

International Business Law LLM

Course starts September
2013 – *Enrolling Now!*



Why International Business Law?

- **Gain** a competitive edge by increasing your knowledge of International Business law
- **Learn** about international and comparative approaches to business law
- **Enjoy** a diverse learning experience with international students from other legal systems
- **Improve** your academic profile
- **Enhance** your career and employability options in a globalised job market
- **Suitable** for International, EU and UK students
- **Available** for graduates in either Business or Law

Course Content

2 Core Modules comprising 30 credits as follows:

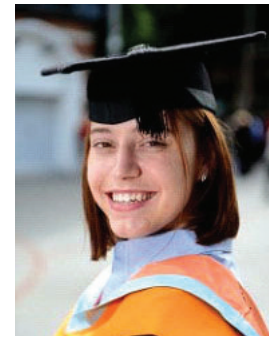
- Introduction to Comparative Business Law (15 credits)
- Research methods (15 credits)

Optional modules

A further 90 credits of taught modules that you select in accordance with your interests and needs.

Choose optional modules from:

- ***Comparative Company Law** (15 credits) – examines the corporate form and the nature of a company including the European *Societas Europaea* (SE), the corporate shield in the USA; methods of incorporation including SEs and Delaware corporation law; aspects of corporate governance in the UK, USA and SEs; shareholder and director relationships in the UK, USA and SEs
- ***International Sales Law** (15 credits) – international trade contracts; Incoterms; The Vienna Convention, modes of trade finance, payment and resolution of trade disputes.
- ***International Carriage of Goods** (15 credits) – Bills of lading and other shipping documents, International carriage of Goods conventions including Hague Visby, Hamburg and Rotterdam Rules; Problems of multimodal transport



- ***International Exploitation of Intellectual Property Rights** (15 credits) – The nature of IP law, an evaluation of its justifications and the global structure of international IP law; the agreement on Trade Related Aspects of IP (TRIPS) 1994; the Berne Convention ; the Madrid Protocol and the European competition law that effects its exploitation; The Community Design Regime, the Community Trade Mark ,the national structure of copyright and patent; issues of international enforcement specific to IP; overview of comparative differences in US law; international agreements for IP licensing and distributorship, including the impact of EU competition law upon them; a review of the exploitation of image rights across all IP fields
 - ***EU Competition Law 1** (15 credits) – explores the economics of competition, the scope of EU Competition law, abuse of a dominant position (Article 102); prohibition against restrictive practices (Article 101); Vertical agreements
 - ***EU Competition Law 2** (15 credits) – prior completion of module EU Competition Law 1 is a pre-condition for study of this module - Merger control; public enforcement; private enforcement; state aid.
 - ***European E-Commerce Law** (15 credits) – How the Internet works and the legal problems that arise; how contracts are formed electronically; The Brussels Regulations on Jurisdiction; The Rome Regulation on choice of law; the EU's e-commerce Regulations & Directives; E-signatures; Payment for goods and services over the internet; The Distance Selling directive; Sale and supply of goods to consumers; spam; data protection; on-line market places; what to do if the transaction goes wrong
 - ***Private International Law** (15 credits) – domicile, jurisdiction under EU and traditional rules, choice of law and enforcement of judgments.
 - **Consumer Law** (30 credits) – Who is a consumer? How are consumers protected and the safety and quality of products monitored? Consumer Law examines these issues plus business self-regulation, liability for defective services, trade descriptions and misleading information, criminal and civil law, and EU consumer law
 - **Individual Labour Law** (30 credits) – institutions of labour law and different forms of employment, employment contracts, constraints on the employment relationship, termination at common law, unfair dismissal and redundancy
 - **Intellectual Property Law** (30 credits) – introduces copyright and patent law, the exploitation of copyright and patents, confidentiality, trademarks and character merchandising
 - **Sale and Supply of Goods** (15 credits) – The passing of property and risk (title disputes), obligations to the seller and remedies for the breach of contract
- A 15,000 word dissertation** (60 credits) – written over the summer period on a topic that is relevant to an aspect of International Business Law. This provides you with an excellent opportunity to study an aspect of international business law that is of particular interest to you.

To gain a named award in International Business Law the core modules must be studied plus at least 30 optional module credits must be chosen from the following modules with an international flavour (indicated with an asterisk*) namely Comparative Company Law, International Sales Law, International Carriage of Goods, International Exploitation of Intellectual Property Rights, EU Competition Law, European E-Commerce Law, Private International Law and the dissertation topic must be on an area of international business law.

Note that the running of modules in any academic year is subject to minimum numbers of students enrolling for each module and the availability of staff.



Assessment

30 Credit modules are assessed by 2 assignments comprising:

1 x 4,000 word limit assignment carrying **40%** of the module assessment marks and

1 x 6,000 word limit assignment carrying **60%** of the module assessment marks

15 credit modules are assessed by:

1 x 5,000 word limit assignment

Dissertation of up to 15,000 words

Admission Criteria

You should normally have a good honours degree in law or a business related subject, or an international equivalent or professional qualification. In exceptional cases, applicants without a related degree but with extensive legal or business experience will be considered. No work experience is required.

If English is not your first language, an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with at least 6.5 in the writing test component and no less than 5.5 in each of the other components or equivalent qualification is normally required. English language tuition is available both before and during the course if required.

Why DMU?

Location

- Based in Leicester, in the heart of England,
- One of the UK's most vibrant cosmopolitan cities
- Superb transport links to the rest of the country only 1 hour's high speed train journey to London
- Well connected to East Midlands and Birmingham airports
- Affordable accommodation and cost of living
- Investment of £3 billion has transformed Leicester into a thriving, fast evolving city with much to see and do, including attractions such as the National Space Centre, Curve theatre and Highcross Shopping Centre
- Top Rugby, Football and Cricket teams.

Excellent facilities

- Law School housed in a new £35 million cutting edge building
- Located in the centre of Leicester's vibrant cosmopolitan, multi-cultural city
- Integrated law library, one of only a few in the UK
- Comprehensive on-line legal resources and databases
- Integrated court room and interview room
- State of the art IT integrated in all lecture theatres and seminar rooms
- Quality teaching and individual student support
- Law School students are regular finalists and winners of mooted competitions.



Dedicated English Language Centre

- International Students can benefit from dedicated English Language support from the University's Centre for English Language Learning (CELL)

The Centre for English Language Learning is:

- Accredited by the British Council
- A member of English UK, which is the National Association of Accredited English Language Centres
- A member of the British Association for Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes (BALEAP).

Accreditation by the British Council ensures quality and means that our high standards of teaching in all of our English Language courses are regularly monitored and inspected.

Staff teaching and Research Expertise

- Academic and professional law
- The university's pioneering research, driven by over 1,000 research students and supported by 500 staff, is internationally renowned and addresses some of the most critical issues affecting our world. Demonstrating the significance of this work, three key pieces of research are listed among the UK's top 100 projects that will have a profound impact on the future.

Dedicated Career and Employability Support

- Studying a postgraduate qualification at De Montfort University (DMU) can significantly boost your employment prospects and salary
- We have a variety of resources to help you prepare and search for your ideal job. From careers guidance to postgraduate placements in industry, we aim to give you the best possible start to your future career

- From employment fairs to graduate internships and from enterprise support to a whole range of careers advice, we make sure our students graduate ready to hit the ground running and embark on exciting and rewarding careers
- Our careers advisors are available for any careers guidance issues such as writing CVs, cover letter and interview practice all year round. They will also inform you of any schemes that we are currently running to help you into work.

Employer Connections

- Solicitor's practices
- Barrister's chambers
- Local authorities
- Work experience opportunities in industry and commerce.

Quality assurance

- The Solicitor's Regulation Authority's independent assessors awarded the highest possible grade of commendable practice for both teaching and student support carried out on the Legal Practice Course at De Montfort Law School.

International Accommodation Guarantee:

We know that finding a comfortable and secure place to live at university is vital, especially if you are an international student coming to live in the UK for the first time.

That is why we guarantee new international postgraduate students a room in university-sourced accommodation (subject to the terms of our International Student Accommodation Guarantee).

Further details can be found at – dmu.ac.uk/accommodation

Fees and Scholarships:

For further details of our postgraduate fees and available scholarships please contact our admissions team at bal@dmu.ac.uk, or log on at dmu.ac.uk/pg