

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	LLM International Human Rights
2	BCU Course Code	PT0836; PT1261
3	Awarding Institution	Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)	
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)	

6	Course Description
	<p>Our LLM in International Human Rights will expose you to the fundamental aspects of the field and provide you with the opportunity to critically examine the impact of the international human rights standards on national constitutions and laws, with particular focus given to the conflict between international standards and national provision.</p> <p>The LLM International Human Rights also provides you with an opportunity to assess how international human rights law offers protection to different categories of vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Additionally, our LLM provides an opportunity to acquire, or build upon existing skills gained from your undergraduate course - enhancing employment opportunities in the legal profession and providing a basis for progression to doctoral studies.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>You will analyse and critically evaluate principle features of international human rights law, including fundamental concepts, values, principles and rules, and the main institutions and procedures. You will also learn to evaluate complex legal issues, communicate complex and abstract ideas, and employ strategic transferable skills.</p>

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Master of Law International Human Rights	7	180
	Master of Law International Human Rights with Professional Placement	7	240
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Postgraduate Certificate in International Human Rights	7	60
	Postgraduate Diploma in International Human Rights	7	120

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns			
	Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)
	Full Time	City Centre	12 months 15 months	PT0836 (Sep intake) PT1261 (Jan intake)
	Part Time	City Centre	24 months	PT1254
	Full Time with Professional Placement	City Centre (and placement provider)	18 months 21 months	PT1375 (Sep intake) PT1320 (Jan intake)

10	Entry Requirements
<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/.</p>	

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	Analyse and critically evaluate the principal features of International Human Rights law, including the major concepts, values, principles and rules, and the main institutions and procedures.
2	Critically analyse and synthesise complex international human rights issues, doctrines, legal rules, policies, arguments and discourses and propose international solutions to different human rights problems within a practice-led learning environment.
3	Demonstrate a knowledge-applied approach, showing an ability to undertake in-depth legal research focusing on international legal sources; evaluate sources of information, and make proficient use of information and materials from a variety of relevant sources.
4	Communicate complex and abstract ideas in an articulate, confident and accurate manner in relation to international human rights law issues, in order to make effective oral and written presentations that are coherent and comprehensible to others and meet expectations in the workplace.
5	<p>Employ strategic transferable skills to underpin continuing professional development and practice and to develop a range of other pervasive skills, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making relevant use of numerical and statistical information relevant to international human rights that is derived from primary and secondary sources when constructing an argument • Conducting electronic research and appropriate use of the internet to locate relevant information relevant to international human rights, • Producing work which is properly referenced and presented and formatted using standard software packages • Working professionally • Co-operatively with others as well as independently

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12a	<p>Level 7:</p> <p><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 140 credits):</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #ffffcc;">Module Code</th> <th style="background-color: #ffffcc;">Module Name</th> <th style="background-color: #ffffcc;">Credit Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>LAW7137</td> <td>Public International Law</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7138</td> <td>Human Rights in the Wider World</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7120</td> <td>International Women's and Children's Rights</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">AND</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7130</td> <td>Advanced Legal Research Methods</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7153</td> <td>Dissertation / Live Project</td> <td>60</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">OR</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7155</td> <td>Advanced Employability Skills</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7154</td> <td>Placement</td> <td>60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #ffffcc;">Module Code</th> <th style="background-color: #ffffcc;">Module Name</th> <th style="background-color: #ffffcc;">Credit Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>LAW7135</td> <td>Global Health Law</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7123</td> <td>International Criminal Law</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7134</td> <td>Human Rights and the Environment</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7157</td> <td>International Refugee Law: Core Concepts and Critical Perspectives</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7149</td> <td>Labour Rights and International Trade</td> <td>20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>In order to qualify for the award of LLM International Human Rights with Professional Placement, a student must successfully complete all of the Level 7 modules listed above as well as the following Level 6 module:</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #ffffcc;">Module Code</th> <th style="background-color: #ffffcc;">Module Name</th> <th style="background-color: #ffffcc;">Credit Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PLA6001</td> <td>Professional Placement</td> <td>20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value	LAW7137	Public International Law	20	LAW7138	Human Rights in the Wider World	20	LAW7120	International Women's and Children's Rights	20		AND		LAW7130	Advanced Legal Research Methods	20	LAW7153	Dissertation / Live Project	60		OR		LAW7155	Advanced Employability Skills	20	LAW7154	Placement	60	Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value	LAW7135	Global Health Law	20	LAW7123	International Criminal Law	20	LAW7134	Human Rights and the Environment	20	LAW7157	International Refugee Law: Core Concepts and Critical Perspectives	20	LAW7149	Labour Rights and International Trade	20	Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value	PLA6001	Professional Placement	20
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12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Full Time

September intake:

Postgraduate Learner Course/Introduction to Law course (2 weeks)			
Term 1	Public International Law (20 credits)	Human Rights in the Wider World (20 credits)	International Women's and Children's Rights (20 credits)
Term 2	Advanced Legal Research Methods (20 credits) OR Advanced Employability Skills (core) (20 credits)	Option A (20 credits)	Option B (20 credits)
		or study abroad (20 credits)	or study abroad (20 credits)
LLM (Masters) Stage	Dissertation/Live Project (60 credits) Placement (60 credits)		
Professional Placement <i>(if opted for LLM International Human Rights with Professional Placement)</i>	Professional Placement (60 credits)		

January intake:

Postgraduate Learner Course/Introduction to Law course (2 weeks)			
Term 1	Advanced Legal Research Methods (20 credits) OR Advanced Employability Skills (core)(20 credits)	Option A (20 credits)	Option B (20 credits)
		or study abroad (20 credits)	or study abroad (20 credits)
Term 2	Public International Law (20 credits)	Human Rights in the Wider World (20 credits)	International Women's and Children's Rights (20 credits)
LLM (Masters) Stage	Dissertation/Live Project (60 credits) Placement (60 credits)		

Professional Placement <i>(if opted for LLM International Human Rights with Professional Placement)</i>	Professional Placement (60 credits)
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Part Time

Year One

Postgraduate Learner Course/Introduction to Law course (2 weeks)	
September Term and January Term	Complete 4 taught modules (total 80 credits)

Year Two

September Term and January Term	Advanced Legal Research Methods OR Advanced Employability Skills (core)(20 credits) and one further taught module (total 40 credits)
June Term	Dissertation/Live Project (60 credits) Placement (60 credits)

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 7

Workload

17% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	130
Directed Learning	175
Private Study	1495
Total Hours	1800

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	82%
Exam	0
In-Person	18%