

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW2025(L5)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

1. Appreciate the value of Private International law in domestic, EU and US context
2. Introduce the sources of Private International law
3. Consider the process of dispute settlement when a foreign element exists
4. Critique the relationship between Private International law and the notions of globalization, party autonomy and state sovereignty
5. Consider the idea of harmonization of Private International law at the global level.

MODULE CONTENT

1. Nature and structure of Private International law
2. History of Private International law
3. The conflict process and the relevant sources
4. Jurisdiction: traditional rules and EU law rules
5. Jurisdictional agreements: party autonomy vs State sovereignty
6. Forum non conveniens and anti-suit injunctions
7. Choice of law and the concept of renvoi
8. Recognition and enforcement of foreign decisions
9. Provisional and protective measures – interim relief
10. Evidence-gathering process and international cooperation
11. Alternative dispute settlement: international courts and arbitration
12. Harmonization of Private International law

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

1.	Understand the role played by connecting factors in Private International law
2.	Evaluate the concept of 'jurisdiction' by comparing its various interpretation
3.	Assess the application of national and international rules of Private International law and the comparative case law
4.	Identify the main conflicts of notions regarding Private International law
5.	Engage in the discourse of harmonization of law

TEACHING METHODS

A variety of research-informed teaching and learning strategies will be used. The module is designed to place participants at the centre of the learning process. The lectures (/ seminars) will focus on specific issues. Each lecture (/ seminar) is designed to provide an overview of issues and debates, supported with sufficient background information and analysis necessary to facilitate informed discussion and both independent and creative learning. Participants are encouraged to participate actively and are required to prepare for each class. Discussion topics as well as reading lists and appropriate materials (legislation, case law) will be distributed to students in advance and the module will be supported through the virtual learning environment on E-Learn.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

The module is assessed through two written essays.