

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

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

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

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

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

Subject	Legal Research and Writing
Aims and Objectives	 Equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct effective legal research using a variety of sources and methods. Develop students' proficiency in legal writing, including case briefs, memoranda, legal opinions, and scholarly articles. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and synthesizing complex legal materials. Prepare students for the demands of legal practice, academia, and other professional settings requiring research and writing expertise.
Learning Outcomes	 Demonstrate proficiency in conducting comprehensive legal research using primary and secondary sources, including statutes, regulations, case law, and academic literature. Identify and apply appropriate research methodologies and strategies to address specific legal questions and issues. Evaluate the reliability, relevance, and authority of legal sources in the context of research projects and assignments. Synthesize and analyze complex legal materials to formulate clear and persuasive arguments in legal writing assignments. Demonstrate proficiency in drafting various types of legal documents, including case briefs, memoranda, legal opinions, and contracts. Apply principles of legal reasoning and analysis to analyze case law and statutory provisions.
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	 Assignment based
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	Introduction to Public International Law
Aims and Objectives	 Provide students with a foundational understanding of the principles, sources, and institutions of public international law. Explore the role of international law in regulating relations between states and promoting global cooperation. Analyze contemporary issues and challenges in public international law, such as human rights, armed conflict, and environmental protection. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal arguments and developments in international law.
Learning Outcomes	 Define and explain the nature and scope of public international law and its significance in the international community. Identify and analyze the sources of international law, including treaties, customary international law, and general principles. Inderstand the role and functions of key actors and institutions in the international legal system, such as states, international organizations, and courts. Analyze the principles and doctrines governing state sovereignty, jurisdiction, and responsibility in international law. Evaluate the legal framework governing the use of force, armed conflict, and international humanitarian law. Examine the protection and promotion of human rights within the international legal system, including the role of international treaties and institutions.
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	 Assignment based
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	 Provide students with an understanding of the principles and concepts of criminal law within the context of international law. Explore the international legal framework for addressing transnational crimes and prosecuting individuals for international crimes. Analyze the role of international organizations, tribunals, and courts in prosecuting and adjudicating international criminal cases. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in the field of international criminal law. Prepare students for careers in criminal law practice, international organizations, and human rights advocacy.
Learning Outcomes	 Define and explain the concept of international criminal law and its evolution within the framework of international law. Identify and analyze different categories of international crimes, including genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and terrorism. Understand the principles of individual criminal responsibility under international law, including command responsibility and modes of liability. Analyze the jurisdictional and procedural aspects of prosecuting international crimes before international and hybrid tribunals, national courts, and the International Criminal Court (ICC). 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.
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	 Assignment based
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	Immigration and Refugee Law
Aims and Objectives	 Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks governing immigration and refugee issues. Examine the principles, policies, and practices related to immigration law, including entry, status determination, and deportation. Explore the international legal framework for protecting and assisting refugees, asylum seekers, and other forcibly displaced persons. Foster critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills in analyzing contemporary immigration and refugee issues. Prepare students for careers in immigration law practice, advocacy, policy analysis, and humanitarian assistance.
Learning Outcomes	 Define and explain the concepts of immigration and refugee law and their significance in the context of international law and domestic legal systems. Identify and analyze the legal frameworks governing immigration, including visa policies, admission criteria, and deportation procedures. 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. Analyze the legal and procedural aspects of asylum determination processes, including refugee status determination, non-refoulement, and complementary protection. Evaluate the role and functions of international organizations, such as UNHCR, in providing assistance and protection to refugees and asylum seekers.
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	 Assignment based
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours

Subject	Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility
Aims and Objectives	 Provide students with an understanding of the ethical principles and professional responsibilities governing the legal profession. Explore the role of lawyers in upholding justice, integrity, and the rule of law within the legal system. Examine the ethical dilemmas and challenges faced by lawyers in their professional practice. Foster critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills in analyzing legal ethics issues and dilemmas. Prepare students for ethical decision-making and professional conduct in legal practice.
Learning Outcomes	 Define and explain the concept of legal ethics and its importance in the legal profession. Identify and analyze the ethical rules and standards governing lawyers' conduct, including those set forth in codes of professional responsibility and legal ethics guidelines. Understand the duties and obligations of lawyers to their clients, the court, and the legal profession, including confidentiality, loyalty, and competence. Analyze the role of lawyers in promoting access to justice, fairness, and equality before the law. Evaluate the ethical implications of conflicts of interest, attorney-client privilege, and zealous advocacy in legal practice.
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	 Assignment based
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures:60 hoursTutorials/workshop:30 hoursPrivate Study:30 hoursTotal:120 hours