

Module Catalogue

Westminster Law School

Undergraduate Exchange 2021/2

Semester 1

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Semester	UK Credit Value	Credit Equivalency
Law					
4LLAW002W	Contracts: Law and Practice	4	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
4LLAW003W	Tort Law in Context	4	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LGPR001W	21st Century Law	5	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW001W	Land Law	5	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW002W	EU Law	5	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW001W	Family Law and Family Justice	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW002W	Commercial Law	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW003W	Disability Law	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW004W	Company Law	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW005W	Employment Law	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW006W	International Law and Global Justice	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW007W	Entertainment Law: Theory and Practice	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*

6LLAW008W	Law of International Trade	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW009W	Media Law	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW010W	Environmental Law	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW011W	New Legal Thinking: Theory, Philosophy and Justice	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW013W	Human Rights: Idea, Law and Practice	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW014W	Advanced Criminal Law	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW015W	Religion Law and Society	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW017W	The Law of Intellectual Property	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW018W	Dissertation in Law	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW019W	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW022W	Elements of Company Law	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW023W	Elements of Criminal Procedure and Evidence	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW024W	Elements of Entertainment Law: Theory and Practice	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW026W	Elements of Employment Law	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW027W	Elements of Law of Intellectual Property	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW028W	Elements of Media Law	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW029W	Elements of International Law and Global Justice	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*

6LLAW030W	Elements of Law of International Trade	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW031W	Elements of Human Rights: Idea, Law, and Practice	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW032W	Elements of Religion Law and Society	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW033W	Elements of Commercial Law	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW059W	Elements of Law, Disability Law	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW066W	Elements of New Legal Thinking: Theory, Philosophy, Justice	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW067W	Elements in Critical Environmental Law	6	Semester 1	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW068W	Gender, Sexuality and Critical Legal Perspectives	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*
6LLAW069W	Sustainability in Law and Policy	6	Year	40	US Credits 8 / ECTS credits 20*

* 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.

Law

Contracts: Law and Practice

Module Code: 4LLAW002W
Location: Regent

Level 4
UK Credit Value: 20

Semester 1
Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

The thrust of the course is a focus on contractual practice and the interaction of law with that practice. This module will provide the students with an understanding of the process of creation and the operation of contracts and the role of law in regulating such agreements.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Tort Law in Context

Module Code: 4LLAW003W
Location: Regent

Level 4
UK Credit Value: 20

Semester 1
Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /

ECTS credits 10*

This module introduces students to civil liability for tortious acts. Focussing mainly on the tort of negligence, the module places such liability in its, practical, social, economic and often political context. The module takes a critical perspective and puts tort in the context of “living law”, so that students not only understand the legal principles but also appreciate how they work in the “real world” and feel confident in questioning that working.

Assessment: Examination - closed book (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

21st Century Law

Module Code: 5LGPR001W

Location: Regent

Level 5

UK Credit Value: 20

Semester 1

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /

ECTS credits 10*

This module will look at the way in which legal services delivery is changing and how this calls for new types of thinking. The disruption that this is having on the legal professions in England and Wales will be considered, especially in terms of the market, access to justice and funding, and technological innovation, careers and professional ethics will form discrete themes. The module will also encourage the development of independent learning and reflection on performance.

Assessment: Essay (50%), Essay (50%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Land Law

Module Code: 5LLAW001W

Location: Regent

Level 5

UK Credit Value:
20

Semester 1

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /

ECTS credits 10*

Assessment: Examination - closed book (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

EU Law

Module Code: 5LLAW002W

Location: Regent

Level 5

UK Credit Value:
20

Semester 1

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /

ECTS credits 10*

This module will enable students to understand and evaluate the legislative and judicial structure and functioning of European Union institutions, the fundamental characteristics of EU law, its methods and procedures. This knowledge is applied to selective areas of law which may include examples such as the economic and social law of the internal market, social policy and competition law. The module shows how European Union law has been influenced by its historical, political, economic and social contexts.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Family Law and Family Justice

Module Code: 6LLAW001W

Location: Regent

Level 6

UK Credit Value: 40

Year

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /

ECTS credits 20*

The module will provide an opportunity to consider the role of the law in relation to the family and how it shapes notions of

family justice. It will explore the ways in which the state and the law intervene in and regulate private and family life, and whether such intervention and regulation is justifiable. The module will also identify the substantive law in key areas, consider its origins and development, and consider its application to solve factual problems. After a core component of family law study it will allow students to make an in-module choice about an area of family law and/or family justice which they wish to explore in greater depth. These areas will involve a range of private and public law topics, the opportunity to undertake comparative law research, and the option to participate in the University Student Law Clinic advising clients with family law issues (where space allows)

Assessment: Examination - restricted (40%), Project (55%), Coursework (5%)

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Commercial Law

Module Code: 6LLAW002W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /
ECTS credits 20***

This module provides an opportunity to consider the role of the law in relation to commercial transactions and the ways in which the law intervenes and regulates commerce, trade and business. It will examine the purposes of commercial law and the way it facilitates the commercial practices of the business community. The law will also identify the substantive law in key areas, consider its development and application to contracts for the sale of goods, insurance of goods and methods of payment, security and finance of contracts of sale.

Assessment: Examination - open book (40%), Project (55%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Disability Law

Module Code: 6LLAW003W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /
ECTS credits 20***

This module will identify the ideas, principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of disability law, and stress competing perspectives. Students will critically evaluate the legal and non-legal issues that form the core of disability law and appreciate the contextual dimension to the subject. Students will apply a wide range of developed research skills, and demonstrate effective writing skills with minimal supervision.

Assessment: Practical Work (40%), Essay (55%), Coursework (5%)

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Company Law

Module Code: 6LLAW004W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /
ECTS credits 20***

The module explores the concept of legal personality as applied to companies registered under the Companies Act 2006. The rules relating to companies are analysed from legal, practical, historical, economic, sociological and political perspectives. Distinguishing between companies and partnerships. Types of companies, harmonisation and European Union directives. Corporate legal personality, the constitution of the company.

Promotions, introduction to corporate finance, directors and other company officers, directors' powers, duties and liabilities. Shareholders, the conduct of company meetings. Insider dealings, introduction to company insolvency, liquidation. The

operations of stock markets, corporate governance and Corporate Social Responsibility. The module also introduces students to company accounts and financial statements, as well as key aspects of corporate taxation.

Assessment: Coursework (40%), Examination - closed book (55%), Coursework (5%)

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Employment Law

Module Code: 6LLAW005W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /

ECTS credits 20*

This module is concerned with the regulation of Industrial Relations and the rights of the employee in the workplace. It includes some limited historical analysis of the position of different Governments and the theoretical approaches to the subject. There is specific analysis of the major collective and individual rights including unfair dismissal, redundancy, sex discrimination, sexual orientation discrimination, race discrimination, religion and belief discrimination, disability discrimination, age discrimination, equal pay, support for collective bargaining, the rights of trade union members and the lawfulness of industrial action. The creation and enforcement of contractual rights is also a central tenet.

Assessment: Essay (50%), Examination - closed book (45%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

International Law and Global Justice

Module Code: 6LLAW006W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /

ECTS credits 20*

The module explores sources, theories and principles of public international law, and the role of international law in regulating relationships between states, and between states and other actors in the international legal system. The module incorporates traditional and critical perspectives on international law, examining the subject in its historical and contemporary political context. Throughout the module, over-arching themes are explored, including legitimacy, the relation between international and domestic law, and contemporary challenges to the traditional framework of international law. The first part of the module considers foundational aspects and principles of international law. In the second part of the module students may opt to focus on particular substantive areas and issues in international law. Options may include: peace, security and conflict; third world approaches to international law, and human rights.

Assessment: Essay (40%), Coursework (10%), Project (45%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Entertainment Law: Theory and Practice

Module Code: 6LLAW007W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /

ECTS credits 20*

This module is concerned with both theoretical and practical elements of the entertainment business. It will identify the ideas, principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of the specialist area of Entertainment law and explore competing perspectives Entertainment is given a broad definition and includes sport, music and other leisure and recreational activities. Students will deal with a variety of issues including contracts, copyright and licensing. There are elements of civil, criminal and, increasingly, European law. Students will be expected, with support, to develop their own piece of individual research in an area agreed with the course tutor.

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Project (65%), Coursework (10%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Law of International Trade

Module Code: 6LLAW008W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /
ECTS credits 20***

This module is designed to familiarise students with the rights and obligations of the exporter and importer in an international sales transaction. It will enable students to recognise the complexities of international trade and identify the essential elements of such transactions. It will stress competing perspectives and explore the principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of international trade. It will assist students to appreciate and analyse the many contracts (i.e. contract of sale, contract of insurance, contract of carriage and documentary credit) involved in international commerce and the contextual dimension of the subject. Students will apply a wide range of developed research skills and demonstrate writing skills with minimal supervision.

Assessment: Examination - restricted (45%), Project (50%), Coursework (5%)

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Media Law

Module Code: 6LLAW009W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /
ECTS credits 20***

This course will consider the relevance of the media in today's society and the impact of regulation on the media within its political context. The course consists of two main elements: the structure of the media, including regulation relating to ownership and competition law, and the impact of technological convergence on that regulation; and the regulation of the content of the material that may be disseminated, including specific areas of contemporary concern such as contempt of court, privacy case law and taste and decency.

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Project (30%), Examination - open book (45%), Coursework (5%)

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Environmental Law

Module Code: 6LLAW010W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /
ECTS credits 20***

Environmental Law offers a new, radical way of approaching the issues of environmental degradation, the challenges of environmental protection and the future of the global environment. Radically interdisciplinary, Environmental Law is an experimental module that addresses the connections between the human, the natural and the legal from a theoretical as well as applied perspective. The module addresses key environmental issues and their interaction with ethical, sociological and broader philosophical issues. The themes that the module explores are: ecology and ecological consciousness; risk and future prevention of environmental damage; the challenges of the global environment; non-Western perspectives: the South, the East, the global margins; indigenous populations; environmental Rights/Animal Rights/Human Rights. This is a discussion-only module with no lectures and aims at subverting preconceived ideas about what the law, the environment and humanity is. The students will be encouraged to read texts on the above themes, but also undertake action as part of their Ecological Action Project, on issues such as recycling, social ecological action, access to environmental information,

and so on, by using the law actively and in relation to real firms/organisations/councils.

Assessment: Presentation (45%), Project (50%), Coursework (5%)

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New Legal Thinking: Theory, Philosophy and Justice

Module Code: 6LLAW011W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8/

ECTS credits 20*

This module provides students with the opportunity to explore different theoretical approaches to researching law. The emphasis is on critically examining law and the interdisciplinary context within which it operates. The module will examine specific perspectives, methodologies and themes within current legal research, with an emphasis on adventurous theoretical enquiry. The module identifies themes and flows within different legal disciplines and invites enquiry through research, immersive workshops, paper presentations and seminars, delivered by both the module leaders and guest speakers or other Westminster staff who have an interest in the areas we explore. Students will be able to identify themes which emerge from areas of law which they have studied or have an interest in, and how these themes coincide to produce inventive critical enquiry. Examples of this would be the space/territory themes in environmental law and international law, bodies/sexuality themes in crime, human rights and religion. Students would be encouraged to explore perspectives such as feminism, ecology, post-structuralism, new materialisms, autopoiesis, geography, anthropology, phenomenology, art practices, musical expression, performance, deconstruction, Deleuzian studies, and so on.

Assessment: Presentation (35%), Project (60%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Human Rights: Idea, Law and Practice

Module Code: 6LLAW013W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /

ECTS credits 20*

This module explores the practical protection of human rights at two different levels - regional and domestic – and through different lenses – legal, political and philosophical. With the emphasis on practical protection, the module offers students the opportunity to engage with civil society actors in the field of human rights protection, along with the opportunity to identify and consider the broader legal, political and philosophical context of human rights protection in a more traditional academic setting. Key issues in human rights protection are also identified and explored, such as terrorism, refugee protection, and gender, with an emphasis on the interaction between the regional and national systems of protection. The module promotes a critical awareness of the role and importance of law in the protection of human rights by way of, for example, considering the political and philosophical dimensions of human rights protection.

Assessment: Coursework (45%), Coursework (50%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Advanced Criminal Law

Module Code: 6LLAW014W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /

ECTS credits 20*

This module will allow students to develop a deeper understanding of criminal law. Students will study a variety of areas of criminal law starting with the theoretical approaches to criminalisation. The theories and processes of punishment will also

be explored as well as the enforcement of criminal law and the causes and rectification of miscarriages of justice. The module then looks at different aspects of the criminal law and focuses in particular on how the criminal law acts in both a regulatory context and a social context. These areas include how the law regulates areas of social control such as public order, health care choices such as the right to die, sexual autonomy, and immigration. It then looks at criminal law in a social context including areas such as drugs and crime, domestic crime, and hate crime. The module then takes a more international focus looking at international criminal law and organised crime. The module looks at the law underpinning these areas but it also takes a broad criminological view setting these areas of law in the context of the political, policy and societal influences on them.

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Essay (35%), Examination - closed book (40%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Religion Law and Society

Module Code: 6LLAW015W
Location: Regent

Level 6
UK Credit
Value: 40

Year
Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /
ECTS credits 20*

This module provides students with an opportunity to undertake an interdisciplinary study of the interaction between religion, law and society. It looks at the controversial place of religion in the 21st century and considers the evolving interaction between religion and the state and the extent to which the state and the law can/should interfere with religious affairs. The first part of the module lays the foundations by providing students with some historical, legal and theoretical background to the field of law and religion, and the second part focuses on key legal issues within religion law such as manifestation of belief in the public sphere, religious symbols at school, religious architecture and community building, hate speech etc. The third part introduces religious law and its interaction with State law while the last part looks beyond a purely legal approach to law and religion and looks at how and why other disciplines such as sociology and psychology can inform our understanding of religion. The module takes an interdisciplinary, international and comparative approach to the issue of religion, law and society. Weekly discussion groups will allow students to participate in debates about current issues and recent court decisions on the topic.

Assessment: Presentation Group (40%), Project (55%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

The Law of Intellectual Property

Module Code: 6LLAW017W
Location: Regent

Level 6
UK Credit Value: 40

Year
Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /
ECTS credits 20*

This module enables students to consider the nature of intellectual property law in relation to specific rights and in the context of contemporary issues, as well as its important role in trade and commerce. The underlying legal and economic philosophy of intellectual property law is examined. Students will consider topics and themes from a variety of rights, issues and perspectives which may include: confidence, patents, copyright, design law, trade marks, passing off, the creation and internationalisation of intellectual property law, biotechnology, technology, databases, the internet, personality and remedies. Students will be expected, with support, to develop their own piece of individual research in an area agreed with a course tutor.

Assessment: In-Class Test/Assignment exam conditions (25%), Coursework (10%), Project (60%), Coursework (5%)

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Dissertation in Law

Module Code: 6LLAW018W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8 /
ECTS credits 20***

A topic on a law or law-related issue, agreed with the supervisor and the module leader. The topic selected must not replicate the materials covered in other coursework. Detailed guidance notes on how to develop an idea, and find a supervisor, are supplied via the LLB Blackboard site under Options, but perhaps the key aspect of the dissertation is that it allows you to engage in in depth research on something with which you have a real interest or empathy.

Assessment: Dissertation/Thesis (85%), Coursework (10%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Criminal Procedure and Evidence

Module Code: 6LLAW019W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 8
/ ECTS credits 20***

Pre-requisite: Criminal Law

The module will consider the way in which crimes are investigated, prosecuted and tried in England and Wales. It will consider in detail the rules circumscribing police powers and the admissibility of evidence at an adversarial trial. It will examine the underlying policies affecting the development of these rules and their practical implications. It will provide an opportunity to apply those rules to factual scenarios.

Assessment: Coursework (10%), Essay (35%), Examination - restricted (50%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Company Law

Module Code: 6LLAW022W

Level 6

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

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

The module explores the concept of legal personality as applied to companies registered under the Companies Act 2006. The rules relating to companies are analysed from within a legal, practical, historical, economic, sociological and political perspectives. Distinguishing between companies and partnerships. Types of companies, harmonisation and European Union directives. Corporate legal personality, the constitution of the company.

Promotions, introduction to corporate finance, directors and other company officers, directors' powers, duties and liabilities. Shareholders, the conduct of company meetings. Insider dealings, introduction to company insolvency, liquidation. The operations of stock markets, corporate governance and Corporate Social Responsibility. The module also introduces students to company accounts and financial statements, as well as key aspects of corporate taxation.

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

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Criminal Procedure and Evidence

Module Code: 6LLAW023W

Level 6

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

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

Pre-requisite: Criminal Law

This module looks at the process by which the criminal law is enforced. It encompasses an examination of the rules of evidence and the practical application of these rules. The emphasis is on issues of theory and principle rather than on technical details. Students will consider in detail both statutory provisions and the wealth of case law, including decisions

from the European Court of Human Rights. In addition to critically appraising current developments, students will consider proposals for reform.

Assessment: Coursework (40%), Examination - open book (60%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Entertainment Law: Theory and Practice

Module Code: 6LLAW024W

Level 6

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

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

This module provides students with an opportunity to undertake an interdisciplinary study of the interaction between religion, law and society. It looks at the controversial place of religion in the 21st century and considers the evolving interaction between religion and the state and the extent to which the state and the law can/should interfere with religious affairs. The first part of the module lays the foundations by providing students with some historical, legal and theoretical background to the field of law and religion, and the second part focuses on key legal issues within religion law such as manifestation of belief in the public sphere, religious symbols at school, religious architecture and community building, hate speech etc. The third part introduces religious law and its interaction with State law while the last part looks beyond a purely legal approach to law and religion and looks at how and why other disciplines such as sociology and psychology can inform our understanding of religion. The module takes an interdisciplinary, international and comparative approach to the issue of religion, law and society. Weekly discussion groups will allow students to participate in debates about current issues and recent court decisions on the topic.

Assessment: Coursework (10%), Essay (90%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Employment Law

Module Code: 6LLAW026W

Level 6

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

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

The module examines in detail some elements of employment rights that exist in the workplace within the framework of both British Industrial Relations and domestic and European Law. It considers both the individual and collective elements that constitute modern Employment Law.

Assessment: Project (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Law of Intellectual Property

Module Code: 6LLAW027W

Level 6

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

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

This module enables students to consider the nature of intellectual property law in relation to specific rights and in the context of contemporary issues, as well as its important role in trade and commerce. The underlying legal and economic philosophy of intellectual property law is examined. Students will consider topics and themes from a variety of rights, issues and perspectives which may include: confidence, patents, copyright, design law, trademarks and passing off. Students will be expected, with support, to develop their own piece of individual research in an area agreed with a course tutor.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Media Law

Module Code: 6LLAW028W

Location: Regent

Level 6

UK Credit Value: 20

Semester 1

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

This course will consider the relevance of the media in today's society and the impact of regulation on the media within its political context. The course consists of two main elements: the structure of the media, including regulation relating to ownership and competition law, and the impact of technological convergence on that regulation; and the regulation of the content of the material that may be disseminated, including specific areas of contemporary concern such as contempt of court, privacy case law and taste and decency.

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

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Elements of International Law and Global Justice

Module Code: 6LLAW029W

Location: Regent

US Credits 4 /

Level 6

UK Credit Value: 20

Semester 1

Equivalent Credit Value:
ECTS credits 10*

This module explores sources, theories and principles of public international law, and the role of international law in regulating relationships between states, and between states and other actors in the international legal system. The module incorporates traditional and critical perspectives on international law, examining the subject in its historical and contemporary political context. Throughout the module, over-arching themes are explored, including legitimacy, the relation between international and domestic law, and contemporary challenges to the traditional framework of international law. The focus is on foundational aspects and principles of international law, using case studies to explore themes and issues.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Law of International Trade

Module Code: 6LLAW030W

Location: Regent

US Credits 4 /

Level 6

UK Credit Value: 20

Semester 1

Equivalent Credit Value:
ECTS credits 10*

This module is designed to familiarise students with the rights and obligations of the exporter and importer in an international sales transaction. It will enable students to recognise the complexities of international trade and identify the essential elements of such transactions. It will stress competing perspectives and explore the principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of international trade. It will assist students to appreciate and analyse the many contracts (i.e. contract of sale, contract of insurance, contract of carriage and documentary credit) involved in international commerce and the contextual dimension of the subject. Students will apply a wide range of developed research skills and demonstrate writing skills with minimal supervision.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Human Rights: Idea, Law, and Practice

Module Code: 6LLAW031W

Location: Regent

Level 6

UK Credit Value: 20

Semester 1

Equivalent Credit Value:

US Credits 4 /**ECTS credits 10***

This module explores the practical protection of human rights at two different levels - regional and domestic – and through different lenses – legal, political and philosophical. With the emphasis on practical protection, the module offers students the opportunity to engage with civil society actors in the field of human rights protection, along with the opportunity to identify and consider the broader legal, political and philosophical context of human rights protection in a more traditional academic setting. The module promotes a critical awareness of the role and importance of law in the protection of human rights by way of, for example, considering the political and philosophical dimensions of human rights protection.

Assessment: Essay (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Religion Law and Society**Module Code: 6LLAW032W****Level 6****Semester 1****Location: Regent****UK Credit Value: 20****Equivalent Credit Value:****US Credits 4 /****ECTS credits 10***

This module provides students with an opportunity to undertake an interdisciplinary study of the interaction between religion, law and society. It looks at the controversial place of religion in the 21st century and considers the evolving interaction between religion and the state and the extent to which the state and the law can/should interfere with religious affairs. The first part of the module lays the foundations by providing students with some historical, legal and theoretical background to the field of law and religion, and the second part focuses on key legal issues within religion law such as manifestation of belief in the public sphere, religious symbols at school, religious architecture and community building, hate speech etc. The third part introduces religious law and its interaction with State law while the last part looks beyond a purely legal approach to law and religion and looks at how and why other disciplines such as sociology and psychology can inform our understanding of religion. The module takes an interdisciplinary, international and comparative approach to the issue of religion, law and society. Weekly discussion groups will allow students to participate in debates about current issues and recent court decisions on the topic.

Assessment: Presentation (60%), Coursework (40%)

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Elements of Commercial Law**Module Code: 6LLAW033W****Level 6****Semester 1****Location: Regent****UK Credit Value: 20****Equivalent Credit Value:****US Credits 4 /****ECTS credits 10***

This module provides an opportunity to consider the role of the law in relation to commercial transactions and the ways in which the law intervenes and regulates commerce, trade and business. It will examine the purposes of commercial law and the way it facilitates the commercial practices of the business community. The law will also identify the substantive law in key areas, consider its development and application to contracts for the sale of goods, insurance of goods and methods of payment, security and finance of contracts of sale.

Assessment: Essay (100%)

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Elements of Law, Disability Law**Module Code: 6LLAW059W****Level 6****Semester 1****Location: Regent****UK Credit Value: 20****Equivalent Credit Value:**

US Credits 4 /**ECTS credits 10***

This module will identify the ideas, principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of disability law, and stress competing perspectives. Students will critically evaluate the legal and non-legal issues that form the core of disability law and appreciate the contextual dimension to the subject. Students will apply a wide range of developed research skills, and demonstrate effective writing skills with minimal supervision

Assessment: Essay (100%)

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Elements of New Legal Thinking: Theory, Philosophy, Justice

Module Code: 6LLAW066W

Level 6

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value:
20

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

This module aims to provide students with the opportunity to explore different theoretical approaches to researching law. The emphasis is on critically examining law and the interdisciplinary context within which it operates. The module will examine specific perspectives, methodologies and themes within current legal research, with an emphasis on adventurous theoretical enquiry. The module identifies themes and flows within different legal disciplines and invites enquiry through research, immersive workshops, paper presentations and seminars, delivered by both the module leaders and guest speakers or other Westminster staff who have an interest in the areas we explore. The themes the module will explore are: Bodies/Sexuality/Space/Territory/Environment/Courts/Adjudication/Human/Animal/Technology/Theology/Religion/Geopolitics/Psychology/Psychoanalysis/Judgement/Art/Architecture/Legal Ethics. Students will be able to identify themes which emerge from areas of law which they have studied or have an interest in, and how these themes coincide to produce inventive critical enquiry. Examples of this would be the space/territory themes in environmental law and international law, bodies/sexuality themes in crime, human rights and religion. Students would be encouraged to explore perspectives such as feminism, ecology, post-structuralism, new materialisms, autopoiesis, geography, anthropology, phenomenology, art practices, musical expression, performance, deconstruction, Deleuzian studies, and so on.

Assessment: Essay (100%)

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Elements in Critical Environmental Law

Module Code: 6LLAW067W

Level 6

Semester 1

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value:

US Credits 4 /

ECTS credits 10*

Critical Environmental Law offers a new, radical way of approaching the issues of environmental degradation, the challenges of environmental protection and the future of the global environment. Radically interdisciplinary, Critical Environmental Law is an experimental module that addresses the connections between the human, the natural and the legal from a theoretical as well as applied perspective. The module addresses key environmental issues and their interaction with ethical, sociological and broader philosophical issues. The themes that the module explores are: - ecology and ecological consciousness - risk and future prevention of environmental damage - the challenges of the global environment - non-Western perspectives: the South, the East, the global margins - indigenous populations - environmental Rights/Animal Rights/Human Rights. This is a discussion-only module with no lectures and aims at subverting preconceived ideas about what the law, the environment and humanity is. The students will be encouraged to read texts on the above themes, but also undertake action as part of their Ecological Action Project, on issues such as recycling, social ecological action, access to environmental information, and so on, by using the law actively and in relation to real firms/organisations/councils.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

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Gender, Sexuality and Critical Legal Perspectives

Module Code: 6LLAW068W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

Equivalent Credit Value:

US Credits 8 /

ECTS credits 20*

This module aims to provide students with the opportunity to explore different critical and theoretical approaches to the law's relationship with gender, sexuality, identity and justice. From a largely feminist perspective, the module allows students the opportunity to understand inequalities within legal structures and law itself (mainly in relation to gender, but also in relation to race and LGBTQ+ communities), and develop the tools order to criticise and think of ways of addressing these inequalities. The emphasis is on critically examining laws in both their abstract and concrete manifestation as they relate to the construction, performance and regulation of gender and sexuality. The module will examine and situate law within an interdisciplinary context, incorporating themes, perspectives and methodologies within current legal research, with an emphasis on adventurous and robust critical enquiry.

Assessment: Presentation (40%), Essay (55%), Coursework (5%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Sustainability in Law and Policy

Module Code: 6LLAW069W

Level 6

Year

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 40

Equivalent Credit Value:

US Credits 8 /

ECTS credits 20*

Sustainability is a multi disciplinary field of study and this module draws on critical legal perspectives (amongst others) in considering both its theoretical and practical issues. Key issues/approaches/aspects within the broad concept of Sustainability and how it interacts with economics, politics, ethics, policy, legislation and the environment will be addressed. This module is seminar based with an emphasis on discussion of the issues facing our planet, humanity's awareness and connection to the planet and the role sustainability plays in society. Students will be encouraged to read and discuss some set texts but also news articles, government policy documents, corporate policy documents and develop the ability to analyse and compare (comparative theoretical analysis as a methodology).

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Project (75%), Coursework (5%)

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