

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Public International Law
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	7
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	LAW7137

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>This module examines the principles and operations of the most important elements of public international law. This is a potentially vast subject (in fact the subject of entire LLM programmes in its own right) so the module content will focus on the fundamental principles which underpin the legal relations between states. In particular the law of Treaties and the law of the United Nations will form the principal bases of study.</p> <p>This is a fundamental module in the sense that its subject matters underpins many of the other modules that will be offered on the LLM International Human Rights and LLM International Law.</p> <p>The module is interdisciplinary in the way it evaluates legal issues in the context of legal history and politics.</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>Employability skills are promoted through the use of debate skills in the delivery of the module, to encourage you to use a broad range of communication skills in their learning.</p> <p>The international focus of this module is in line with the programme aim of internationalisation.</p>	

<b>6</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The history, nature and development of international law</li> <li>• Sources of international law: Article 38 of the Statute of the ICJ, interpretation and case law</li> <li>• The subjects of international law</li> <li>• Recognition, Jurisdiction &amp; Immunities from jurisdiction</li> <li>• The law of treaties – the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties</li> <li>• The law of treaties – the politics of treaty and convention formulation, signature and ratification</li> <li>• The Institutions and Powers of the United Nations</li> <li>• The International Court of Justice</li> <li>• State responsibility and state succession</li> <li>• The settlement of disputes by peaceful means</li> <li>• International law and the use of force by states</li> </ul>	

<b>7</b>		<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>
<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>		
	<b>1</b>	To elucidate the sources of international law and the interpretation and application of that law in international courts and tribunals, particularly the ICJ.
	<b>2</b>	To evaluate the limitations of international public law in terms of its enforcement and its ability to maintain global security and the upholding of human rights.
	<b>3</b>	To critically evaluate the purpose, structure and role of the United Nations and the limitations of that role in practice.
	<b>4</b>	To articulate the law of treaties and critically appraise its shortcomings and limitations in practice.

<b>8</b>		<b>Module Assessment</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>		<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>In-Person</b>
<b>1 - 4</b>				<b>x</b>

<b>9</b>		<b>Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities</b>
<b>Learning Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>	
<b>Scheduled Learning (SL)</b> includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	24	
<b>Directed Learning (DL)</b> includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	24	
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams	152	
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	200	