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Course Specification

LLM

International Business Law

Programme Code: LLMIL

2020/21

**Postgraduate Material Information
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

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Summary

Revised Course Structure and Delivery Information for Academic Year 2020/21 in Response to Coronavirus Covid-19 and Associated Public Health England Guidance as at 3 July 2020

PART 1 of 2: Important General Information about Course Delivery for Leeds Beckett University Awards in 2020/21 (Information Specific to Your Course is Provided in PART 2)

Introduction

This document contains important information about Leeds Beckett University's planned approach to course delivery and assessment in 2020/21. It provides an update to the information previously available in our online prospectus. You should read this document carefully so that you are aware of any changes that affect your course.

Information is provided in two parts:

The University is informed by Public Health England (PHE) Covid-19 advice and guidance for maintaining a Covid-secure learning and working environment. We have made arrangements to continue to provide a high-quality educational experience in a way that protects the safety and wellbeing of both students and staff. We are engaging closely with Leeds Beckett Students' Union to inform the arrangements and will also be informed by feedback provided by our individual students.

Public Health England guidance continues to evolve. Whilst this is a distance learning course, students are under normal circumstances welcome to access on-campus services and resources, however, use of the campus may need to change during the academic year to continue to protect students and staff.

Covid-19 social distancing measures will be implemented during 2020/21 for on-campus teaching, learning, assessment and student support.

In the event of further government lockdowns, either local or national, your digital and online learning and support will continue.

How we will communicate with you

We have sent information to applicants who have accepted an offer by email on the plans for delivery of your course in 2020/21, the academic calendar (teaching block delivery or alternative) applicable for your course and on the options available to you as a prospective student, to enable you to make informed choices. Given this is a distance learning course, you will continue to access your learning materials and course tutors in the usual online manner.

In addition to the course specific information set out in this document and the above communications, the University's Covid-19 microsite contains information for students and applicants, including information relating to University accommodation and University facilities and services. The Covid-19 microsite is regularly reviewed and updated as the situation, advice and planning evolve and is available at: <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/COVID19/#tabplaceholder2>.

Key terms and conditions

Further important information for applicants and students is available on our web site: <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/information-for-applicants-and-students/>. This includes information about the student contract, fees and funding, your rights of cancellation, the student protection plan and the University complaints process. It is essential that you read the information on this webpage carefully as it sets out the rights and obligations that will form the contract between you and the University upon accepting an offer and information about how to make a complaint.

Start dates

Start dates will be notified to applicants via their offer letter. The length of the course is confirmed in the information about your course in Part 2 of this document below.

Location of delivery

This is a distance learning course – delivery is online.

Course Fees

Your course fee is stated in your offer letter. The course fee published for 2020/21 on the University's Online Prospectus and included in your offer letter has not changed. Other additional costs remain as published on our original Online Prospectus information in addition to the areas of costs outlined below.

Students will need to follow the Public Health England advice and any specific national requirements for maintaining personal safety and hygiene to protect themselves and others from the Covid-19 risks. These personal safety measures such as the wearing of face coverings will be an additional cost that students need to consider.

Where PPE is an essential requirement for the nature of the course you are undertaking this will be detailed below.

Timetable Information

This course will be scheduled using a semester-based delivery and will be specified in timetable information.

Whilst the 2020/21 academic calendar and term dates are available on our website, given the nature of your course, you will be provided with a course calendar at the start of your course giving detailed and specific information –

<https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/-/media/files/academic-calendars/2021-student-calendar-sept.pdf?la=en>

The academic year 2020/21 will start on the dates notified to you.

You should discuss any difficulties relating to your engagement with timetabled sessions with your Course Administrator.

Policies, Standards and Regulations (www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/public-information)

Covid-19 social distancing measures will be in place for teaching, learning, assessment and student support in 2020/21. In respect of you and your course, this means that there will be operational requirements and protocols in place for the way in which University activities, facilities, and spaces operate which students and staff will need to follow.

In the event of further government lockdowns either local or national in response to Covid-19, we will prioritise digital and online learning and support to enable students to continue with their studies. We may need to implement approved emergency Covid-19 pandemic academic regulations to take account of the impact of Covid-19 general extenuating circumstances.

Professional Accreditation or Recognition Associated with the Course

Specific information on applicable professional statutory or regulatory body recognition or requirements for your course is summarised below.

Teaching and Learning Activities

The way we will deliver this course and teaching, learning and assessment activities in 2020/21 will be informed by Public Health England advice and guidance on Covid-19 secure requirements and the need for social distancing for the protection of students and staff. It is unlikely that this will impact upon your course given it is distance learning and so all teaching and learning is delivered online.

In the event of a further government lockdown in response to Covid-19, we will prioritise digital and online learning and support to enable students to continue with their studies and study towards achieving any specified professional statutory and regulatory body accreditation requirements where this applies.

If there is an easing of Covid-19 restrictions, we will continue to provide blended delivery for teaching block 1 or semester 1 in 2020/21. We will keep teaching blocks 2 and 3 or semester 2 under review, informed by Public Health England advice (see Introduction section above). Further information on local course delivery arrangements will continue to be available from your School and via the School.

Students will be kept up to date with new information when this is available via this University website.

Learning Support

Our approach to delivering student support in 2020/21

Given the planned social distancing measures in place on campus for 2020/21 to ensure safe delivery of services for students and staff, some of the arrangements for student support will be accessible online.

We are committed to ensuring you continue to have opportunities to access the learning and wellbeing support that you need over the forthcoming year. General learning spaces, including access to libraries, will be available to be booked online; and where specialist space is needed, this will either be provided: as normal; created in newly adapted spaces; or replicated as part of an enhanced suite of online resources.

We want to provide a safe environment for students and staff, so on-campus delivery of student support services will be limited. This may mean that campus-based school offices will operate within defined core office hours. However, full access to advice, learning support and specialist services will be delivered via telephone, email, video calls and online live chat. The Students' Union will also be implementing social distancing arrangements for student advice services.

Access to Library support in 2020/21

The Library offers access to thousands of resources via MyBeckett or the Library website (<http://libguides.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/home>) which also provides full details of all our services. In response to Covid-19, and the need for social distancing for the protection of students and staff, the libraries will be available via a booking system in 2020/21 for students to study, access PCs and laptops, printer/ copiers, and other equipment, and to use the books and journals.

The Library and Student IT Advice Service is available by online chat, email or phone, and provides support on using the University's online and digital services, finding information, borrowing, Office 365, MyBeckett, online meetings, saving your work, passwords, etc.

- online (including 24/7 chat): http://libguides.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/contact_us
- by phone - 0113 812 1000 (24/7 IT support)

The Library Academic Support Team can help you develop your academic skills such as critical thinking, academic writing and analysing data, and research skills such as how to find, use and evaluate information for your studies. The team liaises with your lecturers to provide the information resources you need for your subject and to arrange academic skills sessions to support you in your studies. They also have a wide range of short tutorials available on the Library's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFFd5u75zmy00EnkM9F2zPQ>

Support from your School

If you have a question or a problem relating to your course, your Course Administrator is there to help you. Course Administrators work closely with academic staff and can make referrals to teaching staff or to university specialist support services as appropriate. They can also arrange for a confirmation of attendance letter, and a transcript on your behalf. You may also like to contact your Course Representative or the Students' Union Advice team for additional support with course related questions.

Student Advice and Support

If you have any questions about life at our University in general, you may contact the Student Advice Hub to speak to one of our Student Services Advisers. This team, consisting of recent graduates, are able to support you throughout your time here. They will make sure you have access to and are aware of the support, specialist services, and opportunities our University provides. Our Student Advice Hub will be operating via live chat, video, telephone and email services. Telephone lines - 0113 812 3000 will open as usual 09.00-17.00 Mon-Fri. You can book an appointment via telephone or online video chat with an adviser via the link at: <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/student-experience-team/>. This is where contact details for all specialist support services can also be found. You can also email the team at studentadvicehub@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Range of Support Services Available

There is a range of support for disabled or vulnerable students. Any student with a disability, who may or may not have declared this to the University and wishes to discuss their learning support for the year ahead or their status as a Covid-19 extremely vulnerable person, should contact their Disability Adviser for their School who is based in Student Services to discuss their support needs in the first instance. The service contact details are disabilityadvice@leedsbeckett.ac.uk or telephone 0113 812 5831. Students who are classed at Covid-19 Extremely Vulnerable (i.e. you have received a Shielding Letter from the NHS) but who do not regard themselves as disabled, and have not registered with the Disability Team, should discuss any support arrangements they may need, directly with their Course Director and if resident in halls, their Residential Life Team.

Once enrolled, you will have access to our virtual learning environment, MyBeckett. Within this system you will see two tabs (Support and Opportunities) where you can find online information and resources for yourselves. The Support tab gives you access to details of services available to give you academic and personal support. These include Library Services, the Students' Union, Money advice, Disability advice and support, Wellbeing, International Student Services and Accommodation. There is also an A-Z of Support Services, and access to online appointments/registration. The Opportunities tab is the place to explore the options you have for jobs, work placements, volunteering, and a wide range of other opportunities. For example, you can find out here how to get help with your CV, prepare for an interview, get a part-time job or voluntary role, take part in an international project, or join societies closer to home.

You can also access details of all University student support teams at our web A-Z of Services. This can be found at <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/student-support/>. Here you can obtain further information including service contact details, access self-help resources or book an appointment with a range of support services.

In order to provide you with information on student services support in 2020/21 in response to the changing Covid-19 position, updated information will be provided on our University Covid-19 microsite.

Part 2: Important Information Specific to LLM International Business Law for 2020/21

Award	LLM International Business Law
Contained Awards	PG Dip International Business Law; PG Cert International Business Law
Awarding Body	Leeds Beckett University
Level of Qualification & Credits	Level 7, 180 credits

Course Lengths & Standard Timescales

Start dates will be notified to students via their offer letter. The length and mode of delivery of the course is confirmed below:

- 2 years (part time, online distance learning)

Part Time Study

PT delivery is usually at half the intensity of the FT equivalent course, although there may be flexibility to increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration. Some modules may be delivered in a different sequence to that defined within this information set but the modules offered within each level are consistent.

Location(s) of Delivery Online Distance Learning

Entry Requirements

Admissions criteria are confirmed in your offer letter. Details of how the University recognises prior learning and supports credit transfer are located here: www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/recognition-of-prior-learning.

Admissions enquiries may be directed to:

AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Course Fees

Course fees and additional course costs are confirmed in your offer letter. Enquiries may be directed to Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Policies, Standards and Regulations www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/public-information

There are no additional or non-standard regulations which relate to your course/ or insert regulatory exemptions which apply

Key Contacts

Your Course Director	Dr Nirmala Pillay
Your Online Learning Tutor	LawOLT@leedsbeckett.ac.uk
Your Academic Advisor	To be confirmed at induction
Your Course Administrator	pgdl@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Course Overview

Aims

The aims of the programme are to:

The LLM International Business Law aims to help students to gain critical understanding of international law regulating commercial activities in a global economy. To do this, the course focuses on law as it applies to aspects of business, commerce and trade regionally and globally.

With modules focusing on public and private international trade law, students will gain critical understanding of the World Trade Organisation rules and how countries trade, as well as practical knowledge of legal rules applying to contracts of international sale of goods between companies. The modules focusing on European Union rules on the development and operation of supranational markets will further refine students' knowledge of international law and obtain a firm platform for exploring the legal regulation of free trade throughout the world. The dissertation will give students the opportunity to pursue independent research in a defined legal area of interest, helping to further specialise in a chosen career.

The curriculum in this programme focuses on more than one jurisdiction enabling students to acquire knowledge of the features and principles of different legal systems and be able to compare them. Students will study how law is shaped by and in turn has an impact on ethical, social, political, environmental and economic norms.

The enhanced commercial awareness allied to specialist legal expertise and skills should give graduates a distinct advantage in a competitive global business environment.

Course Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Develop a critical approach to legal rules and principles affecting cross border business activity and develop a deep understanding of the commercial context in which such rules function.
2. Be able to undertake complex analysis of legal problems involving issues relevant to the legal regulation of international business and make informed judgements from the available data.
3. Be able to apply relevant theory to a question in international business law through the production of a significant piece of independent research.

4. Show a familiarity with legal research methods and be able to apply relevant methodology to a legal / business research question.
5. Develop an ethical approach to the application of legal principles in the commercial field.

Teaching and Learning Activities

Summary

Student cohorts on the LLM International Business Law will typically be diverse as students will come from a range of backgrounds and countries.

For distance learning delivery each core module is divided into 10 units, which include a variety of online, individual and tutor-led activities (such as preparing short answers, answer plans, PowerPoint, presentations, participating in discussion boards and Q&A sessions). The learning and teaching strategy to be used by each module is articulated in the respective Module Specifications, but for every module there are arrangements for both, individual and group tutor feedback on student activities.

In teaching activities, which will stress student-led evaluation and critique of issues, students will respond to the tutor-prepared materials, tasks, problems and questions. The Unit materials will provide a framework which will steer students to both the knowledge and critical components of the programme. Students will be given the opportunity to relate the material covered to the workplace and to international business law. The variety of students provides an important opportunity for students to learn by sharing their and their peers' experience.

The dissertation is an exercise in autonomous student learning involving sustained research and a substantial piece of writing which is supported by both, the Dissertation Module Leader and an individual dissertation supervisor. The supervisor will guide the student on the planning and execution of the dissertation, the development of ideas, organisation and structure of the work. The preparation of the dissertation will involve students with issues at the forefront of the disciplines concerned with international business law.

Your Modules

This information is correct for students progressing through the programme within standard timescales. Students who are required to undertake repeat study may be taught alternate modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes. Details of module delivery will be provided in your module timetables.

Level 7 Core Modules

- International Trade Law
- Law of the Internal Market
- Private International Trade Law
- EU Antitrust Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Corporate Law
- Dissertation

Assessment Balance and Scheduled Learning and Teaching Activities

The assessment balance and overall workload associated with this course are calculated from core modules. They have been reviewed and confirmed as representative by the Course Director.

A standard module equates to 200 notional learning hours, which may be comprised of teaching, learning and assessment, placement activities and independent study. Modules may have more than 1 component of assessment.

All modules are assessed by coursework. Students will undertake a 60 credit dissertation (15,000 words)

Overall Workload	
Teaching, Learning and Assessment	630 hours
Independent Study	1170 hours

Learning Support

If you have a question or a problem relating to your course, your Course Administrator is there to help you. Course Administrators work closely with academic staff and can make referrals to teaching staff or to specialist professional services as appropriate. In addition, see above support in part 1.