

Course Syllabus/Content

WDUK Level 7 Postgraduate Diploma in International Legal Studies (Credits 120)

Revised Modules	Contact hours (Full-Time)	Contact hours (Part-Time)	Assessment	Teaching Methods	Passing Mark
Advanced Human Rights Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
International Dispute Resolution	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
International Economic Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Comparative Criminal Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
International Environmental Governance	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%



Global Health Law	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Cybersecurity Law and Policy	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
International Legal Ethics	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
International Law and Sustainable Development	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%
Dissertation in International Legal Studies	50	50	Assignment Based	Classroom Lectures & Online	50%



Subject	Advanced Human Rights Law
Aims and Objectives	 Provide students with an in-depth understanding of advanced concepts and issues in the field of human rights law. Explore complex and emerging areas of human rights law, including economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as issues related to technology, environment, and global justice. Analyze the intersectionality of human rights with other areas of law, such as international humanitarian law, refugee law, and criminal law. Examine contemporary challenges and debates in human rights law, including the impact of globalization, technological advancements, and climate change on human rights. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal theories, case law, and international instruments in human rights law. Prepare students for advanced research, advocacy, and practice in the field of human rights law.
Learning Outcomes	 Critically evaluate advanced concepts and theories in human rights law, including the universality, indivisibility, and interdependence of human rights. Analyze the legal frameworks and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of economic, social, and cultural rights, including the role of international organizations and monitoring bodies. Understand the intersectionality of human rights with other areas of law, such as international humanitarian law, refugee law, and criminal law, and evaluate the implications for human rights protection. Examine emerging issues and challenges in human rights law, including the impact of technology, environment, and global justice on the realization of human rights. Assess the effectiveness of international and regional human rights instruments, mechanisms, and institutions in addressing contemporary human rights issues.
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 Dispute Resolution
Aims and Objectives Learning Outcomes	 Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the various methods and mechanisms for resolving international disputes. Explore the historical development and sources of international dispute resolution, including treaties, conventions, and customary international law. Analyze the different forms of dispute resolution, including negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and adjudication, and their applicability to different types of disputes. Examine the role of international organizations, regional bodies, and diplomatic efforts in facilitating dispute resolution and conflict management. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in international dispute resolution, including jurisdictional issues, enforcement of decisions, and compliance with international law. Define and explain the concept of international dispute resolution and its significance in maintaining international peace and security. Identify and analyze the sources of international dispute resolution, including treaties, conventions, and principles of customary international law. Understand the different methods and mechanisms for resolving international disputes, including negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and adjudication. Analyze the advantages and limitations of each method of dispute resolution and their applicability to different types of disputes, including interstate conflicts, commercial disputes, and human rights violations. Evaluate the role of international organizations, regional bodies, and diplomatic efforts in facilitating dispute resolution and conflict management, including the United Nations, regional organizations, and peacekeeping missions.
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 Economic Law
Aims and Objectives	 Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks, principles, and challenges in international economic law. Explore the historical development and sources of international economic law, including treaties, agreements, and principles of international trade and investment. Analyze the legal frameworks governing international trade in goods and services, including the rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and regional trade agreements. Examine the regulation of international investment and the protection of foreign investors' rights under investment treaties and customary international law. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in international economic law, including the balance between free trade and regulatory objectives.
Learning Outcomes	 Define and explain the concept of international economic law and its significance in the global economy. Identify and analyze the sources of international economic law, including treaties, agreements, customary international law, and principles of international trade and investment. Understand the legal frameworks governing international trade in goods and services, including the rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and regional trade agreements. Analyze the legal principles and mechanisms for resolving trade disputes between states, including the WTO dispute settlement system and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. Examine the regulation of international investment, including the protection of foreign investors' rights under investment treaties and the settlement of investment disputes through investor-state arbitration.
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	Comparative Criminal Law
Aims and Objectives Learning Outcomes	 Provide students with a comparative understanding of criminal law systems around the world. Explore the historical development and key principles of criminal law in different legal traditions. Analyze the differences and similarities in substantive criminal law, procedural law, and enforcement mechanisms across jurisdictions. Examine the impact of cultural, historical, and societal factors on the formulation and application of criminal law. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in comparative criminal law. Prepare students for careers in criminal law practice, legal research, policy analysis, and international organizations. Compare and contrast criminal law systems from different legal traditions, including common law, civil law, Islamic law, and customary law. Analyze the historical development and key principles of criminal law in selected jurisdictions, focusing on the definition of crimes, elements of offenses, and principles of liability. Understand the procedural aspects of criminal law, including investigation, prosecution, trial procedures, and sentencing practices, across different legal systems. Examine the role of actors in the criminal justice system, including law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, judges, and defense attorneys, and their functions in various jurisdictions. Evaluate the effectiveness of criminal justice systems in addressing crime prevention, rehabilitation, and the protection of individual rights.
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 Environmental Governance
Aims and Objectives Learning Outcomes	 Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the structures, processes, and challenges of international environmental governance. Explore the historical development and evolution of international environmental law and institutions. Analyze the roles and responsibilities of international organizations, governments, non-state actors, and civil society in addressing global environmental issues. Examine the effectiveness of international environmental agreements, treaties, and conventions in promoting environmental protection and sustainability. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating the complexities and controversies of international environmental governance. Explain the concept of international environmental governance and its significance in addressing global environmental challenges.
	 Analyze the historical development and evolution of international environmental law and institutions, including major milestones and treaties. Understand the roles and responsibilities of different actors in international environmental governance, including states, international organizations, NGOs, and indigenous communities. Evaluate the effectiveness of international environmental agreements and conventions in addressing specific environmental issues, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Examine the challenges and limitations of international environmental governance, including issues of compliance, enforcement, and accountability.
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	Global Health Law
Aims and Objectives Learning Outcomes	 Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks, principles, and challenges in the field of global health law. Explore the historical development and evolution of international health law and institutions. Analyze the roles and responsibilities of international organizations, governments, non-state actors, and civil society in addressing global health issues. Examine the legal frameworks and mechanisms for addressing public health emergencies, infectious diseases, and non-communicable diseases at the global level. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating the complexities and controversies of global health law, including issues of equity, access, and human rights. Prepare students for careers in health law and policy, international diplomacy, public health practice, and global health governance. Explain the concept of global health law and its significance in addressing global health challenges. Analyze the historical development and evolution of international health law and institutions, including major treaties and agreements. Understand the roles and responsibilities of different actors in global health governance, including states, international organizations, NGOs, and private sector entities. Evaluate the legal frameworks and mechanisms for addressing public health emergencies, infectious diseases, and non-communicable diseases at the global level. Examine the principles of equity, access to healthcare, and human rights in the context of global health law and policy.
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	Cybersecurity Law and Policy
Aims and Objectives	 Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks, policies, and challenges in the field of cybersecurity. Explore the intersection of law, technology, and policy in addressing cyber threats and protecting critical information infrastructure. Analyze the roles and responsibilities of governments, private sector entities, and international organizations in cybersecurity governance. Examine the legal and policy responses to cyber threats, including cybercrime, cyber warfare, and data breaches. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating legal issues and controversies in cybersecurity law and policy. Prepare students for careers in cybersecurity law and policy, information security management, risk assessment, and regulatory compliance.
Learning Outcomes	 Explain the concept of cybersecurity and its significance in protecting critical information infrastructure. Analyze the legal frameworks and policies governing cybersecurity at the national, regional, and international levels. Understand the roles and responsibilities of different actors in cybersecurity governance, including governments, private sector entities, and international organizations. Evaluate the legal and policy responses to cyber threats, including legislation, regulations, and international agreements. Examine the principles of risk management, incident response, and resilience in cybersecurity law and policy.
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 Legal Ethics
Aims and Objectives	 Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the ethical principles and professional responsibilities governing lawyers in the international context. Explore the intersection of legal ethics with international law, human rights, and professional standards. Analyze the ethical dilemmas and challenges faced by lawyers working in cross-border transactions, international litigation, and diplomatic negotiations. Examine the role of legal ethics in promoting access to justice, upholding the rule of law, and protecting human rights on a global scale. Foster critical thinking and ethical decision-making skills in navigating complex legal and ethical issues in international practice. Prepare students for careers in international law practice, diplomacy, legal academia, and international organizations.
Learning Outcomes	 Understand the fundamental ethical principles and professional responsibilities governing lawyers in the international context. Analyze the ethical dimensions of legal practice in crossborder transactions, international litigation, and diplomatic negotiations. Evaluate the role of legal ethics in promoting access to justice, upholding the rule of law, and protecting human rights in the international arena. Examine the ethical dilemmas and challenges faced by lawyers in representing clients with diverse cultural backgrounds, interests, and legal systems. Understand the ethical considerations in dealing with confidential information, conflicts of interest, and professional integrity in international practice.
Credit Points:	12 credit points
Assessment	Assignment based
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Subject	International Law and Sustainable Development
Aims and Objectives Learning Outcomes	1. Provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the intersection between international law and sustainable development. 2. Explore the legal frameworks, principles, and mechanisms for promoting sustainable development at the international level. 3. Analyze the role of international organizations, treaties, and agreements in addressing global environmental challenges, poverty alleviation, and social justice. 4. Examine the linkages between sustainable development goals (SDGs) and international legal instruments, including human rights treaties, environmental agreements, and trade agreements. 5. Foster critical thinking and analytical skills in evaluating the effectiveness of international law in advancing sustainable development objectives. 1. Understand the concept of sustainable development and its significance in addressing global environmental, social, and economic challenges. 2. Analyze the historical development and evolution of international law and institutions related to sustainable development. 3. Evaluate the role of international organizations, such as the United Nations, World Bank, and regional bodies, in promoting sustainable development goals and targets. 4. Examine the legal frameworks and mechanisms for addressing environmental protection, climate change, biodiversity conservation, and natural resource
	management at the international level. 5. Understand the linkages between sustainable development goals (SDGs) and international legal instruments, including human rights treaties, environmental agreements, and trade agreements.
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	Dissertation in International Legal Studies
Aims and Objectives	 Provide students with an opportunity to conduct in-depth research on a specific topic within the field of international legal studies. Develop students' research skills, critical thinking abilities, and analytical capabilities through the completion of a dissertation project. Encourage students to explore contemporary issues, debates, and challenges in international law and propose innovative solutions or perspectives. Foster independent learning and self-directed study under the guidance of a supervisor or mentor. Equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to produce a high-quality dissertation that contributes to the academic discourse in international legal studies.
Learning Outcomes	 Define a clear research question or topic within the field of international legal studies and justify its significance and relevance. Conduct comprehensive literature reviews and identify relevant theoretical frameworks, legal principles, and empirical studies related to the chosen topic. Design and implement a robust research methodology, including data collection methods, sampling techniques, and ethical considerations. Analyze and interpret research findings, drawing connections between theory and empirical evidence, and addressing any limitations or challenges encountered during the research process. Demonstrate effective written communication skills by producing a well-structured and coherent dissertation that adheres to academic standards and conventions.
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