

Module Details	
Module Title	Foundations of Law and Skills (DL)
Module Code	LAW6029-Z
Academic Year	2022/3
Credit Rating	0
School	School of Law
Subject Area	Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 6
Pre-requisites	
Co-requisites	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Project Supervision	20
Directed Study	80

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
DLA	University of Bradford / Semester 1
DLA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims

This module is part of the induction to the LLM programmes of the School of Law. The aim is to provide an introduction to the English and International Legal Systems and the sources of Law, and key academic skills, including research and analytical skills.

The module is compulsory to all students who are joining the LLM programmes and is particularly useful to you if you have not previously studied law or come from a non-common law background. The module will equip you with knowledge of sources and institutions in English law which is essential to allow you to successfully complete the LLM.

Outline Syllabus

Topics to be covered will include:

- introduction to common law systems and to international law.
- Sources of English law and of international law.
- The structure of English courts.
- Introduction to key international courts and their jurisdiction.
- Essentials of legal analysis (legal research methods, critical evaluation, analysis of legislation and case law etc).

There will be a diagnostic test at the end to establish a baseline of knowledge to target additional support for students. Based on the results of the test, the LLM programme team will advise students on additional support in the form of additional sessions (e.g. academic skills advice sessions), in the identified areas from the test. The required additional support session will be delivered during the LLM course.

Learning Outcomes

01	Explain and discuss the key features and doctrines of common law and international law.
02	Explain the structure and functions of English courts and of significant international courts.
03	Understand the sources of English and international law.
04	Understand and analyse the essential elements of legal analysis.

05	Apply acquired knowledge to develop sound legal arguments.
06	Learn about your mode of studies (in-person or distance learning education) and the use of relevant learning technologies to support them.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Learning will be supported through pre-recorded online presentations that can be assessed at any time. This module is assessed through a closed book test. The test will contain a list of multiple choice questions.

This module utilises a diagnostic test to establish a baseline of knowledge to target additional support. All students must attempt it. If a student "fails" the test, a learning support plan will be put in place to ensure the student is able to meet the learning outcomes by the end of the semester.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Weighting	
Summative	Attendance requirement	Attendance/attempt of the main Test (1 hour) (Pass/Fail)		100%
Formative	Classroom test	A diagnostic closed-book test (60 minutes) aimed at establishing a baseline of student knowledge. (Pass/Fail)	1 hour	

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Please note:

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teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.