

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW3118 (L6)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module aims to:

1. Explore the nature, structure and value of Public International Law.
2. Introduce the sources of Public International Law.
3. Consider the way Public International Law deals with the settlement of disputes.
4. Critique the way Public International Law deals with a range of controversial issues, such as statehood, jurisdiction and immunities.
5. Explore the main strengths and weaknesses of Public International Law and ways in which it can be improved.

MODULE CONTENT

1. Nature and Structure of Public International Law
2. Sources of Public International Law
3. Players of Public International Law (with brief reference to the challenges raised by international human rights law and international criminal law)
4. Statehood
5. International organisations in international law
6. State responsibility
7. Peaceful settlement of disputes
8. Use of force
9. Jurisdiction and immunities

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

1.	Explain the basic functions of Public International Law and how the different sources contribute to these.
2.	Understand how different areas of Public International Law work and how they relate to each other.
3.	Assess the extent to which Public International Law can regulate relations between states.
4.	Identify the main strengths and limitations of Public International Law by using examples from the different topics discussed.

TEACHING METHODS

The module will be taught in a lecture/seminar format.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

The module is assessed through a written assignment and an examination.