

Module Catalogue

Liberal Arts

Postgraduate Study Abroad 2020/1

Semester 1

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Semester	UK Credit Value	Credit Equivalency
English, Linguistics and Cultural Studies					
7CLST005W	Engaging the Archive	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7CLST017W	Visual Culture: Theoretical and Critical Perspectives	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7ELIT007W	Themes and Problems in Modern and Contemporary Literature	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7ELIT011W	Queer Now	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7ENGL001W	Analysing Spoken and Written Discourse	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7ENGL005W	Sociolinguistics	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7TESL009W	Testing and Assessment	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
Politics and International Relations					
7PIRS012W	Governance of the European Union	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*

7PIRS017W	International Relations: Theoretical Perspectives	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7PIRS021W	Policy, Governance and Democracy: International Perspectives	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7PIRS025W	The Politics of Global Complexity: Rethinking Governance, Power and Agency	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7PIRS026W	The State, Politics and Violence	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7PIRS027W	Theories of International Security	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*

Westminster Law School

7LLAW009W	Foundations in International Commercial Law	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7LLAW015W	International Commercial Arbitration	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7LLAW022W	International Law and Development	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7LLAW026W	Investment Banking Principles and Practice	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7LLAW028W	Law of International Sales	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7LLAW031W	Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*

7LLAW036W	Multinational Corporate Entities and Foreign Investment	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7LLAW039W	Perspectives on Peace, Conflicts and Disputes	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7LLAW046W	Public International Law	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
7LLAW056W	Law and Media: Content and Control	7	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*

* All transcripts are issued in UK credits. Please note the recommendation of a 4 US credit value equivalency is provided as guidance. Final credit values for all modules for US students are decided by your home institution and will be dependent on its credit transfer policies.

English, Linguistics and Cultural Studies

Engaging the Archive

Module Code: 7CLST005W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*

This module introduces you to the practical and theoretical issues of using archives for the purposes of research or exhibition. With privileged access to the unique collections of the University of Westminster Archive, the module combines knowledge from the professional practice of archiving and from key archival theorists.

Assessment: Essay (100%)

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Visual Culture: Theoretical and Critical Perspectives

Module Code: 7CLST017W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*

Introduction to the theoretical debates that have contributed to the field of visual. The politics of representation, the reproduction of images, audience reception, the male and female gaze and the discourse of the 'other'. An examination of the ways that theories and objects constitute each other.

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Essay (80%)

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Themes and Problems in Modern and

Contemporary Literature

Module Code: 7ELIT007W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

Summary of module content (approximately 400 characters): This module introduces students to current major themes in contemporary literature, with a particular focus on how global crises post-2001 have been mediated in literary texts. Topics will include the representation of capital and financial crisis; migrant narratives; ecology; the Anthropocene; and contemporary resurgences of populist politics. While maintaining a primary focus on the 21st century, the module also encourages students to think historically and comparatively through 19th and 20th century representations of crisis.

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Essay (80%)

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Queer Now

Module Code: 7ELIT011W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

Focusing on the 1990s to the present day, this module considers queer theory and ideas around queerness. Examining a range of theoretical, literary and cultural perspectives on the topic, the module will investigate what queer means and how it has shaped our ideas about sexuality, identity, the body, intimacy and desire, history, and representation.

Assessment: Essay (100%)

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Analysing Spoken and Written Discourse

Module Code: 7ENGL001W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

Theories of genre and discourse analysis; audience design, purpose and style; rhetoric and persuasion; text-types, text structures, grammatical and lexical features typical of texts drawn from a wide variety of sources.

Assessment: Coursework (30%), Essay (70%)

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Sociolinguistics

Module Code: 7ENGL005W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

Concepts and issues in sociolinguistics; research methods; languages and factors such as age, class, gender, ethnicity; language variation, choice, planning, change; language in face-to-face interaction.

Assessment: Essay (30%), Essay (70%)

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Testing and Assessment

Module Code: 7TESL009W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

The module examines past and current developments in language testing and assessment. It covers the role of language tests in measuring achievement and communicative proficiency, whether diagnostic and prognostic. Types of test will be analysed, and participants will develop new testing materials for their own purposes.

Assessment: Coursework (30%), Coursework (70%)

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Politics and International Relations

Governance of the European Union

Module Code: 7PIRS012W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

The module explores the EU as a polity and as a system of governance. It offers a practice-led survey of governance issues in the EU, informed by relevant theoretical approaches. It covers the institutional framework of the EU and the roles of member-state and institutional actors in its decision-making processes; questions of institutional efficiency, accountability and the wider legitimacy of the EU. It also engages with current political challenges facing the EU and its member states, such as Brexit, enlargement, and the Eurozone crisis.

Assessment: Coursework (30%), Coursework (70%)

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International Relations: Theoretical Perspectives

Module Code: 7PIRS017W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

The module introduces students to the competing bodies of thought in International Relations theory, the debates between them, and the way that International Relations theory has developed as a consequence of those debates.

Assessment: Coursework (50%), Coursework (50%)

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Policy, Governance and Democracy: International Perspectives

Module Code: 7PIRS021W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module explores and compares a range of approaches to analysing and evaluating governance and policy, assessing the understandings of democracy that they imply. These approaches are introduced through a range of case studies relating to policy-making in contrasting national and international contexts.

Assessment: Coursework (50%), Coursework (50%)

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The Politics of Global Complexity: Rethinking Governance, Power and Agency

Module Code: 7PIRS025W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module introduces students to the theoretical frameworks and practices of the politics of global complexity, the debates that have been triggered, and the way that complexity understandings have developed, especially in the 1990s and 2000s. Emphasis is placed upon the conceptual frameworks deployed in understanding system effects on political, economic and social life and how these enable us to rethink governance, power and agency. While focusing on conceptual frameworks, this module also engages with how complexity is reflected in new approaches to policy, and external stakeholders will provide input to the module (for example, the Social Market Foundation, Demos, the New Local Government Network and the Foreign Policy Centre).

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Coursework (80%)

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The State, Politics and Violence

Module Code: 7PIRS026W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

The module introduces students to various approaches to (state) politics and examines different accounts of political action ranging from civil disobedience to violent confrontation. It discusses the challenges arising from different forms of antagonism and explores conceptual efforts to understand and control the possibility of conflict and violence.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

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Theories of International Security

Module Code: 7PIRS027W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module introduces students to the contemporary discourse and debates surrounding the meaning of international security. The end of the Cold War fundamentally altered the structure of the international system and precipitated the emergence of a new security agenda. The new systemic dynamics and reconfigured security agenda led many to question the dominant theoretical frameworks previously applied to international security and new security discourses - such as human security and critical security studies - have emerged to challenge established security theory. This module will examine the key tenets of the new theoretical frameworks and critically analyse their contribution to our understanding of 'security'.

Assessment: Coursework (30%), Coursework (70%)

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Westminster Law School

Foundations in International Commercial Law

Module Code: 7LLAW009W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module enables the student to analyse critically the principles essential to the application of International Commercial Law. It will also provide the student with the context within which International Commercial Law operates.

Assessment: In-Class Test/Assignment exam conditions (50%), Coursework (50%)

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International Commercial Arbitration

Module Code: 7LLAW015W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

The nature and function of arbitration, and its advantages and disadvantages compared with litigation and ADR processes; arbitration agreements; jurisdictional and governing law issues; procedural substantive issues, public international instruments and case law, public and private arbitration institutions; sovereign and private entity issues; awards. The aim of this module is to provide a postgraduate introduction to the study of private and public international arbitration. To include inter alia: relationships between disputing parties; between parties and courts; between tribunals and courts.

Assessment: Essay (30%), Examination - closed book (70%)

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International Law and Development

Module Code: 7LLAW022W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

A study of law and policy relating to international development including the right to development in international law, international development assistance and poverty alleviation, law relating to UN institutions engaged in promoting development in underdeveloped countries, and law and policy relating to overseas development assistance in the United Kingdom and European Union.

Assessment: Essay (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Investment Banking Principles and Practice

Module Code: 7LLAW026W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

Investment banking principles and practices, fund raising from the investment banking perspective, business plans, private placement memoranda, prospectuses, confidentiality agreements, IPOs, current stock exchange trends and market requirements.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

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Law of International Sales

Module Code: 7LLAW028W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module offers the student an opportunity to evaluate and examine critically the law governing the international sale contract. The student will be introduced to the intricacies of international sale transactions, especially, the content of the contract of international sale, the use of standard trade terms (such as INCOTERMS 2000); rights and

remedies, the Vienna Convention; examine critically the legal implications of international sale transactions; common trade terms in use; the relevance of the Sale of Goods Act 1979; the role of documents in certain contracts; areas of reform and change in the context of the move to harmonise or standardise trade law.

Assessment: In-Class Test/Assignment exam conditions (100%)

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Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance

Module Code: 7LLAW031W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

The module includes corporate finance, venture capital, actors and aims, sources and types of investment, finance contracts, corporate structure, exit routes, transfer of shares, basic drafting, basic accounting, regulatory issues and tax.

Assessment: In-Class Test/Assignment exam conditions (100%)

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Multinational Corporate Entities and Foreign Investment

Module Code: 7LLAW036W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

The nature of incorporation. International and national consequences of incorporation and non-incorporation. Role and effect in cross-border trade and investment. Property and risk issues. Power balance between multinationals and sovereign states. Control of multinationals. Accountability of personnel. To provide the student with an overview of the law relating to incorporation and non-incorporation of business enterprises.

Assessment: Essay (30%), Examination - closed book (70%)

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Perspectives on Peace, Conflicts and Disputes

Module Code: 7LLAW039W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

The aim of this module is to provide a postgraduate introduction to the field of dispute prevention and dispute resolution. Within this aim it is the intention to cover domestic, commercial, municipal and international aspects of the field, and the main processes involved in dispute prevention and resolution. The nature of disputes; decision making and justice; theories and processes in prevention and resolution; anthropology and jurisprudence of dispute prevention and resolution, evidence and decision making, governance, regulation and risk factors.

Assessment: Coursework (30%), Coursework (70%)

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Public International Law

Module Code: 7LLAW046W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module aims to analyse the sources and the subjects of international law, state responsibility, the implementation of international law into municipal law, the settlement of international disputes and the enforcement

of international law.

Assessment: In-Class Test/Assignment exam conditions (50%), Coursework (50%)

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Law and Media: Content and Control

Module Code: 7LLAW056W

Level 7

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module will analyse aspects of the regulation of content and control of various elements of the media. The module will cover the contemporary regulatory framework that determines the permissible extent of cross-media ownership in light of technological advancement, and will also examine forms of censorship of material within the media. It will examine both the law and the various statutory bodies who have a regulatory function in this area

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

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