

SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law is located at the centre of London, near to Oxford Circus and close to the main civil and criminal courts, Parliament and the main seats of the legal professions, the Inns of Court and the Law Society. This gives aspiring lawyers the chance to experience the atmosphere and approach of their chosen profession throughout education and training. It also provides an opportunity to study in close proximity to the main solicitor's' firms and barristers' chambers. The School encourages students to take full advantage of its location.

The School is a first choice for both UK and international students. The courses combine interesting subject matter with a vocational orientation. The School has exceptionally strong links with the legal profession and an outstanding record in graduate career destinations. A broad and integrated range of academic and professional legal education is provided. Around half of its 1,700 students study for a first degree, taking a wide range of options in subjects as diverse as Entertainment Law, Human Rights and International Trade. Classes are often delivered by teachers from the vocational courses and by active researchers.

Large numbers of students want to be either solicitors or barristers and recent research suggests that well over half enter legal employment. School of Law alumni include Presidents of the Law Society, judges and QCs, as well as young lawyers or barristers of the year. Many secure opportunities that are hard to come by, such as pupillage at the Bar or training in large commercial law firms. Those who choose not to follow a legal career find that employers appreciate that a law degree is an excellent intellectual and practical preparation for other jobs - in the City, in local authorities or in publishing, for example.

Modules

The School of Law offers a range of specialised legal modules. Please note that because of the specific nature of these subjects, students must be prepared to demonstrate previous knowledge in the subject before they can undertake certain modules and pay great attention to any pre-requisites.

Please note that the University of Westminster is unable to guarantee the availability of the modules in this catalogue. All modules are subject to change, but are as accurate as possible at the time of going to print.

Pre-requisites

As explained earlier in the module catalogue, please be aware that some modules at Level 5 and Level 6 may have a pre-requisite requirement for students to have already completed specific modules or equivalents at a lower level.

e.g. **1LAW524 Law of Agency**
has a pre-requisite of **1LAW413 Law of Tort and 1LAW412 Law of Contract**.

As a study abroad student, you are not expected to have taken the specific pre-requisite requirement, but you must have studied a relevant or similar course / module in your home country / institution. Some modules have co-requisites, which mean that the module and the co-requisite must be taken at the same time.

Module Code	Title	Semester	Level	Credits
1LWX500	Issues in European Law	1	5	15
1LWX600	Issues in Company Law	1	6	15
1LWX601	Issues in Consumer Sales Law (p)	1	6	15
1LWX602	Issues in Criminal Procedure and Evidence (p)	1	6	15
1LWX603	Issues in Disability Law	1	6	15
1LWX604	Issues in Entertainment Law	1	6	15

1LWX605	Issues in Family Law	1	6	15
1LWX606	Issues in Human Rights Law in UK	1	6	15
1LWX607	Issues in International Trade Law (p)	1	6	15
1LWX608	Issues in Labour Law	1	6	15
1LWX609	Issues in Law of Intellectual Property	1	6	15
1LWX610	Issues in Media Law	1	6	15
1LWX611	Principles of Taxation	1	6	15
1LWX612	Issues in Public International Law	1	6	15

ISSUES IN EUROPEAN LAW

Module Code 1LWX500 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 1

This module will familiarise you with the legislative and judicial structure and functioning of the European Union, the fundamental characteristics of EU law, its methods and procedures.

ISSUES IN COMPANY LAW

Module Code 1LWX600 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

This module considers the concept of legal personality as applied to companies registered under the Companies Act and the role of the limited liability company in contemporary commercial life. The rules relating to the formation of the company are analysed from within an historical, economical and sociological perspective specifying the relation between corporate property and corporate control. You will be familiarised with the complex structure of legal rules relating to the management of the company. Particular reference will be made to the separation of ownership from control in the public limited company and the mechanism (legal, quasi-legal and informal) to ensure that the correct balance of power between the shareholders and the managers is maintained.

ISSUES IN CONSUMER SALES LAW

Module Code 1LWX601 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

Pre-requisites: a background in Criminal Law (1LAW500) and Law of Tort (1LAW504)

This module provides an in-depth analysis of Consumer Sales and Credit Law, with particular reference to the protection offered to the consumer.

ISSUES IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE

Module Code 1LWX602 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

Pre-requisites: a background in Criminal Law (1LAW500)

This module will enable you to acquire an understanding of the rules of evidence and procedure as applied in the criminal courts of England and Wales. You will be introduced to the corresponding rules in other common law and civil jurisdictions.

ISSUES IN DISABILITY LAW

Module Code 1LWX603 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

The course provides an analysis of the basic principles of disability law - the history of Disability Law and Disabled Workers' Protection; Employment; Goods, Facilities and Services; Education; Transport and Travel; Alternative Systems of Disability Rights; and the Future for Disability Rights.

ISSUES IN ENTERTAINMENT LAW (Law students only)

Module Code 1LWX604 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

This module is concerned with practical elements of the Entertainment business. Entertainment is given a broad definition and includes sport and other leisure and recreational activities. You will deal with a variety of issues including contracts, copyright and the licensing of entertainment events. These are elements of civil, criminal and increasingly European law.

ISSUES IN FAMILY LAW

Module Code 1LWX605 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

This module provides an opportunity to acquire a knowledge and understanding of the substantive law of England and Wales relating to family matters and to apply this, together

with the knowledge and understanding of the principles of family law acquired in the pre-requisite module, to practical situations and problems affecting families.

ISSUES IN HUMAN RIGHTS LAW IN THE UK

Module Code 1LWX606 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

Human rights are examined from a theoretical perspective and the history of rights protection is explored in depth. The impact of the Human Rights Act 1998 upon fundamental rights and freedoms is explored and critically evaluated together with the procedural aspects of the enforcement of rights protection.

ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (Law students only)

Module Code 1LWX607 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

Pre-requisites: a background in Law of Tort (1LAW504) and Law of Contract (1LAW412)

This module is designed to familiarise you with the rights and obligations of the exporter and importer in an international sales transaction. It will enable you to recognise the difficulties engendered in contracting across international boundaries and to advise clients about the special problems inherent in documentary transactions.

ISSUES IN LABOUR LAW

Module Code 1LWX608 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

This module examines in detail employment rights within the framework of both British industrial relations and domestic and European law. It considers both the individual and the collective elements that constitute modern labour law.

ISSUES IN LAW OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Module Code 1LWX609 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

This course is an introduction to the principal areas of Intellectual Property Law, namely, Confidence, Patents, Copyright, Designs, Trade Marks and Passing Off. The course explains the core principles, which govern protection, and seeks to evaluate whether or not the system of protection is as effective as it could be in terms of "public" access and the protection of owners. The course focuses primarily on UK law but will show how this is related to developments in international and European Union Law.

ISSUES IN MEDIA LAW

Module Code 1LWX610 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

This module aims to provide an in depth knowledge of the basic concepts relating to the structure of the media industry and ownership regulation. It will provide a framework for the critical analysis and evaluation of key concepts, theories and themes in media law and place media law within its political, social and economic context.

PRINCIPLES OF TAXATION

Module Code 1LWX611 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

This module deals, first, with the respective roles of Parliament and the courts with respect to English tax law, and, second, with the basic rules of law concerning income tax.

ISSUES IN PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Module Code 1LWX612 Level 6 Credit 15 Semester 1

This is an introduction to the subject, which will examine the origins and sources of international law and the participants in the international legal system.