

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	LLM International Business Law
2	BCU Course Code	PT0840; PT1262
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>The LLM International Business Law meets the current demand for specialist knowledge and skills in a rapidly expanding field. The course provides you with the opportunity to explore the legal regulation of the world of international business, and you will acquire knowledge and understanding of the aspects of substantive and procedural law.</p> <p>You will study all the key areas of International Business Law:</p> <p>Core taught modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Corporate Law • Transnational Commercial Law • Corporate Criminality and Tax Evasion • Advanced Legal Research Methods <p>Two optional modules from the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Intellectual Property Law • Conflict Resolution in Business • Global Comparative Competition Law • Corporate Compliance <p>LLM Masters Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissertation/Live Project/Placement <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>The course will also provide you with the opportunity to critically examine different systems of law at a higher level. The critical analysis skills that you will develop while studying on this course will enhance your employment opportunities in the legal and business sectors, as well as enabling you to acquire a strong basis for progression to doctoral studies.</p> <p>The course aims to develop your ability in analysing and evaluating the principal features of international business law. You will study the major concepts, values, principles and rules that dictate the discipline.</p>

	You will communicate complex and abstract ideas in an articulate and confident manner, as well as learning a host of transferrable skills that will stand you in good stead for when it comes to securing employment.
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Master of Law International Business Law	7	180
	Master of Law International Business Law with Professional Placement	7	240
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Postgraduate Certificate of International Business Law	7	60
	Postgraduate Diploma of International Business Law	7	120

8	Derogation from the University Regulations		
	Not applicable		

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study
	Full Time	City Centre	12 months 15 months
	Part Time	City Centre	24 months
	Full Time with Professional Placement	City Centre (and placement provider)	18 months 21 months
			Code(s)
			PT0840 (Sep intake) PT1262 (Jan intake)
			PT1255
			PT1373 (Sept intake) PT1321 (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 Business Law, including the major concepts, values, principles and rules, and the main institutions and procedures.
2	Critically analyse and synthesise complex legal issues, doctrines, legal rules, policies, arguments and discourses and apply theoretical knowledge to legal problems within a practice-led learning environment; recognising and making evaluative judgements about the appropriateness of different methods of problem solving, in order to make a reasoned choice from relevant alternatives.
3	Demonstrate a knowledge-applied approach, showing an ability to engage in in-depth research, evaluate sources of information and make proficient use of information and materials from a variety of relevant sources, including knowledge of the legal conventions relevant to International Business Law.
4	Communicate complex and abstract ideas in an articulate, confident and accurate manner in relation to legal issues, in order to make effective oral and written presentations, which are coherent and comprehensible to others and meet expectations in the workplace.
5	Employ strategic transferable skills to underpin continuing professional development and practice.
6	<p>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 business law that is derived from primary and secondary sources when constructing an argument. • Conducting electronic research and appropriate use of the internet to locate information relevant to international business law. • Producing work that is presented and formatted using standard software packages, working professionally. • Co-operatively with others as well as independently.

12 Course Requirements
12a Level 7:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 140 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW7122	International Corporate Law	20
LAW7129	Transnational Commercial Law	20
LAW7119	Corporate Criminality and Tax Evasion	20
LAW7130	Advanced Legal Research Methods	20
LAW7143	Dissertation/Live Project/Placement	60

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW7121	International Intellectual Property Law	20
LAW7128	Conflict Resolution in Business	20
LAW7136	Global Comparative Competition Law	20
LAW7141	Corporate Compliance	20
LAW7XXX	International Insolvency Law	20
LAW7149	Labour Rights and International Trade	20
LAW7150	Law, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics	20

In order to qualify for the award of LLM International Business Law with Professional Placement, a student must successfully complete all of the Level 7 modules listed above as well as the following Level 6 module:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PLA6001	Professional Placement	60

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)			
September Term	International Corporate Law (20 credits)	Transnational Commercial Law (20 credits)	Corporate Criminality and Tax Evasion (20 credits)
January Term	Advanced Legal Research Methods (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/Placement (60 credits)		
Professional Placement <i>(if opted for LLM International Business Law with Professional Placement)</i>	Professional Placement (60 credits)		

*The study abroad module is only available for on-campus students.

January intake:

Postgraduate Learner Course/Introduction to Law course (2 weeks)			
January Term	Advanced Legal Research Methods (20 credits)	Option A (20 credits)	Option B (20 credits)
		or study abroad* (20 credits)	or study abroad* (20 credits)
September Term	International Corporate Law (20 credits)	Transnational Commercial Law (20 credits)	Corporate Criminality and Tax Evasion (20 credits)
LLM (Masters) Stage	Dissertation/Live Project/Placement (60 credits)		
Professional Placement <i>(if opted for LLM International Business Law with Professional Placement)</i>	Professional Placement (60 credits)		

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Part Time**Year One**

September Term and January Term	Complete 4 taught modules (total 80 credits)

Year Two

September Term and January Term	Advanced Legal Research Methods (20 credits) + 1 taught module (total 40 credits)
June Term	Dissertation/Placement/Project (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

7% 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	93%
Exam	
In-Person	7%