUPF-15-M World Trade Organisation Law UJGUPM-15-M International Intellectual Property Law UJGUPL-15-M Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility UJGUPP-15-M International Employment Law UJGUPS-15-M Contemporary Research Project UJGUPG-15-M	Interim awards: Postgraduate Certificate in International Trade and Economic Law Credit requirements 60 credits Postgraduate Diploma in International Trade and Economic Law Credit requirements 120 credits Highest target – LLM in International Trade and Economic Law (180 credits to include the Dissertation module which will be the final module undertaken)

Part 4: Programme Structure LLM International Trade and Economic Law For students studying with Foreign Trade University, Vietnam on the split masters programme		
This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey for students taking the Vietnam / Bristol split delivery		
Semester 1 - Vietnam Compulsory modules (total of 60 credits) Research Methods UJGUP7-15-M Globalisation and the Law UJGUP9-15-M International Contracts UJGUP8-15-M International Banking and Finance Law UJGUPF-15-M	Semester 2 - Bristol Optional modules Students choose 60 credits from the Semester 2 options offered on UWE route.	Semester 3 Vietnam or Bristol Compulsory modules (total of 60 credits) Dissertation UJGT85-60-M
Interim Award - Postgraduate Certificate in International Trade and Economic Law (60 credits) Interim Award - Postgraduate Diploma in International Trade and Economic Law (120 credits) Target/highest – LLM in International Trade and Economic Law (180 credits to include the Dissertation module which will be the final module undertaken)		

Part 4: Programme Structure LLM International Trade and Economic Law
For students studying with Ho Chi Minh City University of Law on the split masters programme

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey for students taking the Vietnam / Bristol split delivery

Semester 1 - Vietnam	Semester 2 - Bristol	Semester 3 Vietnam or Bristol
<p>Compulsory modules (total of 60 credits)</p> <p>Research Methods UJGUP7-15-M</p> <p>Globalisation and the Law UJGUP9-15-M</p> <p>International Contracts UJGUP8-15-M</p> <p>Optional modules Students choose 15 credits from:</p> <p>International Banking and Finance Law UJGUPF-15-M</p> <p>International Law and Institutions UJGUPC-15-M</p>	<p>Optional modules Students choose 60 credits from the Semester 2 options offered on UWE route.</p>	<p>Compulsory modules (total of 60 credits)</p> <p>Dissertation UJGT85-60-M</p>
<p>Interim Award - Postgraduate Certificate in International Trade and Economic Law (60 credits) Interim Award - Postgraduate Diploma in International Trade and Economic Law (120 credits) Target/highest – LLM in International Trade and Economic Law (180 credits to include the Dissertation module which will be the final module undertaken)</p>		

Part time:

2 year programme

All modules can be taken in any of year 1, 2 except for the following:

Research Methods – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 1

Dissertation – to be taken in Year 2

Three year programme

All modules can be taken in any of year 1, 2 and 3 except for the following:

Research Methods – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 1

Dissertation – to be taken in Year 3

Part 5: Entry Requirements

Candidates should normally hold a good honours degree in law (LLB (Hons)) or equivalent from a recognised UK Higher Education institution or equivalent from a recognised overseas institution. Non law graduates may be admitted if they have relevant experience.

Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to demonstrate appropriate English language proficiency, by having either:

- A minimum grade of 6.5 overall on the British Council International English Language Test (IELTS), with at least 5.5 in each component of the test.
- A TOEFL score of at least 90 (internet based test) with at least 21 in listening, 22 in reading, 23 in speaking and 21 in writing.

A full list of language tests accepted by UWE and the required levels can be found on the university website

Part 6: Reference Points and Benchmarks

Set out which reference points and benchmarks have been used in the design of the programme:

[QAA UK Quality Code for HE](#)

- Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)
- Subject benchmark statements
- Qualification characteristics for [Master's degrees](#)

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