

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW1028 (L4)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module is intended to set the foundations for International and EU Law, while explaining how these differ from and relate to each other. It moreover, covers the relationship between international and EU Law on the one hand and domestic legal systems on the other. It aims to outline who the actors of the two legal orders are, what their sources are and how each is implemented in practice.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

1. The nature of international law
2. The actors in international law – states and international institutions
3. The sources of international law
4. Specific areas of international law as case studies:
 - a. International Human Rights Law
 - b. International Criminal Law
5. The enforcement of international law
6. The history and constitutional foundations of the European Union
7. The sources of European Union Law
8. The central procedures for European Union law making
9. The enforcement of European Union law through centralised and de-centralised mechanism

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Describe the nature of international and EU Law and distinguish between the two legal orders
2. Explain and identify the sources of international and European Law
3. Write coherent legal arguments relating to the actors of international and EU Law and how they contribute to the enforcement of law.
4. Produce an academically coherent and correctly cited, using OSCOLA, piece of legal research using appropriate research techniques and methods, including library and on-line legal data-bases to retrieve and locate information

TEACHING METHODS

The primary objective of the lectures is to provide an outline of the subject matter and a framework for its understanding which students can use as a base for their independent study directed to the requirements of the seminars. This session will also include within it, in addition to traditional lecture delivery, small group discussions feeding into reporting back to whole groups, live quiz sessions and other interactive exercises, guest lecturers, relevant video or other pre-recorded material plus discussion and other learning activities as appropriate.

Seminars (small group tutorials) take place weekly. The students build upon their understanding gained in the lecture session by reading specified cases, articles and appropriate textbooks in preparation for the seminars. The aims and learning outcomes of each individual seminar are clearly set out and students are encouraged to consider the short, self-help questions before talking the essay and problem question set for the group discussion.

Both assessments assist in the development of written communication skills and skills of analysis. They will give the student valuable individual feedback as to the degree of understanding of the course, especially how the various areas of law inter-relate. The student will also receive valuable guidance as to how his or her essay writing skills can be improved.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through two Written Assignments.