

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Global Comparative Competition Law
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	LAW7136

5	Module Overview
<p>Competition law has affected trade and business in many and diverse ways this module will explore the impact that regulation has had upon multinational corporations and small and medium sized enterprises. The EU and the U.S will be considered alongside other international law in order to compare and contrast the legal systems. In light of the increase in the internationalisation of business practice having knowledge of the legal regulation of competitive practice in the global context of how businesses operate is crucial.</p> <p>The module will not only look at the theory of competition law but also examine its impact on commercial business behaviours and practices in an ever expanding global market. Taking a comparative approach between the EU, US and other international law it will explore the extent to which the EU, United States and other states deal with commercial anti-competitive behaviour.</p> <p>During this module you will study a range of topics relevant to competitive practice and study them in cycles considering firstly agreements that are in restraint of trade followed by the concept of dominance/ monopolization. After the initial overview considering anticompetitive agreements and monopolisation you will study other anticompetitive practices such as tying, mergers and price fixing which focus on the distortion of markets generally.</p> <p>This module will be delivered through face-to-face teaching and VLE provision. On campus students will attend weekly student-led/tutor facilitated seminars and complete various activities. Distance learning students will complete weekly VLE activities.</p> <p>This module is interdisciplinary in the way it evaluates the legal issues in the context of business and economics in the area of competition law.</p> <p>The module focuses on employability skills as you will research, work together in online groups/ chats, provide written and oral communication during the course of the module.</p> <p>The international focus of this module is in line with the programme aim of internationalisation.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition authorities • Anticompetitive Agreements (EU) • Anticompetitive Agreements (US) • Cartels • Abuse of Dominance (EU) • Monopolization (US) • Price Fixing in competition law • Tying • Mergers and Acquisitions 	

7		Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	To critically appraise the inter-relationship between competition law and the wider global environment.
	2	To critically evaluate the legal regulation of anti-competitive activity in the context of international commercial practice.
	3	To critically analyse procedures and jurisdictional rules for the enforcement of competition policy.
	4	To engage critically with relevant legal sources and present argument in an accurate and appropriate manner.

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		24	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		24	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		152	
Total Study Hours:		200	