



Course Information Form

This Course Information Form provides the definitive record of the designated course

Section A: General Course Information

Course Title	LLM International Business Law
Final Award	LLM
Route Code	LMBIBO7F
Intermediate Qualification(s)	PG Cert International Business Law PG Dip International Business Law
FHEQ Level	7
Location of Delivery	Nations Incorporated, Guyana
Mode(s) and length of study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Time over 1 year
Standard intake points (months)	October and February
External Reference Points as applicable including Subject Benchmark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>QAA Framework for higher education qualifications</i> (2014) (level 7), available at https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/quality-code/qualifications-frameworks.pdf • <i>QAA Master's degree characteristics statement</i> (2020), available at https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/quality-code/master's-degree-characteristics-statement.pdf • <i>QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Law</i> (2023), available at https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/sbs/sbs-law-23.pdf
Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation or endorsement	n/a
HECoS code(s)	100485
UCAS Course Code	

Course Aims

The LLM International Business Law is designed to give you the opportunity to explore in detail various aspects of the international legal framework which regulates transnational and international business activities, including both commercial and corporate matters. The course aims to provide you with in-depth, critical and comparative insights into not only the key areas of law relevant to international business operations, but also of procedural issues, including the dispute resolution systems available to businesses.

In addition to focusing on specific areas of law relevant to international business law, the course offers you a contextual and comparative understanding of the relevant legal rules and policies and their operation in practice. You will have the opportunity to consider not only the legislative environment of specific jurisdictions and institutions, but also their interactions and the impact that these have on efficiency, attractiveness, and challenges of conducting business in a highly globalized world.

The foundational unit on international trade law provides you with a solid foundation in commercial law, with a focus on both inter-state trade and trade between businesses, while units such as Intellectual Property Law, International Commercial Litigation, and International Commercial Arbitration allow you to gain more focused knowledge and understanding of specific areas of substantive law and procedures for settling commercial disputes. The unit on International Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility examines the general corporate aspects of international business law, whilst also focusing on the contemporary issues of social responsibility, climate change and sustainability.

The course prepares you for a career in the challenging and exciting field of international business law. It will provide you with the opportunity to develop contextual skills of legal reasoning, analysis, advanced legal research skills, including the proficient use of all leading legal databases. The course will also develop your ability to exercise independent critical judgement and to apply legal theories and norms to a range of scenarios in order to conduct an effective evaluation of the available legal options.

Course Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of your course you should meet the appropriate learning outcomes for your award shown in the table below		
	Outcome	Award	
	1	Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and critical understanding of the legal norms, institutions and mechanisms relevant to international business practice, the ability to evaluate critically the implications of the existing legal framework for business, and critical awareness of contemporary problems and debates which are at the forefront of the field.	LLM, PGDip, PGCert
	2	Demonstrate conceptual understanding that enables the student to evaluate legal research methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses.	LLM
	3	Demonstrate a range of legal research skills and their application in dealing with the complex elements of the areas of law pertaining to international business environment, and the ability to form and clearly communicate sound legal judgments to a specialist and non-specialist audience.	LLM, PGDip, PGCert
	4	Demonstrate self-direction and originality in designing and tackling a legal issue, as well as the ability to act and implement tasks autonomously.	LLM
	5	Demonstrate an ability to apply legal knowledge and theories associated with international business law to a factual or hypothetical scenario in order to identify the relevant legal issues and extra-legal considerations and produce well-reasoned conclusions supported by appropriate legal sources.	LLM, PGDip
	6	Demonstrate knowledge of professional responsibility, integrity and ethics, as well as effective self-management in terms of planning, behaviour, motivation, individual initiative and enterprise, while taking responsibility for personal learning and continuous professional and personal development.	LLM, PGDip
The course as a whole, and each individual unit, are designed in such a way as to enable you to build upon the knowledge and skills that you gained during your undergraduate studies and to develop greater autonomy of learning, independent analysis and critical evaluation. Learning activities and assessment tasks are designed to foster the incremental development of your subject knowledge and transferrable skills, whilst at the same time supporting your personal and professional development.			

Teaching, learning and assessment strategies

In-class learning activities are structured around lectures, seminars and workshops. Although the nature and format of the activities will vary from unit to unit, interactive learning and practice-based activities are key to all units. In-class activities and exercises will involve a mix of group discussion, debating, individual and group presentations and moots and will provide you with the opportunity to test and consolidate your knowledge and to apply it in a variety of contexts requiring analysis, evaluation and synthesis and/or problem-solving. Alongside in-class activities, you will also be expected to engage in a range of online learning activities, including virtual workshops and seminars delivered by guest speakers, training sessions for legal databases such as Lexis Nexis, Westlaw, discussion forums and group and individual e-journals.

The opportunity to be an active participant in the learning process will improve your learning experience and increase your confidence as a future legal professional. Your contribution to your own learning, and particularly your engagement with assigned reading in advance of each session, will maximise the benefit of in-class activities and your learning experience.

Throughout the course, you will be assessed in various ways. The different types of assessments will enable you to demonstrate both breadth and depth of subject knowledge and contextual understanding, whilst at the same time developing your academic and professional skills. Assessment methods which you will encounter in the course of your LLM studies include:

- **Written Report or Research Essay:** these assessments will enable you to develop your knowledge, legal research and critical analysis skills. You will be required to perform literature-informed research, review and evaluate the relevant sources and use an appropriate methodology in order to analyse and evaluate the relevant concepts.
- **Case Study Reports:** this will require you to apply your legal knowledge in the context of a specific factual scenario, in order to provide a sound legal analysis of the options available.
- **Oral Presentation:** by presenting your research and arguments in a formal setting, you will develop a number of transferable skills, including in particular the ability to communicate your ideas and findings in a professional, clear and concise manner.
- **Mooting:** this will develop your legal research, written and oral advocacy skills, by requiring you to devise a solid and convincing legal argument and articulate and defend it during simulated proceedings.
- **Dissertation:** in your final project, you will be required to produce an individual, independent piece of written work, supported by high-quality legal research. You will be asked to identify the research question or problem under investigation, critically review the relevant case law and academic literature, develop a sound methodology in order to explore the problem, proceed with the analysis, discuss your findings, and, where appropriate, make recommendations. This is the final step of your LLM studies and it builds on the knowledge and skills acquired in all taught units.

The notions of accountability and academic integrity play an integral role in the course. Starting from the initial induction, and in the context of each unit, you will be given extensive training on the principles of academic integrity, how to avoid plagiarism, reference legal sources, and correctly acknowledge other peoples' work and ideas. Specific training on the use of AI tools in an academic and professional context, with a particular focus on legal practice, will also be provided. All coursework assignments will require a thorough evaluation of the sources used and all sources will need to be fully acknowledged and referenced in accordance with the OSCOLA referencing system. In the context of individual projects and coursework, students will be expected to be able to show evidence of the different stages of preparation of the final submission and to be able to present and discuss their work in its entirety upon completion.

<p>Learning support</p>	<p>The Course Team for the LLM International Dispute Resolution Law comprises academic and administration staff members. Academic staff generally is the first point of contact for information and guidance about the teaching and learning. Unit coordinators are the first point of contact for unit-specific questions. Contact details for Unit coordinators and local Unit tutors are listed in the Course Handbook.</p> <p>The Programme Manager at Nations is the point of contact for course-related questions and any other questions that cannot be resolved through contact with the Head of Department.</p> <p>Student Services is your first point of contact for general enquiries, such as registration, student finance, mitigating circumstances, etc.</p> <p>The University's comprehensive student support service includes: Student Information Desk (SID), a one-stop shop for any initial enquiries; Student Support team advising and supporting those with physical or learning needs or more general student well being; Study Hub team providing academic skills guidance; Personal Academic Tutoring system.</p>
<p>Admissions Criteria</p>	<p>https://www.beds.ac.uk/entryrequirements</p> <p>Approved Variations and Additions to Standard Admission</p> <p>Non-standard English language requirement: Academic IELTS overall score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 6 in each element.</p>
<p>Assessment Regulations</p>	<p>https://www.beds.ac.uk/about-us/our-university/academic-information</p> <p>Note: Be aware that our regulations change every year</p> <p>Approved Variations and Additions to Standard Assessment Regulations'</p> <p>n/a</p>

Section B: Course Structure

The Units which make up the course are listed below. Each unit contributes to the achievement of the course learning outcomes either through teaching (T), general development of skills and knowledge (D) or in your assessments (A).

Unit	Unit Name	Level	Credits	Core or Option	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
LAW011-6	International Commercial Litigation	7	30	Core	T1 A1	D2	T2 A2	T2 D2	T1 A1	D2 A2									
LAW026-6	International Commercial Arbitration	7	30	Core	T1 A1	D2	T2 A2	T2 D2	T1 A1	D2 A2									
LAW049-6	International Trade Law	7	30	Core	T1 A1	D2	D2 A2	T2 D2	T1 A1	D2 A2									
LAW051-6	International Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility	7	15	Core	T1 A1	D2	D2 A2	D2	T1 A1	T1 A1									
LAW053-6	Intellectual Property Law	7	15	Core	T1 A1	D2	T2 A2	T2 D2	T1 A1	D1 A1									
LAW054-6	LLM Dissertation	7	60	Core	D1	T2 D2	T2 D2	D2 A2	D1	D2									

Section C: Assessment Plan

The course is assessed as follows :

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Unit Code	Level	Period	Core/Option	Ass 1 Type code	Ass 1 Submit wk	Ass 2 Type code	Ass 2 Submit wk	Ass 3 Type code	Ass 3 Submit wk	Ass 4 Type code	Ass 4 Submit wk
LAW026-6	7	SEM1	Core	IT-PT	9	CW-CS	13				
LAW049-6	7	SEM1	Core	IT-PT	6	CW-ESS	12				
LAW011-6	7	SEM2	Core	CW-ESS	9	PR-ORAL	13				
LAW051-6	7	SEM2	Core	PR-ORAL	12						
LAW053-6	7	SEM2	Core	CW-CS	12						
LAW054-6	7	SEM3	Core	PR-ORAL	5	PJ-DIS	13				

Glossary of Terms for Assessment Type Codes

CW-CS	Coursework - Case Study
CW-ESS	Coursework - Essay
IT-PT	Summative in-class test or phase test
PJ-DIS	Coursework - Dissertation Report

Administrative Information

Faculty	University of Bedfordshire Business School
School	School of Accounting, Finance and Law
Head of School/Department	Andrew Ekuban