

Kingston Law School has been an established and growing centre of law teaching for over 50 years and offers a large portfolio of law modules.

Level 4 modules are introductory and introduce the English Legal System and Method, including access and use of legal material. Public Law studies the UK's the UK's constitution and relationships between individuals and state. Law of Contract explores binding agreements and breaches. Law of Tort considers civil wrongs such as negligence, nuisance and occupier's liability. Law of Contract explores binding agreements and breaches.

Level 5 modules normally expect prior study of law and include Criminal Law which covers murder, theft and sexual crimes. Other modules cover EU Law, International and Comparative Law and Commercial Law.

Level 6 modules are more specialised, and require a strong background in law study. They cover a wider range of subjects, including Environmental Law, International Trade Law, Employment law and International Crime and Human Rights Law.

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Entry requirements: GPA of 2.75 or above (out of 4.0) or equivalent

Pre-requisites:

- Level 4 modules are introductory and are ideal for those with no background.
- Level 5 modules generally require some prior study of law at university level.
- Level 6 modules are more advanced require relevant prior study, the exact requirements being indicated in each module description below.

Taught at: Penrhyn Road campus

Key to Module Descriptors

Suitability of Module for Study Option

1: Indicates module is suitable for students visiting KU on Study Option 1 (Whole Year)

2: Indicates module is suitable for students visiting KU on Study Option 2 (Autumn)

3: Indicates module is suitable for students visiting KU on Study Option 3 (Spring)

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Notes:

1. All modules are at undergraduate level only.
2. Students enrolled on Study Option 1 are required to study the entire module.
3. Whilst the University makes every effort to ensure that this information is correct at the time of updating (March 2024), it cannot accept responsibility for omissions or subsequent changes. Module availability and content may be subject to change, as part of the University's policy of continuous improvement and development.
4. Details of assessment for students enrolled on either Study Option 2 or 3 where provided are **indicative only** and may also be subject to change as part of the above policy.

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Modules:

Module Code	Level	Title	Suitability
LL4301	4	English Legal System and Methods	1, 2, 3
LL4302	4	Law of Contract	1, 2, 3
LL4303	4	Public Law	1
LL4304	4	Law of Tort	1, 2
LL5301	5	Land Law	1
LL5302	5	Criminal Law	1
LL5303	5	EU Law	1
LL5304	5	International and Comparative Law	1, 2
LL5306	5	Commercial Law	1, 2, 3
LL6022	6	Family and Child Law	1, 2, 3
LL6031	6	Jurisprudence	1
LL6187	6	Equity and Trusts	1, 2
LL6192	6	Company Law	1, 2, 3
LL6193	6	Employment Law	1, 2, 3
LL6194	6	Intellectual Property Law	1, 2, 3
LL6197	6	Law, Technology & Innovation	1, 2, 3
LL6607	6	Alternative Dispute Resolution	1, 2
LL6603	6	International Crime and Human Rights Law	1, 2, 3

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Module Code	LL4301
Module Title	English Legal System and Methods
Level	4
Prerequisites	None
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to Study Abroad/International Exchange students for Study Options 1 or 2 or 3 • Not open to Erasmus students, as level 4
Content	<p>This introductory module provides the incoming student with sufficient understanding of the English legal system (ELS) – courts, procedure and sources of law – in order to make sense of their legal studies. It also provides a toolkit of legal method, meaning skills for legal research and writing in their other academic legal studies and in legal practice.</p> <p>Many of these skills, such as research, report organisation and effective writing, are also transferable employability skills.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sources of law, the court structure, alternatives to the courts, procedure, the legal profession and legal services. • Statutory interpretation, case analysis, library research skills using hard copy and electronic resources including the legal databases, <i>Westlaw</i> and <i>Lexis</i>, citations, presentation, report writing. <p>➤ Autumn Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to ELS and legal rules • Law in England & Wales • The Court Structure – Judicial Precedent • Legal Research: Finding the Law; materials & resources; Referencing • Legal Research & Writing • Statutory Interpretation • The Courts and case law • Human Rights in the UK • EU Law • Introduction to Mooting <p>➤ Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Judiciary • The Jury • The Civil Process

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Criminal Process • The Legal Profession • Legal Aid • Human Rights in the UK • Alternative Dispute Resolution • Legal Reasoning, Ethics
Teaching	Weekly 90-minute lectures and 90-minute seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio Part 1 - Research and Referencing Exercise (20%) • Portfolio Part 2 - 3 tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Lexis/Westlaw</i> certificates (10%) ○ 2 writing tasks (1000 words each) (50%) • Portfolio Part 3 - Court Visit Report – 1000 words (20%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000-word essay (90%) • <i>Westlaw and Lexis</i> certificates (10%) <p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000-word essay (100%)
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Module Code	LL4302
Module Title	Law of Contract
Level	4
Prerequisites	None
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study Options 1 or 2 or 3 • Not open to Erasmus students, as level 4
Content	<p>The law of contract is the law of legally-enforceable agreements and is at the heart of the English common law. It is one of the foundations of legal knowledge and invariably forms part of any degree with an overt legal content. It describes the rules which govern commercial activity, allowing businesses and consumers to maintain stable, consistent relationships over time and over distance.</p> <p>These rules encompass the complex multi-party arrangements for the construction of a stadium, the employment of the cleaners and the star players, as well as the purchase of a hot dog from a stall outside.</p> <p>➤ Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of a legally-enforceable agreement • Offer and acceptance • Consideration and promissory estoppel • Intention to create legal relations • Privity of contract • Express and implied terms of the contract, exemption clauses and unfair terms • Vitiating factors - mistake, misrepresentation, duress and undue influence • Discharge of a contract by frustration, performance and breach • Remedies for breach of contract <p>➤ Autumn semester content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Contract Law • Offer and Acceptance • Consideration • Promissory Estoppel • Certainty and Intention to create legal relations • How to develop a legal argument • Terms of contract – discussion of express terms - incorporation and interpretation • Terms of a contract – discussion of the different types of implied term, and the

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	<p>classification of terms into conditions, warranties and innominate terms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of a contract – exemption clauses • Unfair terms in consumer contracts <p>➤ Spring semester content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mistake • Misrepresentation • Duress and undue influence • Discharge of a Contract – Frustration • Discharge of a Contract – Performance and breach • Remedies in Contract Law • Privity of contract
Teaching	Weekly 90-minute lectures and 90-minute seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two multiple-choice tests • Legal drafting and research assignment – 750 words (20%) • Coursework: 1,500-words (40%) • Exam (40%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2000-word contract law analysis (100%) <p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000-word contract law analysis (100%)
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Module Code	LL4303
Module Title	Public Law
Level	4
Prerequisites	None
Credits	Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS)
Suitability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for Study Abroad/International Exchange students for Study Option 1 only • Not open to Erasmus students, as level 4

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<p>Content</p>	<p>The module introduces students to the Constitutional and Administrative Law of the United Kingdom through a study of the core constitutional principles present within the UK system and the control of executive action by the courts.</p> <p>The module provides an essential introduction to the study of law since the validity of any particular law is a function of a constitutional rule which establishes manner, form and necessary pedigree for what is to 'qualify' as a valid particular or occasional law.</p> <p>➤ Autumn Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Police Powers and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Constitutional Context of Police Powers and Police Powers of Stop and Search ○ Police Powers of Arrest and Detention ○ Public Order – 'Kettling' and the 'Naked Rambler' ○ Human Rights in The UK ❖ Constitutional Law: The Fundamental Principles of the UK Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Rule of Law ("and its Virtues") ○ Separation of Powers ○ Parliamentary Sovereignty ○ Parliamentary Sovereignty Today ○ Does the UK have a 'Constitution' at all? ❖ The Structure and Practice of Central Government in the UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parliament and Government ○ Royal Prerogative <p>➤ Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Administrative Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The structure and grounds of Judicial Review 1 ○ An Outline of Immigration and Nationality Law in the UK and its Administration ○ An Outline of Refugee Law in the UK and its Administration ○ Conclusion: Communities, Identities and Difference - A Fair Deal? ❖ Moving Forward in Public Law – Debates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BREXIT ○ A Written Constitution for the UK?
<p>Teaching</p>	<p>Weekly 90-minute lectures and 90-minute seminars</p>
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annotated bibliography – 700 words (30%)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precis (30%) • 2,500-word essay (60%)
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Module Code	LL4304
Module Title	Law of Tort
Level	4
Prerequisites	None
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to Study Abroad/International Exchange students for Study Options 1 and 2 • Not open to Erasmus students, as level 4
Content	<p>Tort can be described as the area of civil law which provides a remedy for a party who has suffered the breach of a protected interest. The module focuses on the wide range of activity to which Tort law applies and examines the remedies it provides for many different types of loss or harm. Tort is also one of the Foundations of Legal Knowledge Subjects required by the professional bodies as part of a Qualifying Law Degree for those seeking entry to the legal profession.</p> <p>The main topics which are covered in the modules are: Negligence, General Defences, Employer's Liability, Nuisance, Occupier's Liability and Misuse of Private Information.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The general tort of negligence, including the elements of the cause of action and the available defences • The application of policy to specific types of liability in negligence, including the liability for psychiatric injury, economic loss and the liability of public bodies • The principle of vicarious liability and the special rules of negligence concerning employer's liability, manufacturer's liability and occupier's liability • The tort of trespass to the person • The principles of law governing the tort of nuisance and the concept of strict liability

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Autumn Semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Tort? • Overview of negligence/ Tort as a system of compensation/Duty of Care • Negligence: Duty of Care • Negligence: Breach of Duty • Negligence: Causation and Remoteness of Damage • Negligence: General Defences • Problem Areas in negligence: Psychiatric injury • Negligence: General Defences ➤ Spring Semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem Areas in negligence: Liability of Public Bodies • Duty of loss: Pure economic loss • Employers' Liability • Vicarious Liability • Negligence Liability Relating to Premises: Occupier's Liability • Nuisance: Rylands v Fletcher • Privacy and Confidentiality
Teaching	Weekly 90-minute lectures and 90-minute seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5-hour written exam – 3 from 7 questions (50%) • 2,000-word written assignment (50%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000-word written assignment (100%)
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Module Code	LL5301
Module Title	Land Law
Level	5
Prerequisites	study of law at university level
Credits	Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Option 1 only
Content	<p>Land Law is one of the seven foundations of English law modules required by the professional bodies. There is a period of introduction to the substantive topics that will be covered. The course covers some of the history of Land Law before considering the current legislative and case structure in areas such as the concept of ownership, registration of title, the working of statutory trusts and implied trusts, the legal framework of adverse possession, licences and leases, and the third party areas of easement, restrictive covenants and mortgages.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical development of the law • The impact of the 1925 and 2002 legislation and the system of land registration • Ownership of land • Trusts of land • Leases and third party rights <p>➤ Autumn semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Land? • Fixtures and chattels • Conveyancing Process • 1925 Legislation • Adverse Possession • Models of Ownership <p>➤ Spring semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trusts • Leases • Easements • Covenants • Mortgages
Teaching	Weekly lectures and small group activities

Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000-word assignment (40%) • 2.5-hour exam (60%)
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Module Code	LL5302
Module Title	Criminal Law
Level	5
Prerequisites	study of law at university level
Credits	Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Option 1 only
Content	<p>The subject matter of this module is the substantive criminal law; that is, the general principles of criminal liability, definitions of what constitutes particular crimes and how that law affects particular circumstances. The module covers both the general principles of criminal liability and a number of specific offences. This involves not only an examination of the law but also, using hypothetical factual situations, the way in which it is applied.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General principles of criminal liability • Crimes of homicide • Non-fatal offences • General defences • Offences against property • Inchoate offences • Participation in crime <p>➤ Autumn Semester: Introduction to criminal law and General Part – the Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to criminal law • Conduct: Actus Reus/ Actus Reus Causation (voluntary act) • Mental element: Mens Rea • Capacity and Defences • Defences – Mistake • Defences - Self Defence - Duress - Necessity

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inchoate offences <p>➤ Spring Semester: Special Part – Specific Offences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homicide: Voluntary manslaughter Homicide: Involuntary manslaughter Non-Fatal Offences Sexual Offences Criminal damage, Theft and Handling Burglary, Robbery, Blackmail Fraud / Making Off without Payment
Teaching	Two 90-minute classes weekly
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam -2.5 hours – 3 questions from eight (50%) 2,500-word research essay (50%)
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Module Code	LL5303
Module Title	EU Law
Level	5
Prerequisites	study of law at university level
Credits	Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Option 1 only
Content	The EU is a unique international organisation comprising 27 Member States. Its development has had a significant impact in Europe and globally. Although the UK has left the European Union (EU), EU law is still relevant not only to the extent that it remains part of the applicable law of the UK, but also to understand how the UK now interacts with the EU, and how the EU functions. EU Law is also one of the “Foundations of legal knowledge’ required for a Qualifying Law Degree.

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This module covers the core curriculum and falls into two parts.

The material covered in the first semester describes and analyses the constitutional/institutional law of the European Union. This includes the legal principles developed by the European Court of Justice to ensure the uniformity and effectiveness of EU law and the general principles of EU law.

The second half of the course examines the most important areas of substantive law adopted to ensure the completion of the internal market.

Topics covered include:

- Institutional and constitutional structure of the EU
- The principle of supremacy of EU law
- The principles of direct effect, indirect effect and state liability
- The general principles of EU law
- Articles 263, 258-260 and 267 TFEU and relevant case law
- Articles 34-36 TFEU and relevant case law
- Article 101 TFEU as well as relevant case law and secondary legislation
- Treaty provisions relating to free movement of people; relevant case law and secondary legislation

➤ **Autumn Semester:**

- Introduction to the module and to European Union law
- Institutional structure of the EU
- EU Law and policy making
- The Principle of conferral; Division of competences between the Union and the Member States
- Preliminary rulings (Article 267 TFEU)
- Principles of EU law: loyalty; supremacy; direct effect (Intro)
- Principle of supremacy
- Private enforcement of EU law - Direct effect
- Private enforcement of EU law - Indirect effect
- State liability & damages
- Human Rights in EU law
- Public enforcement of EU law (Articles 258-260 TFEU)
- Judicial Review of EU acts

➤ **Spring Semester:**

- Introduction to the internal market
- Free movement of Goods (Articles 34-36 TFEU)
- Free movement of Goods (FMG: Articles 34-36 TFEU)
- Free Movement of Persons (FMP)
- Brexit update and debate

Teaching	Weekly 1-hour lectures and 2-hour small-group seminars
Assessment	Study Option 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coursework – 2,000-word critical analysis (40%) • 2.5-hour exam (60%)
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Module Code	LL5304
Module Title	International and Comparative Law
Level	5
Prerequisites	study of law at university level
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 or 2 or 3
Content	<p>This module aims to provide an understanding of how globalisation affects our lives, though a specific analysis of public international law, the French, German and American legal systems.</p> <p>The module introduces students to the legal systems of France, Germany and the United States. The first part is spent on the legal history and sources of law of both legal systems. The second part covers the constitutional aspects as well as the court system in France, Germany and the USA.</p> <p>It then introduces students to public international law as a globalised legal system regulating the relations between States. It focuses first on the relevant institutions, the sources of international law as well as the concept of international legal personality and statehood. The substantive part consists mainly of the use of force, the title to territory, the right to self-determination as well as the law of the sea.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The great legal families of the world, in particular the common law and the • Romano-Germanic one and the nature of public international law (PIL).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline of the main legal historical features of PIL, the French, German and American legal systems as well as their ideological foundations. • Sources of law in PIL, France, Germany and America: treaties, codes and other written primary sources, the role of case law, its nature, style and status as well as the determination of the role of unwritten sources, most notably in PIL. The interrelationship between different sources and their hierarchy. • Main features of the constitutional framework in America, Germany and France and the application of the separation of powers. • Substantive aspects in comparative law : human rights in America, France and Germany. • The specific features of PIL in contrast to the ones characterising domestic legal systems: the consequences of states as the main subjects of PIL, the use of force, the law of the sea and the acquisition of territory <p>➤ Autumn Semester: Public International Law (PIL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to PIL • United Nations • Sources of International Law • International Legal Personality • The Right to Self-Determination • Territorial Claims • Space Law • Use of Force <p>➤ Spring Semester: French, German and American Comparative law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Comparative Law • Legal Families and Legal Transplants • Sources of Law • Constitutional Law • Fundamental Rights • Cyberlaw
Teaching	Two weekly 90-minute lectures and 90-minute workshops/seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-hour PIL exam (50%) • Comparative Law essay (2,500 words) (50%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Law essay (2,500 words) (100%)

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	<p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,500-word essay (100%)
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Module Code	LL5306
Module Title	Commercial Law
Level	5
Prerequisites	study of law at university level.
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 or 2 or 3
Content	<p>This module addresses the sources of commercial law and its link with contract law. It has a focus on the sale and supply of goods, considering the legal framework within which such transactions occur. It addresses the law of the agency. It also considers the law relating to consumer credit and the protections provided to the consumer by the law. It also considers partnership. It takes a critical approach to these matters and enables students to research particular areas, which forms a part of the assessment for the module.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison of contracts for the sale and supply of goods; • Concepts of property, title and possession; • Destruction and deterioration of the contract goods. Frustration and risk; • Implied terms as to title, description, quality and fitness of goods; • Transfer of property from seller to buyer; • Remedies for breach of sale and supply contracts; • Law of the Agency; • Consumer credit: terminology and formalities; • Consumer credit: misrepresentation, breach of contract and termination; • Partnerships; • International Sales <p>➤ Autumn Semester:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to module (lex mercatoria, sources of commercial law) • Interaction between Commercial Law and Contract Law • Sale of Goods 1 - General framework/ definitions • Sale of Goods 2 - Implied terms as to title, quality and fitness • Sale of Goods 3 - Passage of property and risk (inc retention of title) • Sale of Goods 4 - Remedies and comparisons with consumer law • Agency 1 - Introduction to the topic of agency • Agency 2 - Creation and authority • Agency 3 - Relations with third parties • Agency 4 - Relations between principal and agent <p>➤ Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Banking Law and Regulation • Bank-customer relationship • Banking supervision • Banking-crisis management and resolution • Money laundering • Fraud • Bribery and corruption
Teaching	Two weekly 90-minute lectures and 90-minute workshops/seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,000-word scenario analysis (60%) • Presentation (40%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000-word individual assignment (100%) <p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2000-word individual assignment (100%)
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Module Code	LL6022
Module Title	Family and Child Law
Level	6
Prerequisites	Substantial study of law at university level
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 or 2 or 3
Content	<p>This module considers how the law regulates family life and how effective it is in doing so. The main features of this module are coverage of the formation and termination of marriage and civil partnership; how occupation and ownership of the family home is regulated and how effective these remedies are in cases of domestic violence; the law's approach to finance and property division on divorce and maintenance for children comparing this approach with the regulation of cohabitation.</p> <p>The module then goes on to consider legal parentage and parenthood, parental responsibility and the regulation of disputes between parents about their children. Finally, local authority provision for vulnerable children and those who are experiencing harm in their families is considered and adoption as a solution for children who cannot live with their birth families will be covered. This module aims to consider the law in context of social policy as a means to encourage desired types of family behaviour.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a family? What is Family Law and what are its functions? • Family Law and status • Marriage, cohabitation and civil partnerships • Family Law and the Human Rights Act 1998 • Marriage, nullity and divorce • Family finance and property on breakdown of marriage • Parentage and parenthood • Parental responsibility, children's welfare and the role of the courts • Children and Parts III, IV and V of the Children Act 1989 • Adoption <p>➤ Autumn Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to family Law? • Marriage, Civil Partnership and Cohabitation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce and Dissolution • Money and property distribution • Domestic abuse • The rights of children in international law • Who is a parent? <p>➤ Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parentage responsibility • Parents’ and Children’s Rights • Private disputes over children • Child Protection • Adoption and Special Guardianship • Families and older people • Family Law in a multi-cultural context • Immigration Law
Teaching	3-hour lecture/seminar weekly
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,500-word case analysis (40%) • 2.5-hour unseen exam – 3 questions out of 6 (60%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Assignment - 3,000 words case analysis (100%) <p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Assignment 3,000 words (100%)
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Module Code	LL6031
Module Title	Jurisprudence
Level	6

Study Option 1 = Whole Year
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Prerequisites	Substantial study of law at university-level
Credits	Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Option 1
Content	<p>Jurisprudence causes the students to take an analytical step back to address issues that may have been presupposed, or simply left unspoken, during their degree. Jurisprudence builds upon the black-letter subjects they have studied and places them in a theoretical and social context: it is a meta-analysis of Law which pulls together themes from all of the areas they will have studied hitherto.</p> <p>In some respects Jurisprudence may be regarded as an ‘Advanced Legal Method’ course, in the sense that it returns (at a level appropriate to the final year of study on the Programme) to the very first things Law students would have been taught on the degree (as basic, building-block ‘skills’) and asks them to problematise that most ‘basic’ knowledge : law students learn early on that law is to be found in statutes and case-law (and this is entirely appropriate at the starting point of their study of English Law); Jurisprudence, as a culminating exercise of the study of a bachelors degree in Law, encourages them to ask ‘why?’ – it encourages them to ask ‘what –at the theoretical level - is ‘law’?’. They are then invited to reflect upon the fact that the sources they have been taught to regard as definitive are only so when one presupposes a particular conception of what ‘Law’ is (a particular ‘concept of law’, vis. legal positivism or some kind of pedigree thesis). There is an older tradition which uses different criteria of identification, and learning about this alternative tradition opens up a whole new vista of thinking and understanding which is appropriate to the final stage of the study of Law.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Jurisprudence? How this module ‘captures’ and ‘builds upon’ the modules you have taken so far • Law and Society • Marx and Marxism: Law as Ideology • Weber ‘s Sociology of Law • Foucault’s Discipline and Punish • Feminist Legal Theory • Morality, Justice and Duty : the Skeptic’s Challenge • Law and Social Psychology : Fromm’s Fear of Freedom • Traditional Legal Positivism Austin and Bentham • Normative Positivism - H.L.A. Hart and The Concept of Law • Normative Positivism - Kelsen’s ‘Pure Theory’ of Law • Fuller’s Procedural Natural Law Theory : the ‘morality that makes law possible’ • Finnis’ Natural Law and Natural Rights • Gewirth and Natural Law Theory: a moral foundation for valid law?

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Teaching	Lectures and seminars
Assessment	Study Option 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay - 4,000 words (80%) • 10-minute presentation (20%)
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Module Code	LL6187
Module Title	Equity and Trusts
Level	6
Prerequisites	Substantial study of law at university-level
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 and 2
Content	<p>Equity and Trusts examines the idea of conscience in English law. It looks at how, historically equity developed from the authority of the King in order to ameliorate the problems caused by an increasingly inflexible common law, at a time when Parliament met infrequently.</p> <p>In this module, the concept of the trust where ownership is divided between legal and beneficial is examined looking at the conscience inspired constructive trust. The use of the trust in many contexts including charity law and the administration of trusts are investigated.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to Equity and to the nature of a trust. • The requirements of certainty and formality for a valid express trust including the operation of s. 53 of the Law of Property Act 1925 emphasising purpose trusts, both charitable and non-charitable, with an outline of the rules against perpetuities.

Study Option 1 = Whole Year
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resulting trusts and constructive trusts, including secret trusts, mutual wills and trusts imposed as a result of unconscionable conduct or breach of fiduciary duty, common intention constructive trusts and trusts of the family home. The nature and scope of charitable trusts and the Charities Act 2006/2011. The powers and duties of trustees with particular reference to delegation and investment and the imposition of liability on third parties as constructive trustees. <p>➤ Autumn semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Development of Equity The Maxims of Equity Equitable Remedies Snapshot Introduction to the Trust The Three Certainties Constituting a Trust Statutory Formalities and Constitution Secret Trusts Death Bed Gifts Resulting Trusts <p>➤ Spring semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructive Trusts Trusts in the Family Home Purpose Trusts Charitable Trusts Administration of Trusts Breach of Trust and Remedies Creating a valid Will
Teaching	Weekly 3-hour lectures and interactive seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two and a half hour written exam – three questions from seven (60%) 2,500-word assignment (40%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,500-word assignment (100%)
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Module Code	LL6192
Module Title	Company Law
Level	6
Prerequisites	Substantial study of law at university level
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 or 2 or 3
Content	<p>This module examines the most common juristic person, the company (limited by shares or guarantee and both public and private limited companies). The cornerstones of the module include critical evaluation of the role of the company as a separate legal juristic person, directors and their duties, shareholders and their legal remedies, employees and their position apropos the Companies Act 2006.</p> <p>Close examination is undertaken of the policy and reform process leading up to the enactment of the Companies Act 2006. Primary sources (statute and case law) and secondary sources (academic comment, reform discussion) are used at length during the module.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature, formation and administration of the limited liability company • Corporate personality: limited liability and company as a legal actor in contract, tort and criminal law. • An introduction to financing the company; the difference between share capital and loan capital • Directors: appointments, powers and duties • Shareholders' Rights and Stakeholders' Rights; • Corporate Rescue, Restructuring and Liquidation. <p>➤ Autumn Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sources of Company Law • Corporate Personality • Piercing the corporate veil • Liability in the context of corporate groups • A Company's Constitution • Corporate Management • Directors: Appointment, remuneration, exit and disqualification. • Directors' Duties

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 Study Option 3 = Spring

	<p>➤ Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shareholders and shares • Protection of minority shareholders • Corporate Finance • The social function of company law • Transparency • Corporate restructuring • Rescue and Insolvency
Teaching	Weekly lectures and seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unseen exam (50%) • 2,500-word essay (50%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,500-word essay (100%) <p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,500-word essay (100%)
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Module Code	LL6193
Module Title	Employment Law
Level	6
Prerequisites	Substantial study of law at university level
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 or 2 or 3

Study Option 1 = Whole Year
Study Option 2 = Autumn
Study Option 3 = Spring

Content	<p>The module provides an introduction to the study of employment law and labour law.</p> <p>The focus of this module is the legal framework surrounding the employment relationship, in its formation, operation and termination. The statutory and common law context of employment, including EU aspects, is considered, along with the now extensive law on discrimination. The main features of the module are the contract of employment, remedies for termination including unfair dismissal and wrongful dismissal and equality law. There is also an opportunity to consider the law relating to trade unions, an area of considerable political significance.</p> <p>The module is designed for students who are interested in discovering the practical problems concerning law at work in a modern flexible labour market. Employment law is of practical significance for all persons involved in the world of work.</p> <p>➤ Autumn Topics: The Contract and Termination of Employment</p> <p>❖ <i>The Contract of Employment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining the Contract of Employment: Dependent labour; self –employment • Continuity of employment • Contract of Employment: Formation and Content • Sources of contract of employment: written particulars of terms; custom and practice; collective agreements. Variation of terms • Implied Terms: duties of employer and employee <p>❖ <i>Termination of Employment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General principles of termination; modes of termination other than dismissal; distinction between remedies for wrongful dismissal and unfair dismissal • Wrongful Dismissal • Unfair Dismissal: qualifications; excluded employees; time limits; statutory concept of dismissal; fair reasons for dismissal, automatically unfair dismissal; remedies <p>➤ Spring Topics: Collective Labour Law & Equality in Employment</p> <p>❖ <i>Collective Labour Law</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of UK labour law • Freedom of Association • Trade Union Recognition • Industrial Action <p>❖ <i>Equality Law</i></p> <p>Direct discrimination, harassment, indirect discrimination and victimisation. Positive action and positive discrimination Protected characteristics: race, sex, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership,</p>
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	transgender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, age, disability. Discrimination against part-time workers Exceptions: occupational requirements and special cases Remedies and enforcement
Teaching	Weekly 2-hour lectures and 1-hour seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam (50%) • 2,500-word assignment (50%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract of Employment assignment: problem- based question requiring legal analysis of a particular set of employment related facts - 2,500 words (100%) <p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,500-word assignment (100%)
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Module Code	LL6194
Module Title	Intellectual Property Law
Level	6
Prerequisites	Substantial study of law at university level
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 or 2 or 3
Content	<p>This module explores the legal protection given to intellectual property, and considers the particular types of such property such as copyright and patents. It puts this law into the increasingly influential international context and also draws on comparative study of the protection afforded in other jurisdictions.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The definition and scope of the concept of intellectual property • The nature, exploitation and fair use of copyright • Patents and the requirements a patentable product • The protection of design rights • Trademarks and the interaction with the tort of passing off • The legal protection of confidential information <p>❖ Autumn Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to IPL • Sources of IP law, remedies and sanctions • Breach of Confidence (BoC) • BoC: protection of confidential information • Passing off • Trade marks I: trade mark protection • Trade marks II: refusal of registration • Trade marks III: confusion and infringement <p>❖ Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copyrights: Subsistence • Copyrights: Authorship and ownership • Copyrights: Infringement • Patents • Contemporary Issues of IPRs
Teaching	Weekly 2-hour lectures and 1-hour seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unseen exam (50%) • 2,500-word essay question (50%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,500-word essay question (100%) <p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coursework (100%)
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Module Title	Law, Technology and Innovation
Level	6
Prerequisites	Substantial study of law at university level
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 or 2 or 3
Content	<p>This module explores the role of law in responding to and shaping technological innovation. The module is designed to give students the competitive edge in evolving legal and non-legal markets that embrace technological development. Particular focus is given to standards and regulations of artificial intelligence, cyberspace and cybercrime, e-commerce, employment, environment, healthcare, intellectual property, outer space, and many more. The module implements international and interdisciplinary approach, covering different jurisdictions, technologies and industries.</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>➤ Autumn Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Law & Technology • Cybercrime • Social Media and the Law • Torts and Technology • Space Law <p>➤ Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial Intelligence • Technology and Healthcare • E-commerce (e-contracts, payments, cryptocurrencies) • Autonomous Technologies • Digital Content and Intellectual Property rights • Digital creatives and copyright law • Social networking and antisocial conduct • Trip to Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd • Cyber Ethics; International Security and Military Operations and Future challenges to law, technology and innovation
Teaching	One 3-hour lecture/seminar weekly

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Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,500-word coursework (40%) • 3,500-word essay (60%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,000-word essay (100%) <p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,000-word essay (100%)
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Module Code	LL6607
Module Title	Alternative Dispute Resolution
Level	6
Prerequisites	Substantial study of law at university level
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 or 2
Content	<p>In the last fifty years or so, Alternative Dispute Resolution has matured and developed. It is now part of mainstream thinking and practice perhaps more significantly than might have been anticipated. In many countries, courts and government agencies have supported its use, mediation and conflict resolution organisations have been established, Bar Associations and Law Societies have embraced its principles, practitioners from a wide range of professional disciplines including law, mental health and many others have trained in its use. Books and articles have been written, and the public and media have come to appreciate its value and to expect attempts to be made to avoid costly, time-consuming and stressful litigation through some form of facilitated negotiation. In many law firms, litigation departments have been replaced with dispute resolution departments. This dynamic process is continuing.</p> <p>The aim of this module is to examine from a comparative perspective methods of resolving disputes other than by means of adjudication. The alternative dispute resolution module makes extensive use of role play in order to develop a deeper understanding of the dynamics</p>

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	underlying conflicts and the process of dispute resolution. Comparisons are made with litigation and with other adversarial and quasi-judicial mechanisms so as to place mediation and negotiation in a proper context. Restorative justice, also in the context of crime prevention and reoffending prevention, will be also considered during the module. Themes are identified and discussed, often in light of role plays designed to bring these themes into focus, and the social and psychological aspects are considered. The module also incorporates theories of conflict and conflict management, as well as the landscape of dispute resolution.
Teaching	Weekly 3-hour seminars/workshops (involving extensive role play)
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videoed Mediation 30 minutes (30%) • Videoed Negotiation 30 minutes (30%) • Coursework - Research Essay (2000 words) (40%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research essay – 1,500- 2000 words (65%) • Negotiation exercise (35%)
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Module Code	LL6603
Module Title	International Crime and Human Rights Law
Level	6
Prerequisites	Substantial study of law at university level, with prior study of international law helpful
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Year: 8 (US) 15 (ECTS) • Single Semester: 4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)
Suitability	Study Options 1 or 2 or 3

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<p>Content</p>	<p>This module introduces students to the criminal law responsibility of private individuals (ICL) and their human rights protection (IHR) under international law.</p> <p>The first part aims to focus on essential aspects of ICL: the mechanisms of international criminal justice as well as substantive aspects. This will be achieved by exploring the sources as well as the fundamental principles of ICL, institutional aspects of ICL from the Nuremberg Tribunals to the international Criminal Court (ICC) as well as established international crimes (Genocide, Crimes against humanity and war crimes).</p> <p>The second part aims to focus on essential aspects of IHR: it will contextualize the topic by examining the main international instruments which provide protection for human rights, substantive established human rights, the importance of the distinction between global and regional protection of human rights with a special focus on the European Convention of Human Rights as well as the mechanisms in place to protect and enforce these rights.</p> <p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Personality of individuals in International Law • Sources of ICL and IHR • State Jurisdiction in criminal cases and human rights protection • Fundamental principles of ICL and IHR • International Criminal and Human Rights Tribunals / Courts and Mixed Tribunals • International Crimes: genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes • The International Bill of Human Rights • Minority Rights • Regional Protection Of Human Rights: Europe and Human Rights: The ECHR • Torture: the protection against it and the prosecution of it under international law <p>➤ Autumn Semester: International Criminal Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Legal Personality + PIL in a Nutshell (for students not having previously studied PIL) • Sources of ICL • Jurisdiction of domestic courts for international crimes + the Post WW2 first international tribunals • International ad hoc & Mixed , Hybrid Courts and Tribunals • The ICC pre-trial issues War Crimes • Crimes against Humanity • Genocide • Immunity from Criminal Pros. / General Principles • JCE, command responsibility <p>➤ Spring Semester: International Human Rights Law (IHRL)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Development of Int Human Rights • Sources of Int Human Rights • Categorisation and Enforcement • Social and Economic Rights • Right to Life v Right to Die • Torture • Article 8 Rights • Right to Abortion • Human Rights and LGBTQI Rights • Refugee Law: An overview
Teaching	Weekly two-hour lectures and one-hour seminars
Assessment	<p>Study Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coursework 1: case study of potential ICL case – 2,500 words (45%) • Coursework 2: IHRL case analysis – 2, 500 words (45%) • 4-minute presentation (10%) <p>Study Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • case study of potential ICL case – 2,500 words (100%) <p>Study Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHRL case analysis – 2, 500 words (100%)
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