

## Course Information Form

This Course Information Form provides the definitive record of the designated course

### Section A: General Course Information

<b>Course Title</b>	LLM International Business Law
<b>Final Award</b>	

## Course Aims

The LLM International Business Law is designed to give you the opportunity to explore in detail various aspects of the international legal framework which regulates transnational and international business activities, including both commercial and corporate matters. The course aims to provide you with in-depth, critical and comparative insights into not only the key areas of law relevant to international business operations, but also of procedural issues, including the dispute resolution systems available to businesses.

In addition to focusing on specific areas of law relevant to international business law, the course offers you a contextual and comparative understanding of the relevant legal rules and policies and their operation in practice. You will have the opportunity to consider not only the legislative environment of specific jurisdictions and institutions, but also their interactions and the impact that these have on efficiency, attractiveness, and challenges of conducting business in a highly globalized world.

The foundational unit on international trade law provides you with a solid foundation in commercial law, with a focus on both inter-state trade and trade between businesses, while units such as Intellectual Property Law, International Commercial Litigation, and International Commercial Arbitration allow you to gain more focused knowledge and understanding of specific areas of substantive law and procedures for settling commercial disputes. The unit on International Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility examines the general corporate aspects of international business law, whilst also focusing on the

**Course Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of your course you should meet the appropriate learning outcomes for your award shown in the table below

	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Award</b>
1	Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and critical understanding of the legal norms, institutions and mechanisms relevant to international business practice, the ability to evaluate critically the implications of the existing legal framework for business, and critical awareness of contemporary problems and debates which are at the forefront of the field.	LLM, PGDip, PGCert
2	Demonstrate conceptual understanding that enables the student to evaluate legal research methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses.	LLM
3	Demonstrate a range of legal research skills and their application in dealing with the complex elements of the areas of law pertaining to international business environment, and the ability to form and clearly communicate sound legal judgments to a specialist and non-specialist audience.	LLM, PGDip, PGCert
4	Demonstrate self-direction and originality in designing and tackling a legal issue, as well as the ability to act and implement tasks autonomously.	LLM
5	Demonstrate an ability to apply legal knowledge and theories associated with international business law to a factual or hypothetical scenario in order to identify the relevant legal issues and extra-legal considerations and produce well-reasoned conclusions supported by appropriate legal sources.	LLM, PGDip
6	Demonstrate knowledge of professional responsibility, integrity and ethics, as well as effective self-management in terms of planning, behaviour, motivation, individual initiative and enterprise, while taking responsibility for personal learning and continuous professional and personal development.	LLM, PGDip

## Teaching, learning and assessment strategies

In-class learning activities are structured around lectures, seminars and workshops. Although the nature and format of the activities will vary from unit to unit, interactive learning and practice-based activities are key to all units. In-class activities and exercises will involve a mix of group discussion, debating, individual and group presentations and moots and will provide you with the opportunity to test and consolidate your knowledge and to apply it in a variety of contexts requiring analysis, evaluation and synthesis and/or problem-solving. Alongside in-class activities, you will also be expected to engage in a range of online learning activities, including virtual workshops and seminars delivered by guest speakers, training sessions for legal databases such as Lexis Nexis, Westlaw, discussion forums and group and individual e-journals.

The opportunity to be an active participant in the learning process will improve your learning experience and increase your confidence as a future legal professional. Your contribution to your own learning, and particularly your engagement with assigned reading in advance of each session, will maximise the benefit of in-class activities and your learning experience.

Throughout the course, you will be assessed in various ways. The different types of assessments will enable you to demonstrate both breadth and depth of subject knowledge and contextual understanding, whilst at the same time developing your academic and professional skills. Assessment methods which you will encounter in the course of your LLM studies include:

**Written Report or Research Essay:** these assessments will enable you to develop your knowledge, legal research and critical analysis skills. You will be required to perform literature-informed research, review and evaluate the relevant sources and use an appropriate methodology in order to analyse and evaluate the relevant concepts.

**Case Study Reports:** this will require you to apply your legal knowledge in the context of a specific factual scenario, in order to provide a sound legal analysis of the options available.

**Oral Presentation:** by presenting your research and arguments in a formal setting, you will develop a number of transferable skills, including in particular the ability to communicate your ideas and findings in a professional, clear and concise manner.

**Mooting:** this will develop your legal research, written and oral advocacy skills, by requiring you to devise a solid and convincing legal argument and articulate and defend it during simulated proceedings.

**Dissertation:** in your final project, you will be required to produce an individual, independent piece of written work, supported by high-quality legal research. You will be asked to identify the research question or problem under investigation, critically review the relevant case law and academic literature, develop a sound methodology in order to explore the problem, proceed with the analysis, discuss your findings, and, where appropriate, make recommendations. This is the final step of your LLM studies and it builds on the knowledge and skills acquired in all taught units.

<b>Learning support</b>	<p>The University's comprehensive student support service includes: Student Information Desk, a one-stop shop for any initial enquiries; Student Support team advising and supporting those with physical or learning needs or more general student well being; Study Hub team providing academic skills guidance; Personal Academic Tutoring system; a student managed Peer-Assisted Learning scheme; support from your lecturers</p>
<b>Admissions Criteria</b>	<p><a href="https://www.beds.ac.uk/entryrequirements">https://www.beds.ac.uk/entryrequirements</a>  <b>Approved Variations and Additions to Standard Admission</b>  Non-standard English language requirement: Academic IELTS overall score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 6 in each element.</p>
<b>Assessment Regulations</b>	<p><a href="https://www.beds.ac.uk/about-us/our-university/academic-information">https://www.beds.ac.uk/about-us/our-university/academic-information</a>  <b>Note: Be aware that our regulations change every year</b>  <b>Approved Variations and Additions to Standard Assessment Regulations</b>  n/a</p>





Section C: Assessment Plan

The course is assessed as follows :

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<b>Unit Code</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Core/Option</b>	<b>Ass 1 Type code</b>	<b>Ass 1 Submit wk</b>	<b>Ass 2 Type code</b>	<b>Ass 2 Submit wk</b>	<b>Ass 3 Type code</b>	<b>Ass 3 Submit</b>
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