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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Public International Law

|           |             |             |         |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Reference | BS4218      | Version     | 8       |
| Created   | August 2021 | SCQF Level  | SCQF 10 |
| Approved  | June 2017   | SCQF Points | 15      |
| Amended   | August 2021 | 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       |
| Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body |           |           |

**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:        | Examination         | Weighting: | 60% | Outcomes Assessed: | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Description: | Written examination |            |     |                    |            |

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

The calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 40% weighting of C1 (horizontal axis) and 60% weighting of C2 (vertical axis) components. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

|             |    | Coursework:  |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------------|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|----|
|             |    | A  | B | C | D | E | F | NS |
| Coursework: | A  | A  | A | B | B | C | E |    |
|             | B  | B  | B | B | C | C | E |    |
|             | C  | B  | C | C | C | D | E |    |
|             | D  | C  | C | D | D | D | E |    |
|             | E  | C  | D | D | E | E | E |    |
|             | F  | E  | E | E | E | F | F |    |
|             | NS | Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination |   |   |   |   |   |    |

**Module Requirements**

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

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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