

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Law of the European Union
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	GDL7004

5	Module Overview
<p>Law of the European Union is a core module and one of the seven foundations of legal knowledge that must be successfully completed by anyone wanting to proceed to the next stage of training for entry into the legal profession.</p> <p>The aim of this module is to introduce you to the concept of the European Union as an organisation and, more particularly, to provide you with an intellectually stimulating and academically rigorous education in how the organisation of this body and the regulation that comes from it affects the UK. This will be approached through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A critical examination of the EU as an organisation, and key aspects of substantive law, as well as a critical appraisal of how they apply in the UK. 2. a problem based approach to learning and assessment <p>Therefore, alongside the accumulation of knowledge, you will also engage in activities which will enable you to refine your research and analytical skills, demonstrate your ability to apply knowledge to find solutions to legal problems and improve your ability to communicate complex ideas to others. By doing so you will reinforce your understanding of the relevant legal rules and principles.</p> <p>In keeping with the philosophy and aims of the programme, most activities within the module will be practice-led and aligned to the development of the skills that you will need to understand the effect of the EU on the UK's legal system. You will develop ability to articulate argument and legal reasoning in matters relating to EU Law and consequently develop skills used in a real world working environment. There will be many opportunities to apply the law to realistic problem scenarios that are likely to arise in interactions between UK law and EU regulation, and will involve issues that may arise in the wider workplace. This further supports the nature of the module as practice-led. As well as problem solving, there will be a strong focus upon effective communication of advice and information, placing significant emphasis on written communication skills. Such skills are key in this development and their focus here demonstrates the approach of the module in focusing on real world skills and as such its practice-led nature. Participation in the module will therefore contribute positively to the future quality of your employability. Participation on the module will also contribute positively to your employability. These skills include the ability to research and report findings, the development of competence in the range of thinking skills and giving advice, of being able to contextualise the law in the wider international context.</p> <p>This module aligns with the programme's aim of practice-led and knowledge applied through focussing upon the way in which the EU affects the UK, either as a current member or through possible future non-membership of the EU. The module is designed to help you acquire useful knowledge of the interaction of UK Law with a significant form of international law, and to apply it through the production of a piece of written advice on EU Law under timed conditions.</p> <p>The module will be taught with a mixture of directed self-study periods, and 2-hour seminars. The lectures aim to provide a general framework for understanding which will then be built upon through directed self-study periods and seminars. The module will use activities and discussions hosted by the</p>	

Moodle. All of the learning activities will be supported in teaching sessions and on the Virtual Learning Environment, which will also offer interactive practice-orientated opportunities to test and apply your legal knowledge.

6	Indicative Content
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the EU • The Institutions and Court System of the EU • Direct Applicability and Direct Effect of EU Law • Judicial Review: Article 263 & 265 TFEU • Enforcement proceedings against Member States • Introduction to the Single Market • Derogations from Free Movement of Goods • EU Citizenship; Free Movement of Workers and Families • Freedom of Establishment and Freedom to Provide/Receive Services

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1	Demonstrate a critical appraisal of the constitutional role of the European Union in the context of UK Law.
	2	Critically evaluate the legal regulatory framework relating to the European Union's Single European Market.
	3	Analyse and apply the procedural and substantive legal rules in order to construct effective legal advice.
	4	Present and communicate coherent, persuasive arguments using appropriate legal language and structure.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1 – 4		X	

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	36	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	128	
Total Study Hours:	200	