

# **Course Syllabus/Content**

### WDUK Level 3 Diploma in International Legal Studies

Revised Modules	Contact hours (Full-Time)	Contact hours (Part-Time)	Assessment	Teaching Methods	Passing Mark
Introduction to International Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Basics of Contract Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Comparative Legal Systems	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Foundations of Human Rights Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
International Business Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%

(Credits 120)

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Legal Research and Writing	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Introduction to Public International Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Criminal Law in an International Context	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Immigration and Refugee Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%

Subject	Introduction to International Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide a comprehensive understanding of the principles and foundations of international law.</li> <li>Familiarize students with the sources, actors, and institutions of international law.</li> <li>Analyze the role of international law in regulating state behavior and promoting global cooperation.</li> <li>Explore contemporary issues and challenges in international law, such as human rights, environmental protection, and armed conflict.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ul> <li>By the end of the course, students should be able to: <ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of international law and its significance in the global arena.</li> <li>Identify and evaluate the primary sources of international law, including treaties, customary law, and general principles.</li> <li>Analyze the roles and functions of key actors and institutions in the international legal system, such as states, international organizations, and tribunals.</li> <li>Critically assess the principles and doctrines governing state sovereignty, jurisdiction, and responsibility in international law.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Discuss and analyze the role of international law in addressing contemporary global challenges, such as climate change, terrorism, and migration.</li> </ul>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	Basics of Contract Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide a foundational understanding of the principles and concepts of contract law.</li> <li>Equip students with the knowledge and skills to analyze and interpret contract terms and agreements.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and problem-solving abilities in the context of contractual relationships.</li> <li>Prepare students for practical application of contract law principles in various professional settings.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the essential elements of a contract, including offer, acceptance, consideration, intention to create legal relations, and capacity.</li> <li>Identify and distinguish between different types of contracts, such as bilateral, unilateral, express, and implied contracts.</li> <li>Analyze and interpret contract terms, including conditions, warranties, representations, and exclusion clauses.</li> <li>Evaluate the validity and enforceability of contracts, including issues related to mistake, misrepresentation, duress, and undue influence.</li> <li>Apply legal principles to analyze and resolve contract disputes, including breach of contract and remedies available to aggrieved parties.</li> <li>Demonstrate effective communication skills in drafting and interpreting contractual agreements.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	Comparative Legal Systems
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Explore the diversity of legal systems around the world and their historical, cultural, and political foundations.</li> <li>Foster an understanding of the similarities and differences between common law, civil law, religious law, customary law, and mixed legal systems.</li> <li>Develop critical thinking and analytical skills in comparing and contrasting legal principles, institutions, and practices across different legal traditions.</li> <li>Examine the challenges and opportunities presented by globalization and legal pluralism in the contemporary world.</li> <li>Encourage students to reflect on the implications of legal diversity for legal reform, harmonization, and development.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Identify and describe the key features of common law, civil law, religious law, customary law, and mixed legal systems.</li> <li>Compare and contrast the historical development, sources of law, and legal institutions in different legal traditions.</li> <li>Analyze the impact of culture, religion, politics, and colonialism on the evolution of legal systems.</li> <li>Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of various legal systems in promoting justice, stability, and societal order.</li> <li>Assess the challenges and opportunities presented by legal pluralism, globalization, and transnational legal phenomena.</li> <li>Apply comparative legal methodologies to analyze case studies and legal issues across different jurisdictions.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	Foundations of Human Rights Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide a comprehensive understanding of the historical, philosophical, and legal foundations of human rights.</li> <li>Examine the evolution of human rights norms, principles, and instruments at the international and regional levels.</li> <li>Analyze the theoretical debates and controversies surrounding the concept of human rights.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills in evaluating human rights issues and dilemmas.</li> <li>Equip students with the knowledge and skills to advocate for and promote human rights in various contexts.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Explain the concept of human rights and its significance in the context of international law and politics.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the historical antecedents and philosophical foundations of human rights.</li> <li>Evaluate the role of key actors and institutions, such as the United Nations, in the development and protection of human rights.</li> <li>Understand the content and scope of core human rights instruments, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights treaties.</li> <li>Analyze the principles of non-discrimination, equality, and dignity as fundamental to human rights law.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	International Business Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework governing international business transactions.</li> <li>Equip students with the knowledge and skills to identify legal issues and risks in the context of cross- border business operations.</li> <li>Analyze the impact of international law, treaties, and regulations on global business practices.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and problem-solving abilities in addressing legal challenges faced by multinational corporations.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Understand the legal environment of international business, including the sources of international law and the role of international organizations.</li> <li>Identify and analyze legal issues related to international trade, such as tariffs, quotas, customs regulations, and trade agreements.</li> <li>Evaluate the legal aspects of cross-border contracts, including choice of law, jurisdiction, and dispute resolution mechanisms.</li> <li>Examine the legal implications of intellectual property rights, licensing agreements, and technology transfer in international business transactions.</li> <li>Analyze the legal framework governing foreign direct investment, including investment treaties, investor-state arbitration, and regulatory regimes.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	Legal Research and Writing
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct effective legal research using a variety of sources and methods.</li> <li>Develop students' proficiency in legal writing, including case briefs, memoranda, legal opinions, and scholarly articles.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and synthesizing complex legal materials.</li> <li>Prepare students for the demands of legal practice, academia, and other professional settings requiring research and writing expertise.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Demonstrate proficiency in conducting comprehensive legal research using primary and secondary sources, including statutes, regulations, case law, and academic literature.</li> <li>Identify and apply appropriate research methodologies and strategies to address specific legal questions and issues.</li> <li>Evaluate the reliability, relevance, and authority of legal sources in the context of research projects and assignments.</li> <li>Synthesize and analyze complex legal materials to formulate clear and persuasive arguments in legal writing assignments.</li> <li>Demonstrate proficiency in drafting various types of legal documents, including case briefs, memoranda, legal opinions, and contracts.</li> <li>Apply principles of legal reasoning and analysis to analyze case law and statutory provisions.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
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Subject	Introduction to Public International Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a foundational understanding of the principles, sources, and institutions of public international law.</li> <li>Explore the role of international law in regulating relations between states and promoting global cooperation.</li> <li>Analyze contemporary issues and challenges in public international law, such as human rights, armed conflict, and environmental protection.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal arguments and developments in international law.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the nature and scope of public international law and its significance in the international community.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the sources of international law, including treaties, customary international law, and general principles.</li> <li>Inderstand the role and functions of key actors and institutions in the international legal system, such as states, international organizations, and courts.</li> <li>Analyze the principles and doctrines governing state sovereignty, jurisdiction, and responsibility in international law.</li> <li>Evaluate the legal framework governing the use of force, armed conflict, and international humanitarian law.</li> <li>Examine the protection and promotion of human rights within the international legal system, including the role of international treaties and institutions.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	Criminal Law in an International Context
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with an understanding of the principles and concepts of criminal law within the context of international law.</li> <li>Explore the international legal framework for addressing transnational crimes and prosecuting individuals for international crimes.</li> <li>Analyze the role of international organizations, tribunals, and courts in prosecuting and adjudicating international criminal cases.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in the field of international criminal law.</li> <li>Prepare students for careers in criminal law practice, international organizations, and human rights advocacy.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of international criminal law and its evolution within the framework of international law.</li> <li>Identify and analyze different categories of international crimes, including genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and terrorism.</li> <li>Understand the principles of individual criminal responsibility under international law, including command responsibility and modes of liability.</li> <li>Analyze the jurisdictional and procedural aspects of prosecuting international crimes before international and hybrid tribunals, national courts, and the International Criminal Court (ICC).</li> <li>Evaluate the role and functions of international organizations, such as the United Nations and Interpol, in combating transnational crimes and promoting international cooperation in criminal law enforcement.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
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Subject	Immigration and Refugee Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks governing immigration and refugee issues.</li> <li>Examine the principles, policies, and practices related to immigration law, including entry, status determination, and deportation.</li> <li>Explore the international legal framework for protecting and assisting refugees, asylum seekers, and other forcibly displaced persons.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills in analyzing contemporary immigration and refugee issues.</li> <li>Prepare students for careers in immigration law practice, advocacy, policy analysis, and humanitarian assistance.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ul> <li>Define and explain the concepts of immigration and refugee law and their significance in the context of international law and domestic legal systems.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the legal frameworks governing immigration, including visa policies, admission criteria, and deportation procedures.</li> <li>Understand the international legal definition of refugees and the principles of refugee protection under international refugee law, including the 1951 Refugee Convention and its Protocol.</li> <li>Analyze the legal and procedural aspects of asylum determination processes, including refugee status determination, non-refoulement, and complementary protection.</li> <li>Evaluate the role and functions of international organizations, such as UNHCR, in providing assistance and protection to refugees and asylum seekers.</li> </ul>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with an understanding of the ethical principles and professional responsibilities governing the legal profession.</li> <li>Explore the role of lawyers in upholding justice, integrity, and the rule of law within the legal system.</li> <li>Examine the ethical dilemmas and challenges faced by lawyers in their professional practice.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills in analyzing legal ethics issues and dilemmas.</li> <li>Prepare students for ethical decision-making and professional conduct in legal practice.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of legal ethics and its importance in the legal profession.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the ethical rules and standards governing lawyers' conduct, including those set forth in codes of professional responsibility and legal ethics guidelines.</li> <li>Understand the duties and obligations of lawyers to their clients, the court, and the legal profession, including confidentiality, loyalty, and competence.</li> <li>Analyze the role of lawyers in promoting access to justice, fairness, and equality before the law.</li> <li>Evaluate the ethical implications of conflicts of interest, attorney-client privilege, and zealous advocacy in legal practice.</li> </ol>
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