

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	EU COMPETITION LAW		
MODULE CODE	LA4601 (L7)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module seeks to analyse the way competition law affects particular commercial phenomena in the EU, taking into consideration the current global economic context. Overall, it provides an in-depth legal and economic analysis of anti-competitive agreements between firms, abuse of dominant position, mergers and state intervention from the perspective of market power, its abuse and its regulation in the EU. This module will also allow for critical reflection on the many recent developments in EU and international competition law, including in the context of their modernisation and in the light of the current economic and financial crisis.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

- The goals of competition law; economic approaches; comparative dimension
- The EU, its competition law and its institutions
- Global competition law and the economic and financial crisis
- Competition law and internal market in the EU
- Market power, market definition and entry barriers
- Anti-competitive agreements between firms and Article 101 TFEU
- Abuse of dominant position and Article 102 TFEU
- Enforcement of Articles 101 and 102 TFEU; centralisation and decentralisation in EU competition law; proceedings in national courts; role of private parties
- Horizontal and vertical agreements; the outer limits of EU competition law
- Concentrations and merger control
- State intervention and public undertakings
- Competition law and intellectual property rights in the EU

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Provide an in depth analysis and a critical evaluation of the main reasons and dimensions of EU competition law, the context for its establishment and modernisation and the actors involved.
 2. Identify the EU competition law rules and methods and critically assess their effectiveness in realising the policy objectives, including through enforcement.
 3. Comprehend the global dimension of competition law and economics and assess the impact there may be, including any global crisis on EU competition law.
 4. Critically examine the relationship between competition law and other areas of EU law such as the internal market or intellectual property rights
 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.