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# Course Specification

## LLM International Business Law

Course Code: LLMIL

2022/23

## Award & Title

## LLM International Business Law (LLMIL)

### Material Information Summary for 2022/23 Postgraduate Applicants

Confirmed MAY/2022

#### General Information

<b>Award</b>	Master of Laws International Business Law
<b>Contained Awards</b>	Postgraduate Diploma International Business Law Postgraduate Certificate International Business Law
<b>Awarding Body</b>	Leeds Beckett University
<b>Level of Qualification &amp; Credits</b>	Level 7 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications, with 180 credit points at Level 7 of the Higher Education Credit Framework for England
<b>Course Lengths &amp; Standard Timescales</b>	Start dates will be notified to students via their offer letter. The length of the course is confirmed below, and modes of delivery will be confirmed prior to the start date in line with Government guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 years (part time, online distance learning)</li></ul>
<b>Location(s) of Delivery</b>	Online Distance Learning
<b>Entry Requirements</b>	Admissions criteria are confirmed in your offer letter. Details of how the University recognises prior learning and supports credit transfer are located here: <a href="http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/recognition-of-prior-learning">www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/recognition-of-prior-learning</a>  Admissions enquiries may be directed to: <a href="mailto:AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk">AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk</a> .
<b>Course Fees</b>	Course fees and any additional course costs are confirmed in your offer letter. Fees enquiries may be directed to <a href="mailto:Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk">Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk</a> .

## Timetable Information

Designed to be as flexible as possible to meet the distance learner's needs, this course and its assessments are delivered entirely online with no live classes for students to attend.

Although your course does not require attendance in a physical classroom, the course is offered online in a structured way. The units covered in each of the teaching weeks are outlined in this course handbook. You will be given details of assessment dates and the structure of learning activities during induction by way of the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) MyBeckett, through which the course is taught.

## Policies, Standards and Regulations ([www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/academicregulations](http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/academicregulations))

There are no additional or non-standard regulations which relate to your course.

## Key Contacts

<b>Your Course Director</b>	Dr Nirmala Pillay
<b>Your Online Learning Tutor</b>	<a href="mailto:LawOLT@leedsbeckett.ac.uk">LawOLT@leedsbeckett.ac.uk</a>
<b>Your Academic Advisor</b>	To be confirmed at induction
<b>Your Course Administrator</b>	pgdl@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

## Course Overview

### Aims

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:

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 -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 of each module is articulated in the respective Module Specifications, but for every module there are arrangements for individual and group tutor feedback on student activities.

In teaching activities which stress student-led evaluation and critique of issues students will respond to the tutor-prepared materials, tasks, problems and questions. The Unit materials provide a framework which steer students to both the knowledge and critical components of the programme. Students are to 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 experiences.

The dissertation is an exercise in autonomous student learning involving sustained research and a substantial piece of writing which is supported by 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

Level 7, year 1: Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Law of the Internal Market (20 credits)	Y	EU Antitrust Law (20 credits)	Y

International Trade Law (20 credits)	Y	Private International Trade Law (20 credits)	Y
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Level 7, year 2: Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Intellectual Property Law (20 credits)	Y	Dissertation (60 credits)	Y
Corporate Law (20 credits)	Y		

## 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 20 credit 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. They can give you a confirmation of attendance letter, and a transcript. You may also like to contact your Course Rep or the Students' Union Advice team for additional support with course-related questions.

## Student Services

If you have any questions about life at University, call into our Student Services Centre at either campus or contact Student Advice directly. This team, consisting of trained officers and advisers are available 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. They also work on a wide range of projects throughout the year all designed to enhance your student experience and ensure you make the most of your time with us. Student Advice are located in the Student Services Centre in the Leslie Silver Building at City Campus and on the ground floor of the Priestley Building at Headingley Campus. The team can also be contacted via email at [studentadvice@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvice@leedsbeckett.ac.uk), telephone on 0113 812 3000, or by accessing our online chat link, available on the student homepage.

## **Support and opportunities**

Within MyBeckett 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.