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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Public International Law

Reference	BS4218	Version	7
Created	February 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	June 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	June 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To identify the principles which underpin the international legal system, analyse the distinctive norms/rules which regulate the international legal system, as distinct from domestic law. To examine and evaluate the practical application of international law and its response to contemporary international issues.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Analyse and critically evaluate the principles, sources and vocabulary of international law.
- 2 Appraise and discuss the major influencing factors which have determined the scope and nature of international law as a legal system.
- 3 Evaluate the practical international legal implications of current events.
- 4 Synthesise relevant doctrinal and policy issues in relation to a contemporary issue.
- 5 Construct and support orally and in writing a legal argument on issues of contemporary international law.

Indicative Module Content

Examination of the history, development and nature of the international legal system; the sources of international law; international personality; the rights and duties of states; the emergence of international organisations; and the position of the individual on the international stage.

Module Delivery

This is a lecture and seminar based module. Lectures provide core module content. Seminars develop associated higher level skills through student centred learning.

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 40% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Description: Oral presentation (20%) and written (20%) assignment - total 40% weighting (both equally weighted)

Component 2

Type: Coursework Weighting: 60% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4

Description: Written examination

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

C1 - Coursework - oral presentation and written assignment - 40% weighting (both equally weighted). C2 - Examination - 60% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
B	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
C	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
D	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
E	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
F	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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