

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	ADVANCED LEGAL SYSTEMS		
MODULE CODE	LA4505 (L7)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module aims to provide the essential skills of research, interpretation and application of legal sources required for postgraduate study of international, EU and domestic law, to ensure that students understand the relative roles of the various actors in the domestic, European Union and international law policy-making processes, to appreciate the distribution of power within the United Kingdom and the European Union, to indicate the significance of international law as an influence upon EU and domestic law (and vice versa) and to ensure that students understand the basic concepts, which underlie the creation of, the operation of and adjudication on international, domestic and EU law.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

1. Introduction to academic writing
2. Introduction to legal research, interpretation and application of legal materials.
3. Introduction to the sources of domestic, EU and international law & their institutions
4. Introduction to the EU: its competence, power and influence in a global context
5. Introduction to WTO in a domestic, EU and international context
6. Introduction to the WIPO and the global regulation of Intellectual Property
7. Introduction to the resolution of international commercial disputes
8. Introduction to the International Labour Organisation

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Identify and retrieve legal materials relevant to particular legal problems and issues related to domestic law, EU law and international law and extract relevant information from those materials.
 2. Identify and evaluate the relationship between international, EU and domestic legal regimes.
 3. Identify and comparatively analyse the key features of domestic, European Union and international legal systems.
 4. Critically assess the influence of international treaties upon national and European Union law, institutions and processes (and vice versa). Identify and analyse the mechanisms for making, implementing and enforcing domestic, EU and international law.
 5. Research, critically evaluate and present well-structured arguments in written and oral work.
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TEACHING METHODS

This module is organised into 2-hour weekly seminars. During each seminar, the tutor will deliver a short presentation and facilitate a discussion of critical issues within the said topic led by the students, either working in groups or individually. Some topics may be divided between two Seminars. Students will be expected to have independently researched the issues for discussion in each seminar and to come to seminars prepared to respond and participate in an open and active critical discussion.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an individual presentation and a written assignment.