Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	**Course Title**	LLM International Law
2	**BCU Course Code**	PT1178; PT1260
3	**Awarding Institution**	Birmingham City University
4	**Teaching Institution(s)** (if different from point 3)	
5	**Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation** (if applicable)	

6	**Course Description**
	The LLM International Law analyses the how international law operates within the key areas of international human rights and international business law. The end of the Second World War has witnessed not only the creation of numerous international organisations, but also an increased level of global interconnection and the creation of common standards in many areas. International Law has become an important area of study because of the role it plays in regulating the relationships between states and how different states shapes their laws and legal systems. Therefore, the knowledge and understanding of the legal aspects of international law and how international law operates in the areas of international business and international human rights law is an important attribute that is highly regarded by prospective employers such as academic institutions, non-governmental organisations and charities, policy and research organisations, and international organisations. **What's covered in the course?** Our LLM International Law brings together different areas of international law and enables you to critically examine how international law operates within the fields of human rights and business law. The course examines international law with the underlying philosophy of providing a structured course characterised by sound theory and application to produce students capable of engaging with international institutions through their understanding of how law operates at the international level. Additionally, our LLM provides an opportunity to acquire, or build upon existing skills gained from your undergraduate course - enhancing employment opportunities in the legal profession and providing a basis for progression to doctoral studies. You will analyse and critically evaluate principle features of international law, including fundamental concepts, values, principles and rules, and the main institutions and procedures. You'll also learn to evaluate complex legal issues, communicate complex and abstract ideas, and employ strategic transferable skills.

7	Course Awards		
7a	**Name of Final Award**	**Level**	**Credits Awarded**
	Master of Laws International Law Master of Laws International Law with Professional Placement	7 7	180 240
7b	**Exit Awards and Credits Awarded**		
	Postgraduate Certificate International Law Postgraduate Diploma International Law	7 7	60 120

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	**Location(s) of Study**	**Duration of Study**	**Code(s)**
Full Time	City Centre	12 months (Sep intake) 15 months (Jan intake)	PT1178 PT1260
Part Time	City Centre	24 months	PT1253
Full Time with Professional Placement	City Centre (and placement provider)	21 months (Jan intake) 18 months (Sept intake)	PT1322 PT1371

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/.

11	**Course Learning Outcomes**
1	To analyse and critically evaluate the principal features of International law, including the major concepts, values, principles and rules, and the main institutions and procedures.
2	To critically analyse complex International law issues, doctrines, legal rules, policies, arguments and discourses and propose international solutions to different problems within a practice-led learning environment.
3	To demonstrate a knowledge-applied approach, showing an ability to undertake in-depth legal research focusing on international legal sources; and make proficient use of information and materials from a variety of relevant to international law.
4	To communicate complex and abstract ideas in an articulate, confident and accurate manner in relation to International Law issues, in order to make effective oral and written presentations which are coherent and comprehensible to others and meet expectations in the workplace.
5	To employ strategic transferable skills to underpin continuing professional development and practice and to develop a range of other pervasive skills, including: making relevant use of numerical and statistical information relevant to international law that is derived from primary and secondary sources when constructing an argument, conducting electronic research and appropriate use of the internet to locate information relevant to international law, producing work which is properly referenced and presented and formatted using standard software packages, working professionally, co-operatively with others as well as independently.

12	**Course Requirements**

12a **Level 7:**

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 100 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW7137	Public International Law (core)	20
LAW7130	Advanced Legal Research Methods (core)	20
LAW7143	Dissertation/Live Project/Placement	60

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 80 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules. **You must select at least one optional module marked with an asterisk (*).**

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW7138	Human Rights in the Wider World	20
LAW7120	International Women's and Children's Rights	20
LAW7122	International Corporate Law*	20
LAW7129	Transnational Commercial Law*	20
LAW7119	Corporate Criminality and Tax Evasion*	20
LAW7135	Global Health Law	20
LAW7134	Human Rights and the Environment	20
LAW7121	International Intellectual Property Law*	20
LAW7128	Conflict Resolution in Business *	20
LAW7123	International Criminal Law	20
LAW7133	Refugees and the Free Movement of People	20
LAW7136	Global Comparative Competition Law*	20
LAW7141	Corporate Compliance*	20
LAW7144	Comparative International Corporate Insolvency Law*	20

In order to qualify for the award of LLM International Law with Professional Placement, a student must successfully complete all of the Level 7 modules listed above as well as the following Level 6 module:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PLA6001	Professional Placement	60

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Full Time - September Intake

If you are a September intake student studying on a full-time basis, you will complete the course in 12 months.

<table>
<tr><td colspan="4">Postgraduate Learner Course/Introduction to Law course (2 weeks)</td></tr>
<tr><td>September Term</td><td>Public International Law (core)
(20 credits)</td><td>Option 1 (20 credits)</td><td>Option 2 (20 credits)</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">January Term</td><td rowspan="2">Advanced Legal Research Methods (core)
(20 credits)</td><td>Option 3 (20 credits)</td><td>Option 4 (20 credits)</td></tr>
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(20 credits)</td><td>or study abroad
(20 credits)</td></tr>
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Full Time - January Intake

If you are a January intake student studying on a full-time basis, you will have up to 15 months to complete the course. This will give you the option to complete all taught modules before attempting the Dissertation/Live Project/Placement module.

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<tr><td rowspan="2">January Term</td><td rowspan="2">Advanced Legal Research Methods (core) delivered online
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Part Time

If you are a student studying on a part-time basis, whether September or January intake, you will have up to 24 months to complete the course.

Year One

Year One	
Postgraduate Learner Course/Introduction to Law course (2 weeks)	
September Term and January Term	Complete Public International Law and 3 other taught modules (total 80 credits)
Year Two	
September Term and January Term	Complete Advanced Legal Research Methods and one further taught module (total 40 credits)
June Term	Dissertation/Live Project/Placement (60 credits)

*The study abroad module is only available for on-campus students.

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 7

Workload

17% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	145
Directed Learning	160
Private Study	1495
Total Hours	1800

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	86%
Exam	0
In-Person	14%