

Overview

Programme Code	35097
Programme Title	International Business Corporate & Finance Law
Awarding Institution	Liverpool John Moores University
Programme Type	Masters
Language of Programme	All LJMU programmes are delivered and assessed in English
Programme Leader	Emmanuel Guinchard
Link Tutor(s)	

Awards

Award Type	Award Description	Award Learning Outcomes
Target Award	Master of Laws - ML	See Learning Outcomes Below
Alternative Exit	Postgraduate Diploma - PD	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding critical awareness of the relevant contemporary legal issues. Critically evaluate, analyse and assess the nature of the legal framework, structure and regulation impacting on corporate business organisations using the exemplar of English law set against an international context. Develop a more in depth knowledge and understanding which is sufficient to critically evaluate key issues and current developments in relevant areas of international business, corporate and finance law. Show originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry may be used to create and interpret knowledge in relevant areas of law. Have a systematic understanding and critical awareness of current problems and contemporary issues and/or insights into the changing nature of UK and international corporate business organisations operating within a multi-national framework. Critically evaluate arguments, assumptions and abstract concepts and so formulate judgements and identify a range of solutions to a given problem. Demonstrate skills associated with problem-solving and decision making based on own research and analysis demonstrated through legal writing and communication skills. Develop an ability to exercise initiative when faced with novel and/or complex problem situations. Apply critical and analytical skills associated with legal analysis to identified scenario and situations.
Alternative Exit	Postgraduate Certificate - PC	Show originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry may be used to create and interpret knowledge in relevant areas of law. Have a systematic understanding and critical awareness of current problems and contemporary issues and/or insights into the changing nature of UK and international corporate business organisations operating within a multi-national framework. Demonstrate skills associated with problem-solving and decision making based on own research and analysis demonstrated through legal writing and communication skills. Develop an ability to exercise initiative when faced with novel and/or complex problem situations. Apply critical and analytical skills associated with legal analysis to identified scenario and situations.

Alternate Award Names	
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External Benchmarks

Subject Benchmark Statement	PGT-Business and Management (2015)
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Programme Offering(s)

Mode of Study, Mode of Delivery	Intake Month	Teaching Institution	Programme Length
Full-Time, Face to Face	January	LJMU Taught	1 Years
Full-Time, Face to Face	September	LJMU Taught	1 Years

Aims and Outcomes

Educational Aims of the Programme

The aim of this programme is for students to gain academic and intellectual progression in discrete areas of international business, corporate and finance law, together with the acquisition of specific knowledge and skills. Within the context of the University's mission statement and responsiveness to national and international needs, curriculum innovation and continuing quality enhancement, the programme objectives are to:

Provide students with knowledge and critical analysis of key themes of business, corporate and finance law using the exemplar of English law set against an international backdrop.

Provide advanced legal knowledge and skills directly relevant to the international business, corporate and finance sectors through the delivery of intellectually stimulating course content underpinned in many areas by internationally recognised research.

Provide critical analysis of the complexities arising in this specialist field using challenging and informative global and comparative perspectives. The course is underpinned by the significant engagement with existing and emerging research and advanced scholarship.

Develop originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline.

Learning Outcomes

Code	Description
PLO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding critical awareness of the relevant contemporary legal issues.
PLO2	Critically evaluate, analyse and assess the nature of the legal framework, structure and regulation impacting on business, corporate and financial organisations using the exemplar of English law set against an international context.
PLO3	Develop a more in depth knowledge and understanding which is sufficient to critically evaluate key issues and current developments in relevant areas of international business, corporate and finance law.
PLO4	Show originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry may be used to create and interpret knowledge in relevant areas of law.
PLO5	Have a systematic understanding and critical awareness of current problems and contemporary issues and/or insights into the changing nature of UK and international business, corporate and financial organisations operating within a multi-national framework.

Code	Description
PLO6	Demonstrate conceptual understanding and evidence critical evaluation, current research and advanced scholarship in the areas of international business, corporate or finance law.
PLO7	Critically evaluate arguments, assumptions and abstract concepts and so formulate judgements and identify a range of solutions to a given problem.
PLO8	Demonstrate skills associated with problem-solving and decision making based on own research and analysis demonstrated through legal writing and communication skills.
PLO9	Develop an ability to exercise initiative when faced with novel and/or complex problem situations.
PLO10	Identify and summarise relevant information and develop an evidence-based approach to research and demonstrate competency in using information technology.
PLO11	Manage time and develop independent learning for continuous development.
PLO12	Apply critical and analytical skills associated with legal analysis to identified scenarios and situations.
PLO13	Research effectively through a selection of appropriate theories, methodologies and techniques using primary and secondary materials.
PLO14	Formulate judgements and identify a range of possible solutions to a given problem.

Programme Structure

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The Full Time course may be completed in 1 year (12 months); The programme permits a January start date.

Base Structure : January entry

In Semester 1 (January to May), students will be enrolled on 60 credits: 7156LAWBC Advanced Legal Research plus two options. From June to September students will be enrolled on 60 credits 7157LAWBC Dissertation(may be commenced any time after completion of Advanced Legal Research Methods).In Semester 2(September to December)students will be enrolled on 60 credits which will consist of three options. These 3 options in the Semester 2 offering will include any modules that were validated after the students' enrolment in January, e.g. students who registered on the programme in January 2019 will be permitted to register on modules that were validated in May 2019, for delivery from September 2019.

Base Structure: September entry

In Semester 1(September to December), students will be enrolled on 60 credits: 7156LAWBC Advanced Legal Research plus options. In Semester 2(January to May) students will be enrolled on 60 credits which will consist of three options and from May to August students will be enrolled on 60 credits 7157LAWBC Dissertation.

The pass mark for all modules is 50% except for Advanced Legal Research Methods which is a pass/fail module.

The rationale for this is that the module is a skills based module assessing basic competencies. This is normative within the discipline and has student body support. The Advanced Legal Research Methods Module must be passed prior to the submission of the Dissertation.

While all reasonable attempts will be made to offer all options in any given year, occasionally it may not be possible to offer a particular module. In such an event, students will be notified of this at the beginning of the course.

An alternative exit award of Postgraduate Diploma in International Business Corporate and Finance Law will be offered to students who do not achieve a pass in the dissertation module but have gained 120 credits within the programme.

An alternative award of Postgraduate Certificate in International Business Corporate and Finance Law will be offered to students who have gained 60 credits at the point they exit the course, the 60 credits may not include the dissertation module.

Programme Structure - 180 credit points	
Level 7 - 180 credit points	
Level 7 Core - 80 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 7100LAWLM Dissertation Approved 2022.01 - 60 credit points	
[MODULE] 7101LAWLM Advanced Legal Research Methods Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
Level 7 Optional - 100 credit points	OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 7150LAWBC International Trade and Finance Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7154LAWBC International Corporate Governance Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7155LAWBC International Financial Crime Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7160LAWBC International Dispute Resolution Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7162LAWBC International Labour Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7164LAWBC International Maritime Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7165LAWBC International Corporate Finance Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7166LAWBC International Investment Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7167LAWBC International Mergers and Acquisitions Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 7300LAWBC International Corporate Insolvency Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	

Module specifications may be accessed at <https://proformas.ljmu.ac.uk/Default.aspx>

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

The methods used to enable outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated are as follows:

All Learning Outcomes contained within this programme of study are assessed through the core and option Modules. Assessment is used to judge student performance against the standards set. Assessment is used to give students the opportunity to demonstrate achievement of the relevant learning outcomes in accordance with The QAA UK Quality Code Formative assessment is conducted through group interaction in the preparation of work for seminars, and summative assessment is provided through the completion of course work and the final dissertation. All taught modules, both Core and Option, are assessed summatively via written coursework of 4500 words. These assessments will require students to display independent learner status through exposition, knowledge and understanding of the stated Learning Outcomes for each Module and the programme as a whole.

Opportunities for work related learning

This programme of study is designed to enhance the employability and promotion prospects of persons in the international business corporate and finance sectors. It is relevant to a variety of individuals holding corporate and other positions within these discrete areas.

Additionally, this qualification develops skills appropriate to a range of careers within allied or related areas.

Whether or not an individual pursues a career in business, corporate and financial law, this postgraduate degree will provide a set of intellectual and practical skills that will aid career development. Holders of this award may also find positions in the field of education and research including continuing their study for a Ph.D.

Entry Requirements

Type	Description
Other international requirements	An appropriate first degree. In addition, where such a degree is not studied in English, an IELTS English qualification score of at least 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.5 in each element) will be required.
Relevant work experience	The requirements of a Second Class degree may be waived where it can be shown that an applicant has achieved a comparable academic standard through past studies and where previous work experience has made the applicant suitable for this Masters programme.
Undergraduate degree	A recognised first degree in Law of at least a good Second Class Honours standard.

Extra Entry Requirements