



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information	
Awarding Institution	UWE, Bristol
Teaching Institution	UWE, Bristol Villa College, The Maldives
Delivery Location	UWE, Bristol, Frenchay Campus Villa College, The Maldives; Bristol Institute of Business Management (BIBM), Villa College, Sri Lanka
Study abroad / Exchange / Credit recognition	Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand – credit recognition
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 Commercial Law
Default Award Title	N/A
Interim Award Titles	Postgraduate Diploma Commercial Law Postgraduate Certificate Commercial Law
UWE Progression Route	N/A
Mode of Delivery	Full time; Part time
ISIS code/s	M3AC12 (M34A12) (FT/PT) M3NC12 (Villa) M3PC12 (BIBM)
For implementation from	September 2020

Part 2: Description

This Law Postgraduate Programme seeks to extend and develop students' understanding of the law relating to the core aspects of commercial law including contract law, dispute settlement, competition, corporate governance, aspects of international banking and finance, intellectual property and employment. The course aims to provide opportunities for students to gain an understanding of a range of global issues affecting commercial law and practice and to gain knowledge, understanding and the requisite skills in preparation for employment in commercial legal practice and commercial 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 various aspects of commercial law and commercial and business practice, focusing in particular on current developments from both an academic and practice perspective.

Developing the analytical skills needed to make reasoned, creative and original judgments regarding the development and practical application of commercial law.

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)

This programme equips students with an advanced understanding of key areas of law. It develops essential analytical, research and communication skills necessary for employment in legal practice as well as in related fields of employment. Students will be able to work with a high degree of intellectual autonomy and will have the ability to make reasoned, creative and original judgments in relation to the development and practical application of key areas of law as well as being able to work with self-direction and ethically to make a positive contribution to society and as global citizens.

Regulations

Approved to [University Regulations and Procedures](#)

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme					
Learning Outcomes:	International Contracts	Research Methods	Foundations for Research	Dissertation	Outcome met by a combination of any five of the options
A) Knowledge and understanding of					
1. Complex and specialised areas of commercial law and practice, often working at the current limits of understanding	√			√	√
2. The customs and practice of International Commercial Law	√			√	√
3. Global, regional and national regulation of international commercial law	√			√	√
4. Research approaches and techniques used in the analysis of commercial legal issues drawing on the main research traditions in law	√	√	√	√	√
5. Pervasive issues including sustainability, global citizenship, diversity and employability	√			√	√
(B) Intellectual Skills					
1. Ability to deal with complex and specialised legal norms and to explore the current limits of legal knowledge in commercial law;	√			√	√
2. Ability to critically analyse, at the appropriate postgraduate level, rules of law and to apply them to complex and developing factual situations;	√			√	√
3. Ability to analyse and synthesise abstract concepts and theories;	√	√	√	√	√
4. Ability to create responses to problems that redefine existing knowledge and/or develop new approaches to particular problems;	√			√	√
5. Ability to independently evaluate complex legal issues and to suggest alternatives;	√	√	√	√	√
6.					
7. Ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels;	√	√	√	√	√
8. Ability to conceptualise and integrate complex ideas and arguments from multiple sources and perspectives	√	√	√	√	√

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme					
	International Contracts	Research Methods	Foundations for Research	Dissertation	Outcome met by a combination of any five of the options
(C) Subject/Professional/Practical Skills					
1. Ability to plan and undertake effective research on complex and specialised legal issues;	√	√	√	√	√
2. Ability to use information and knowledge effectively;	√	√	√	√	√
3. Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral form;	√	√	√	√	√
4. Ability to articulate ideas, develop arguments and engage in debates orally, through presentations and group discussions and in written work;	√	√	√	√	√
5. Ability to recognise and address ethical dilemmas and corporate social responsibility issues;	√	√	√	√	√
6. Ability to use relevant ICT effectively;	√	√	√	√	√
7. 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					
1. Ability to work autonomously with a self-awareness of key research and analytical issues to be dealt with in any particular piece of work;	√	√	√	√	√
2. Ability to plan strategies for effective research and analysis;	√	√	√	√	√
3. Ability to think analytically and reflexively about complex material and to present arguments and information coherently and at a level consistent with postgraduate study;	√	√	√	√	√
4. An awareness of ethical issues	√	√	√	√	√
5. Independent learning and reflective practice required for effective performance in future work roles.		√	√		
6. Time management	√	√	√	√	√

**Part 4: Programme Structure – LLM Commercial Law
UWE Delivery**

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **full time student**

ENTRY	Compulsory Modules (total of 105 credits)	Optional Modules	Awards
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Contracts UJGUP8-15-M • Foundations for Research UJGUPW-15-M • Research Methods UJGUP7-15-M • Dissertation UJGT85-60-M 	<p>Students to choose 75 credits from the following (not all modules will necessarily be offered in every academic year):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Law and Institutions UJGUPC-15-M • International Banking and Finance Law UJGUPF-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 • European Environmental Law and Policy UJGUPQ-15-M • Shipping Law UJGUPR-15-M • International Employment Law UJGUPS-15-M • International Environmental Law UJGUPD-15-M • Natural Resources Law UJGUPN-15-M • Globalisation and the Law UJGUP9-15-M • Contemporary Research Project UJGUPG-15-M <p>A maximum of one module not listed above, offered on any of the other LLM award routes by the Law Department</p>	<p>Interim Awards Postgraduate Certificate in Commercial Law <i>60 credits</i></p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Commercial Law <i>120 credits</i></p> <p>Highest Awards: LLM Commercial Law</p> <p><i>Credit requirements - 180 to include the Dissertation module which will be the final module undertaken.</i></p>

LLM Commercial Law Part-Time UWE Delivery:

2 year programme

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

- Foundations for Research – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 1
- Research Methods – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 2
- 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:

- Foundations for Research – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 1
- Research Methods – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 2
- Dissertation – to be taken in Year 3

**Programme Structure - LLM Commercial Law
Villa College & BIBM Delivery**

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

ENTRY	Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Awards
	<p>(total of 180 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Contracts UJGUP8-15-M • Foundations for Research UJGUPW-15-M • Research Methods UJGUP7-15-M • International Law and Institutions UJGUPC-15-M • International Banking and Finance Law UJGUPF-15-M • International Intellectual Property Law UJGUPL-15-M • Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility UJGUPP-15-M • Globalisation and the Law UJGUP9-15-M • Dissertation UJGT85-60-M 		<p>Interim Exit Awards</p> <p>Postgraduate Certificate in Commercial Law <i>60 credits</i></p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Commercial Law <i>120 credits</i></p> <p>Highest Awards: LLM Commercial Law</p> <p>Credit requirements: 180 to include the Dissertation module which will be the final module undertaken.</p>

Part 5: Entry Requirements

The University's Standard Entry Requirements for taught postgraduate courses apply with the following additions

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 or an honours degree in a related subject area.

The University's Standard English Language Requirements for taught postgraduate courses apply.

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)
- Qualification characteristics for [Master's degrees](#)

[Strategy 2020](#)

[University policies](#)

