

## 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.

<b>Indicative Student Workload</b>	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>
<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:
<b>A</b>	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>B</b>	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>C</b>	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>D</b>	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>E</b>	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>F</b>	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>NS</b>	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.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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