## Module Catalogue Westminster Law School Undergraduate Study Abroad 2023/4 Semester 2

| **Module Code** | **Module Name** | **Level** | **Semester** | **UK Credit Value** | **Credit Equivalency** |
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| **Law** | | | | | |
| 4LLAW006W | [People, Culture and Property](#4LLAW006W) | 4 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 4LLAW007W | [Criminal Justice: Crime and Punishment](#4LLAW007W) | 4 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 4LLAW009W | [Introduction to Rights and the Law](#4LLAW009W) | 4 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 4LLAW010W | [Mooting and Advocacy](#4LLAW010W) | 4 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 4LLAW012W | [Law and Social Media](#4LLAW012W) | 4 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 4LLAW015W | [Islamic Law in Context](#4LLAW015W) | 4 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 4LLAW016W | [Introduction to Legal Practice](#4LLAW016W) | 4 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW003W | [Equity and Trusts](#5LLAW003W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW004W | [Adjudication and Alternative Dispute Resolution](#5LLAW004W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW005W | [Introduction to Human Rights Law](#5LLAW005W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW007W | [Medical Law and Ethics](#5LLAW007W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW008W | [Rethinking Criminal Justice](#5LLAW008W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW009W | [Housing Law](#5LLAW009W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW010W | [Child Protection Law and Policy](#5LLAW010W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW022W | [Criminology and the Law](#5LLAW022W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW025W | [Consumer Law](#5LLAW025W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW103W | [Public Law](#5LLAW103W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 6LLAW022W | [Elements of Company Law](#6LLAW022W) | 6 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |

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## Law

### People, Culture and Property

[**Module Code: 4LLAW006W**](#4LLAW006W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module offers a fresh and innovative approach to property law including a variety of approaches to alternative definitions of property law.The development and classification of modern property law are considered from various perspectives; historical, analytical and philosophical.The module can be studied on its own or may be a valuable introduction to several higher level modules.  
**Assessment:** Presentation Group (100%)  
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### Criminal Justice: Crime and Punishment

[**Module Code: 4LLAW007W**](#4LLAW007W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

Aims of a Penal System;Overview of Criminological Theory;Purpose and Effectiveness of Penalties; Prisons; Media, Statistics and Crime; Police; Youth Crime and Justice; Victims  
**Assessment:** Presentation (70%), Coursework (30%)  
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### Introduction to Rights and the Law

[**Module Code: 4LLAW009W**](#4LLAW009W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module provides an introduction to rights while at the same time trying to motivate students to later deepen their interest in human rights law. It starts with broad discussion on rights and continues with an exploration of the central institutions of the human rights regime while pointing to some of the main controversies in the human rights system. The module will address the tension between universalism and relativism, the difficulties with regard to the right holders (individuals, groups, collectivities, organisations) and point to current and future controversies and challenges in the areas of rights in general and human rights in particular.  
**Assessment:** Coursework (70%), Presentation (30%)  
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### Mooting and Advocacy

[**Module Code: 4LLAW010W**](#4LLAW010W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

Students will be guided through the processes required to undertake a moot, by practically researching and applying the law and developing confidence in advocacy. Students will also explore basic theories of how the space and performance of the courtroom affects both practitioner and client experience of law, in order to enhance understanding of how to effectively deliver and perform oral arguments. Students will receive constructive feedback throughout the course of the module in terms of their progress, and will be required to reflect upon this in their journals.  
**Assessment:** Presentation Group (100%)  
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### Law and Social Media

[**Module Code: 4LLAW012W**](#4LLAW012W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

The module introduces the regulatory framework for individual behaviour on social media sites, particularly Facebook and Twitter. It considers why such sites are attractive, how they are used and how the law interacts with individual usage. It covers the psychology of trolling and the application of both civil and criminal penalties. Case studies are used to explore both behaviour and punishment.  
**Assessment:** Presentation Group (100%)  
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### Islamic Law in Context

[**Module Code: 4LLAW015W**](#4LLAW015W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This course aims to provide students with an introduction to the sources, nature and function of Islamic law; as well as to offer a framework for thinking about social realities and institutional structures that help shape Islamic law. It will include both issues of theory such as the relationship between Islam and the state and the practical application of these concepts such as contracts and Islamic finance law. In the first part of the module, students will be provided with an overview of Islamic history and Islamic law, its origins and its continuous developments within modern society. It will then move forward to cover the main sources and guiding principles of Islamic law. Also, given that Islamic law is based upon the legal tradition of different schools, the genesis and development of the latter will be investigated. The second part of the module will focus on specific legal applications of Islamic commercial law, criminal law and family law.  
**Assessment:** Presentation Group (50%), Essay (50%)  
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### Introduction to Legal Practice

[**Module Code: 4LLAW016W**](#4LLAW016W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module involves the study of the practical application of the law in the main areas of legal practice. It is of primary interest for those of you who plan to go on to practise in law. The module will focus on the changing nature of the legal profession and its regulation. You will learn about professional ethics and the rules of professional conduct. The module will also focus on the development of legal skills necessary for legal study and practice with a particular focus on legal research and interviewing, advising and client care.   
**Assessment:** Presentation (80%), Coursework (20%)  
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### Equity and Trusts

[**Module Code: 5LLAW003W**](#5LLAW003W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This core LLB module will provide an opportunity to consider the role of equity and trusts in relation to family and commercial trusts. The module will address the ways in which equity may intervene to mitigate the harshness of common law and the significance of equitable remedies for individuals in the context of the infringement of civil law rights and the protection of human rights. The module will also identify the substantive law in key areas, consider its origins and development, and consider its application to solve factual problems.  
**Assessment:** Project (100%)  
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### Adjudication and Alternative Dispute Resolution

[**Module Code: 5LLAW004W**](#5LLAW004W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

The variety of mechanisms for peaceful dispute resolution (mainly civil): including negotiation, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes, and the adjudication processes of arbitration, and litigation. Private and public international aspects of peaceful dispute resolution processes. The relationships between the variety of processes nationally, cross-border and internationally. The roles of third party neutrals and of representatives (including lawyers) in dispute resolution, and the ethical considerations attaching to these roles. Some of the themes in, and theories of dispute resolution; and some of the debates and practices of dispute resolution, including the advantages, disadvantages of adjudication and ADR.An outline consideration of the use of methods of dispute resolution in different situations (e.g. family, victim-offender, and construction disputes).  
**Assessment:** Practical Coursework (100%)  
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### Introduction to Human Rights Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW005W**](#5LLAW005W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module provides a broad introduction to the legal protection of human rights at the national, regional and international levels. It introduces students to the historical development of the legal protection of human rights protection along with introducing the legal frameworks for the protection of human rights in place at the national (UK), regional (Europe) and international (UN) levels.  
**Assessment:** Coursework (30%), Essay (70%)  
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### Medical Law and Ethics

[**Module Code: 5LLAW007W**](#5LLAW007W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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This module is design to provide an understanding of the law relating to medical practice. The module will begin with an introduction focussing on the ethical principles in relation to medical practice. Thereafter, student will be introduced to the legal remedies and procedures available in a medical negligence claim.  
**Assessment:** Essay (50%), Group Coursework (50%)  
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### Rethinking Criminal Justice

[**Module Code: 5LLAW008W**](#5LLAW008W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module will introduce students to the principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of the criminal justice system in respect of both victims and offenders. Students will analyse the law, policy, practice and debate surrounding specific issues and appreciate the contextual dimension of the subject as well as competing perspectives. Students will apply a wide range of research skills and develop effective writing skills with some supervision.  
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)  
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### Housing Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW009W**](#5LLAW009W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

The module will consider the law, practice and policy relating to housing law and in particular: the respective rights and obligations of tenants and landlords and the resolution of common conflict between those two groups. The rights of the homeless to access to accommodation and the enforcement and realisation of those rights. The module will develop students’ skills in legal writing and research.  
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)  
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### Child Protection Law and Policy

[**Module Code: 5LLAW010W**](#5LLAW010W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module will address the public law child protection and family support provisions in Parts III, IV and V of the Children Act 1989, including local authority support for children and families, care and supervision of children and child protection powers and duties. It will also look at the broader context of policy and guidance in this area.  
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)  
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### Criminology and the Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW022W**](#5LLAW022W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module considers a range of political and criminological theories that will lead to a better understanding the law in its criminal and cultural context, including its social role and theoretical foundations. You will explore how theories, put forward by authors from Erving Goffman and David Garland to Gilles Deleuze and Michel Foucault, have relevance for contemporary understandings of law, culture and crime. You will learn about explanations for crime causation, including psychological and sociological theories, as well as how political populism has informed criminal justice policy, particularly over the last 40 or so years. Subcultural and deviancy theories will also be explored, whilst you will have the opportunity to study thematic areas, including sex and victimisation, youth justice and drugs/alcohol, in order to consider how social and cultural theories have informed the development of the law and the contemporary criminal justice system.   
**Assessment:** Essay (100%)  
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### Consumer Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW025W**](#5LLAW025W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module examines the various types of complaints a consumer may make against suppliers of goods and services. You will consider what rights and remedies are available to consumers when they purchase defective goods and services, enter into credit transactions such as hire purchase, suffer injury or loss due to dangerous products or when they are victims of a disastrous holiday.  You will also be taught how to bring a small claim to the County Court on behalf of a consumer.   
**Assessment:** Coursework (60%), Examination - online (40%)  
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### Public Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW103W**](#5LLAW103W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module is an introduction to basic principles of constitutional law and administrative processes including British Constitution, Rule of Law, Separation of Powers, Parliamentary Supremacy (and EU/ECHR impact), Constitutional Reform, Responsible Government, and Judicial and other forms of Review, placing them in their practical, social, economic and political context. It will identify principle and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of Public Law and assess their relative merits. Students will explore the constitutional and administrative legal issues that form the core of Public Law and become aware of the contextual dimension of the subject. Students will develop their research and writing skills within defined guidelines.  
**Assessment:** Essay (100%)  
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### Elements of Company Law

[**Module Code: 6LLAW022W**](#6LLAW022W_return)

**Level 6**

**Semester 2**

**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%)  
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