## Module Catalogue Westminster Law School Undergraduate Study Abroad 2024/5 Semester 2

| **Module Code** | **Module Name** | **Level** | **Semester** | **UK Credit Value** | **Credit Equivalency** |
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| **Law** | | | | | |
| 4LLAW004W | [Public Law](#4LLAW004W) | 4 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 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\* |
| 4LLAW017W | [Race and the Law](#4LLAW017W) | 4 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 4LLAW018W | [Guided Project](#4LLAW018W) | 4 | 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\* |
| 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\* |
| 5LLAW011W | [Law and Social Justice](#5LLAW011W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW012W | [Law and Sport in Contemporary Society](#5LLAW012W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW024W | [Law and Mental Health](#5LLAW024W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW026W | [Legal Psychology](#5LLAW026W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW027W | [The Psychology of Legal Practice](#5LLAW027W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW031W | [Professional Practice: Project](#5LLAW031W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW032W | [Business Law](#5LLAW032W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW033W | [Civil Law and Legal Systems](#5LLAW033W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW034W | [Climate Change and the Law: International and National Perspectives](#5LLAW034W) | 5 | Semester 2 | 20 | US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10\* |
| 5LLAW036W | [European Law: Contemporary Legal Issues](#5LLAW036W) | 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

### Public Law

[**Module Code: 4LLAW004W**](#4LLAW004W_return)

**Level 4**

**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 Review, placing them in their practical, social and economic 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 amd writing skills within defined guidelines.  
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)  
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### 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%)  
\*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

### Race and the Law

[**Module Code: 4LLAW017W**](#4LLAW017W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 2**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module provides an introduction to the complex relationship and interaction of race and the law to examine how the law in contemporary Britain has often been used to create, justify or maintain systems of oppression. You will be able to engage in dialogue about race and appreciate the significance of social and legal histories. The module explores fundamental questions such as what is race? How have legal histories informed our understanding of the present? How has the law sustained and maintained these notions? Through this module you will decipher the ‘dominant’ narratives that are constructed around racial identity and how they directly and indirectly contribute to inequalities. These approaches will provide you with an appreciation of intersectionality that is grounded in critical race theory, social theory, decolonial thinking and feminist and queer theory. You will be introduced to concepts through a socio-legal investigation of selected case studies.   
**Assessment:** Presentation (100%)  
\*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

### Guided Project

[**Module Code: 4LLAW018W**](#4LLAW018W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module will develop your legal research and writing skills within a structured and supported context, working with fellow students, and guided and supervised by a tutor. You will explore ways to map ideas , locate and use sources, and present legal arguments effectively.    
**Assessment:** Coursework (20%), Coursework (20%), Coursework (60%)  
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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:** Coursework (100%)  
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### Medical Law and Ethics

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

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

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%), Coursework Group (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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### Law and Social Justice

[**Module Code: 5LLAW011W**](#5LLAW011W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module provides, predominantly through case studies, a broad introduction to the role and function of law with respect to social justice, in particular in relation to global issues ‘brought home’. The module will focus on how the law can be a tool for social justice or an instrument of injustice that can bring about or condone marginalisation, exclusion and repression. Starting from case studies that bring together domestic, international and global issues, the module will introduce basic concepts of law, ethics and social theory, and will examine their relevance for understanding and effecting social change.  
**Assessment:** Essay (100%)  
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### Law and Sport in Contemporary Society

[**Module Code: 5LLAW012W**](#5LLAW012W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

The module identifies ideas, principles and concepts of sports law from a variety of perspectives. Students will critically evaluate the fundamental knowledge base that forms the core of the subject and appreciate its contextual dimension. Students will apply a wide range of developed research skills and demonstrate effective writing skills with minimal supervision.  
**Assessment:** Project (100%)  
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### Law and Mental Health

[**Module Code: 5LLAW024W**](#5LLAW024W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module examines the interactions between the Law and Mental Health Sciences. This module will cover a range of topics – including issues of Detention, Housing, Welfare, and Relationships – that provide an overview of the legal, social and clinical issues involved in the regulation of persons suffering from mental health concerns. For example, the module will consider when mandatory detention can take place and what the safeguards are to ensure a balance of liberty and protection. It will also examine the impact of housing on mental health outcomes in light of widely reported issues concerning the quantity and quality of affordable homes. It contrasts the ‘dimensional’ fluidity of the Mental Health Sciences with the ‘categorical’ rigidity of the law in approaching a range of key issues. You will consider the law’s determination of the notions of ‘capacity’ and ‘competency’. Drawing on a range of expertise from the teaching team, the module offers an insightful overview of a variety of issues affected by mental health.   
**Assessment:** Presentation Group (50%), Essay (50%)  
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### Legal Psychology

[**Module Code: 5LLAW026W**](#5LLAW026W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module explores the interaction between the two different disciplines of law and social psychology. It covers various aspects of the criminal trial process to link together theories and ideas from social psychology with the practice of the criminal justice system. For example, research has cast doubt on the reliability of eye witness testimony. Similarly, Solomon Asch’s work explored group influence on individual decision making – could this be applied to jury deliberations? The exact module content, from the broad outline below, will vary according to topicality.   
**Assessment:** Presentation Group (40%), Coursework (60%)  
\*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

### The Psychology of Legal Practice

[**Module Code: 5LLAW027W**](#5LLAW027W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module teaches you how to use insights from psychology and psychotherapy to make you a better, more effective lawyer. The module will introduce concepts from psychology and psychotherapy that are of relevance to legal practice. We will explore psychology relevant to persuasion and advocacy, for example the cognitive biases which may affect decision makers such as tribunals, judges, or jury members. We will also come to understand what psychology tells us about the way observers attribute cause and effect. You will also be introduced to different models of relating that help us understand the lawyer-client relationship, as well as considering psychological issues such as trauma and shame, that may underlie the dynamics of particular areas of law.   
**Assessment:** In-Class Participation (10%), Portfolio (90%)  
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### Professional Practice: Project

[**Module Code: 5LLAW031W**](#5LLAW031W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

The module builds on Professional Practice: Skills module by encouraging you to develop your independent learning and critical reflection on professional performance in the context of relevant work-based learning experiences, providing an opportunity for you to evaluate the culture of the workplace, your development and potential future role in the legal services industry. The module will also contribute to the development of your communication, interpersonal and other transferable skills in the context of relevant work-based learning.    
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)  
\*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

### Business Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW032W**](#5LLAW032W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module will enable you to understand and evaluate aspects of the legal framework which relates to business and businesses. It will provide you with an opportunity to consider the formation and internal organisation of businesses, the law related to the relationship between businesses, as well as the relationship between businesses and other stakeholders, including the community. In this module you will learn how a company is formed; the legal duties of a company; and the company's broader responsibilities in the wider business community.   
**Assessment:** Presentation - submissions only (100%)  
\*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

### Civil Law and Legal Systems

[**Module Code: 5LLAW033W**](#5LLAW033W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

The module provides you with an introduction to, and a comparative study of, European codified legal systems. It contrasts those with the English common law system and familiarises you with the academic civil law environment, while explaining the basics of comparative legal study. As also a core module for the LLB European Legal Studies programme, it prepares you for study abroad at a higher education institution in Year 3. During the course of the module, we will consider why, what, and how we compare in law; what are civil law systems and what legal materials they use to find the law (constitutions, codes, laws, judicial decisions); how are the legal professions set up and organised in common law and civil law systems. In addition, learning to use different civil law materials, we will examine different ways legal systems think about contract, tort, constitutional law, and IP law in the civil law and common law traditions, and explore questions of convergence and harmonisation between civil law and common law in an increasingly globalised world. How big are the similarities and how big the differences? Does a single European Code make sense?   
**Assessment:** Presentation (30%), Essay (70%)  
\*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

### Climate Change and the Law: International and National Perspectives

[**Module Code: 5LLAW034W**](#5LLAW034W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

The module provides an introduction to law and policy-making on climate change, addressing developments at national and international level. The module considers the evolution of scientific evidence in relation to climate change as a catalyst for policy-making, and it looks at the relationship between climate law and policy and economic development. It examines the origin and basis of international cooperation to address climate change, including debates concerning considerations of fairness and equity in allocating responsibility amongst developed and developing countries to take action and to meet costs of climate change mitigation, adaption, and loss. The module investigates the role of law in national approaches to combat climate change, through analysis of selected case studies and sectors, and focusing on the goal of net zero emissions. The concept of ‘climate justice’ is also explored – including strategic and other litigation in national and international courts to promote climate action and to seek redress for climate change-related losses.   
**Assessment:** Essay (80%), Presentation - submissions only (20%)  
\*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

### European Law: Contemporary Legal Issues

[**Module Code: 5LLAW036W**](#5LLAW036W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 2**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

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

This module will enable you to explore contemporary legal issues in relation to European law and to understand and evaluate the legislative and judicial structure and functioning of it. This knowledge is applied to selective areas of procedural and substantive law which may include contemporary legal issues surrounding the internal market, constitutional aspects and the EU’s external relations. It provides you with an opportunity to analyse these issues within their relevant historical, political, economic and social contexts.   
**Assessment:** Presentation (100%)  
\*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

### 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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