

# **Course Syllabus/Content**

### **WDUK Level 5 Advanced Diploma in International Legal Studies**

(Credits 120)

Revised Modules	Contact hours (Full-Time)	Contact hours (Part-Time)	Assessment	Teaching Methods	Passing Mark
International Criminal Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Comparative Constitutional Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Corporate Governance and Compliance	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
International Investment Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Transnational Business Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%



Human Rights and Global Justice	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Advanced Legal Research Methods	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
International Environmental Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
International Family Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
WTO Law and Trade Agreements	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%



Subject	International Criminal Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the principles, concepts, and institutions of international criminal law.</li> <li>Explore the legal framework governing the prosecution and punishment of individuals for serious international crimes, including genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and aggression.</li> <li>Analyze the role of international criminal tribunals, such as the International Criminal Court (ICC), in holding perpetrators of international crimes accountable.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in international criminal law.</li> <li>Prepare students for careers in international criminal law practice, human rights advocacy, and international justice.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of international criminal law and its significance in addressing serious international crimes.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the sources of international criminal law, including treaties, customary international law, and the statutes of international criminal tribunals.</li> <li>Understand the legal definitions and elements of core international crimes, including genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and aggression.</li> <li>Analyze the legal principles and procedures governing the investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of international crimes, including principles of jurisdiction, admissibility, and complementarity.</li> <li>Evaluate the role and functions of international criminal tribunals, such as the ICC, ad hoc tribunals (e.g., ICTY, ICTR), and hybrid tribunals, in holding perpetrators of international crimes accountable.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures: 60 hours Tutorials/workshop: 30 hours Private Study: 30 hours Total: 120 hours



Subject	Comparative Constitutional Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the principles, theories, and practices of constitutional law in different jurisdictions.</li> <li>Explore the similarities and differences among constitutional systems, including the structure of government, distribution of powers, and protection of rights.</li> <li>Analyze the methods and approaches used in comparative constitutional analysis, including case studies and theoretical frameworks.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in comparative constitutional law.</li> <li>Prepare students for careers in constitutional law practice, policy analysis, and academic research.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of comparative constitutional law and its significance in understanding the diversity of constitutional systems.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the key features of different constitutional systems, including the structure of government, separation of powers, and mechanisms for protecting rights.</li> <li>Understand the methods and approaches used in comparative constitutional analysis, including historical, textual, and functional approaches.</li> <li>Analyze the role of constitutions in defining the relationship between the state and its citizens, including the protection of individual rights and freedoms.</li> <li>Evaluate the mechanisms for constitutional amendment and judicial review in different constitutional systems.</li> <li>Examine the impact of globalization, democratization, and legal transplants on comparative constitutional law.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	Assignment based
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures: 60 hours Tutorials/workshop: 30 hours Private Study: 30 hours Total: 120 hours



Subject	Corporate Governance and Compliance
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of corporate governance principles, practices, and regulatory frameworks.</li> <li>Explore the role and responsibilities of boards of directors, executives, shareholders, and other stakeholders in corporate governance.</li> <li>Analyze the legal and ethical considerations involved in corporate decision-making, risk management, and compliance.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating corporate governance issues and controversies.</li> <li>Prepare students for careers in corporate governance, compliance management, corporate law practice, and corporate governance consulting.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of corporate governance and its importance in promoting accountability, transparency, and integrity in corporate organizations.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the principles and best practices of corporate governance, including board composition, structure, and functions.</li> <li>Understand the roles and responsibilities of directors, executives, shareholders, and other stakeholders in corporate governance.</li> <li>Analyze the legal and regulatory frameworks governing corporate governance, including corporate laws, regulations, and codes of conduct.</li> <li>Evaluate the mechanisms for assessing and managing corporate risks, including risk identification, assessment, mitigation, and monitoring.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	Assignment based
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures: 60 hours Tutorials/workshop: 30 hours Private Study: 30 hours Total: 120 hours



Subject	International Investment Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework governing international investment, including investment treaties, investor-state arbitration, and investment promotion and protection.</li> <li>Explore the principles, policies, and challenges associated with international investment law, including investor rights, host state obligations, and sustainable development.</li> <li>Analyze the role of international investment law in promoting foreign direct investment (FDI), economic development, and investor confidence.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of international investment law and its significance in regulating cross-border investment activities.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the sources of international investment law, including bilateral investment treaties (BITs), multilateral investment treaties, and customary international law.</li> <li>Understand the principles and norms governing investment protection and promotion, including national treatment, most-favored-nation treatment, and fair and equitable treatment.</li> <li>Analyze the mechanisms for resolving disputes between investors and host states, including investor-state arbitration and other forms of dispute settlement.</li> <li>Evaluate the legal and policy considerations involved in investment treaty negotiations, drafting, and interpretation.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	Assignment based
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures: 60 hours Tutorials/workshop: 30 hours Private Study: 30 hours Total: 120 hours



Subject	Transnational Business Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework governing transnational business activities, including international contracts, trade law, and dispute resolution mechanisms.</li> <li>Explore the principles, policies, and challenges associated with transnational business law, including harmonization of commercial laws, cross-border transactions, and regulatory compliance.</li> <li>Analyze the role of international organizations, regional agreements, and private actors in shaping transnational business law.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in transnational business law.</li> <li>Prepare students for careers in international business law practice, corporate counsel, international trade, and commercial diplomacy.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of transnational business law and its significance in regulating cross-border commercial activities.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the sources of transnational business law, including international conventions, model laws, and private international law principles.</li> <li>Understand the legal principles governing international contracts, including contract formation, interpretation, performance, and breach.</li> <li>Analyze the legal and regulatory frameworks governing international trade, including the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements, regional trade agreements, and trade finance.</li> <li>Evaluate the mechanisms for resolving cross-border commercial disputes, including litigation, arbitration, and alternative dispute resolution methods.</li> <li>Examine the role of international organizations, such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), in promoting transnational business law and commercial practices.</li> </ol>
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Subject	Human Rights and Global Justice
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the principles, theories, and practices of human rights and global justice.</li> <li>Explore the historical development and philosophical foundations of human rights, including universalism, cultural relativism, and cosmopolitanism.</li> <li>Analyze contemporary human rights issues and challenges at the global level, including poverty, inequality, discrimination, and conflict.</li> <li>Examine the role of international organizations, treaties, and mechanisms in promoting and protecting human rights.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills in evaluating human rights issues and controversies.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of human rights and its significance in the global context.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the historical development and philosophical underpinnings of human rights theories, including natural law, positivism, and pragmatism.</li> <li>Understand the legal and moral foundations of human rights, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international treaties, and customary international law.</li> <li>Analyze contemporary human rights challenges, including poverty, inequality, discrimination, and armed conflict, from a global justice perspective.</li> <li>Evaluate the role of international organizations, such as the United Nations, regional bodies, and human rights NGOs, in promoting and protecting human rights.</li> <li>Examine mechanisms for enforcing human rights, including international courts, tribunals, and special procedures.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	<ul> <li>Assignment based</li> </ul>
Teaching Mode (Full-Time)	Lectures: 60 hours Tutorials/workshop: 30 hours Private Study: 30 hours Total: 120 hours



Subject	Advanced Legal Research Methods
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with advanced skills and techniques for conducting legal research in diverse areas of law.</li> <li>Equip students with the ability to critically evaluate legal sources, including primary and secondary materials, electronic databases, and interdisciplinary resources.</li> <li>Enhance students' understanding of legal research methodologies, including qualitative and quantitative approaches, comparative analysis, and empirical research.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in designing and executing legal research projects.</li> <li>Prepare students for advanced legal research tasks in legal practice, academia, policy analysis, and advocacy.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Demonstrate advanced proficiency in using legal research tools, including electronic databases, online libraries, and legal research software.</li> <li>Critically evaluate legal sources, including case law, statutes, regulations, treaties, scholarly articles, and practitioner materials.</li> <li>Apply advanced legal research methodologies, including qualitative and quantitative approaches, comparative analysis, and interdisciplinary research methods.</li> <li>Design and execute complex legal research projects, including identifying research questions, formulating research strategies, and conducting comprehensive literature reviews.</li> <li>Synthesize and analyze legal information from diverse sources to generate original insights and conclusions.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	Assignment based
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Subject	International Environmental Law
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the principles, frameworks, and mechanisms of international environmental law.</li> <li>Explore the legal and regulatory responses to global environmental challenges, including climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and resource depletion.</li> <li>Analyze the role of international organizations, treaties, and customary international law in promoting environmental protection and sustainability.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in international environmental law.</li> <li>Prepare students for careers in environmental law practice, environmental policy analysis, sustainable development, and conservation.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the concept of international environmental law and its significance in addressing global environmental challenges.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the sources of international environmental law, including treaties, customary international law, soft law instruments, and principles of sustainable development.</li> <li>Understand the legal principles and frameworks governing key environmental issues, including climate change, biodiversity conservation, marine pollution, and transboundary water management.</li> <li>Analyze the role of international organizations, such as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in setting environmental standards, coordinating efforts, and facilitating cooperation among states.</li> <li>Evaluate the effectiveness of international environmental treaties and agreements in achieving environmental objectives and promoting compliance.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	Assignment based
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Subject	International Family Law
Aims and Objectives  Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal principles, frameworks, and challenges in international family law.</li> <li>Explore the legal regulation of family relationships and disputes across borders, including marriage, divorce, child custody, adoption, and parental rights.</li> <li>Analyze the role of international conventions, treaties, and legal instruments in harmonizing and regulating family law matters at the international level.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in international family law. Prepare students for careers in family law practice, international family mediation, diplomatic services, and human rights advocacy.</li> <li>Define and explain the concept of international family law and its significance in addressing family-related matters across borders.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the sources of international family law, including conventions, treaties, customary international law, and regional agreements.</li> <li>Understand the legal principles and frameworks governing marriage, divorce, annulment, and recognition of foreign marriages in an international context.</li> <li>Analyze the legal mechanisms for resolving international family disputes, including jurisdictional issues, choice of law, and enforcement of foreign judgments.</li> <li>Evaluate the legal standards and principles governing child custody, visitation rights, and relocation in cases involving international families.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	Assignment based
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Subject	WTO Law and Trade Agreements
Aims and Objectives	<ol> <li>Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework governing international trade, focusing on the rules and regulations of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and trade agreements.</li> <li>Explore the principles, policies, and challenges associated with WTO law and trade agreements, including tariff negotiations, non-tariff barriers, and dispute resolution mechanisms.</li> <li>Analyze the role of the WTO in promoting and regulating international trade, fostering economic development, and resolving trade disputes.</li> <li>Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in WTO law and trade agreements.</li> <li>Prepare students for careers in international trade law practice, trade policy analysis, government trade agencies, and international organizations.</li> </ol>
Learning Outcomes	<ol> <li>Define and explain the functions and objectives of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and its significance in regulating international trade.</li> <li>Identify and analyze the legal framework of the WTO, including the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), and Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).</li> <li>Understand the principles of non-discrimination, most-favored-nation treatment, and national treatment in international trade law.</li> <li>Analyze the rules and procedures governing tariff negotiations, trade liberalization, and market access under WTO agreements.</li> <li>Evaluate the legal and economic implications of non-tariff barriers to trade, including technical barriers, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and subsidies.</li> </ol>
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	Assignment based
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