

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
1LAW405	The Portrayal of Law and Lawyers in Film	2	4	15
1LAW406	Property and People	2	4	15
1LAW416	Criminal Justice 1: Causes and Institutions	2	4	15
1LAW417	Introduction to Legal Practice	2	4	15
1LAW420	Introduction to Business Law	2	4	15
1LAW421	Introduction to Rights and Law	2	4	15

1LAW422	Mooting and Advocacy	2	4	15
1LAW504	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2	5	15
1LAW512	Introduction to Human Rights Law	2	5	15
1LAW521	Law & Culture	2	5	15
1LAW522	Law and Medical Practice (Law Students Only)	2	5	15
1LAW524	Law of Agency (Law Students Only)	2	5	15
1LAW526	Criminal Justice 2: Offences and Issues	2	5	15
1LAW528	Housing Law	2	5	15
1LAW529	Legal Reasoning	2	5	15
1LAW530	Research Methods and Law	2	5	15
1LAW531	Women and the Law	2	5	15
1LWX500	Issues in European Union Law	2	5	15
1LAW650	Issues of Anglo-International Law	2	6	15

THE PORTRAYAL OF LAW AND LAWYERS IN FILM

Module Code 1LAW405 Level 4 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module is suitable for students with or without a background in legal study.

The Film and the Law module is concerned with the cinematic representations of law and legal personnel. You will view a number of films throughout the course in a number of distinct areas such as lawyers, miscarriages of justice, court martials, future law, judges and juries. Analysis of the films will be undertaken to determine whether there are key threads and themes running through the portrayals and to critically evaluate common characteristics.

PROPERTY AND PEOPLE

Module Code 1LAW406 Level 4 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module is suitable for students with or without a background in legal study.

This module offers a fresh and innovative approach to property law. The development and classification of modern property law are considered from various perspectives; historical analytical and philosophical. The module can be studied on its own or may be a valuable introduction to several higher level modules including substantive property law subjects.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 1: CAUSES AND INSTITUTIONS

Module Code 1LAW416 Level 4 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module is suitable for students with or without a background in legal study.

This module covers the following issues - the aims of the criminal justice policy; an overview of criminological theory; crime prevention; policing; criminal statistics; punishment and prisoners' rights.

INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL PRACTICE

Module Code 1LAW417 Level 4 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module is suitable for students with or without a background in legal study.

This module introduces you to essential elements of law in practice. It explains the application of English law and makes you familiar with the operation of legal rules and procedures in the main practice areas.

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS LAW

Module Code 1LAW420 Level 4 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module would be suitable for students with a general academic background in Law and an interest in Business Law.

The module reviews elements of a valid contract, contracts covered by The Sale of Goods Act 1979, The Sale and Supply of Goods Act 1994, the Consumer Credit Act 1974 and The Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982. The module also looks at consumer protection, including the Consumer Protection Act 1987, the employment contract and an insight into company law.

INTRODUCTION TO RIGHTS AND LAW

Module Code 1LAW421 Level 4 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module is suitable for students with or without a background in legal study.

This module provides a basic though broad introduction to rights. It covers the concept of rights and several categories of rights including animal rights, student rights and disability rights. It will also cover aspirational rights such as the right to privacy; right to use soft drugs and the right to public nudity. It will consider the role of law in relation to rights.

MOOTING AND ADVOCACY

Module Code 1LAW422 Level 4 Credit 15 Semester 2

A moot is the argument of the legal issues raised by a hypothetical case which takes place in the imaginary setting of a court of law. Students will be guided through the processes required to undertake a moot, by rehearsing and applying the law and developing confidence in advocacy.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Module Code 1LAW504 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module is suitable for students with or without a background in legal study.

This module looks at the nature of disputes, including emergence and transformation; the variety of mechanisms for dispute resolution; adjudication (trial and arbitration) mediation, conciliation, negotiation and various hybrids. The module also looks at principles of negotiation and mediation, and the practice of these processes of dispute resolution; role of third party neutrals and of representatives, including lawyers, and the ethical considerations attaching to these roles. The nature of debates regarding the advantages of adjudication and alternative dispute resolution in civil disputes. The module gives consideration to the use of methods of dispute resolution in different situations (e.g. family, construction disputes).

INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Module Code 1LAW512 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module provides a broad introduction to the legal protection of human rights at the national, regional and international level. It introduces students to the historical development of the legal protection of human rights protection along with introducing the legal frameworks for the protection of human rights in place at the national (UK), regional (Europe) and international (UN) levels.

LAW & CULTURE

Module Code 1LAW521 Level 5 credit 15 Semester 2

The module explores, through case studies, the interplay between law and culture, here defined as including the way of life of a people *and* the body of arts and intellectual work of a society. This includes 'popular culture'.

LAW AND MEDICAL PRACTICE (LAW STUDENTS ONLY)

Module Code 1LAW522 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

Pre-requisites: A background in the Law of Tort

This module is designed to provide an understanding of the law relating to medical practice. The module will introduce medical ethics and proceed to consider the law on consent to medical treatment, both for adult and minor patients, confidentiality, disclosure of treatment information and the legal remedies and procedures available to the patient who suffers a medical injury including a clinical negligence claim.

LAW OF AGENCY (LAW STUDENTS ONLY)

Module Code 1LAW524 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

Pre-requisites: A background in Law of Tort (1LAW413) and Law of Contract (1LAW412) or equivalent

This is an introduction to the concepts of the law of agency and the part played by agents in commercial transactions. The establishment of legal relationships between principle and third parties is also covered.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2: OFFENCES AND ISSUES

Module Code 1LAW526 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

Lectures will address the issues of race and mental disorder. Why are some ethnic minorities disproportionately represented in mental illness statistics? Is psychiatry discriminatory? How

does one explain the presence of significant numbers of mentally ill persons in prison? Should mentally disordered offenders be punished in prison or treated in hospital?

HOUSING LAW

Module Code 1LAW528 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module is designed to explore the legal structure and rules that underpin the provision of rented housing in the UK and the interaction between legal processes, housing management and other issues. It will critically evaluate the role of dispute resolution, regulating and policing agencies in housing law.

LEGAL REASONING

Module Code 1LAW529 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

Pre-requisites: Basic knowledge of law and the legal system

This module looks at communication, rules, logic and the concepts of judicial discretion, judicial subterfuge, justice, balancing interests, legal tradition, social change, morality and the role of the judge.

RESEARCH METHODS AND LAW

Module Code 1LAW530 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module provides an introduction to the role of research in law. It covers theoretical and empirical research and the various methods that may be employed to collect data. The course also provides you with an opportunity to practise these methods.

WOMEN AND THE LAW

Module Code 1LAW531 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module is an introduction to selected aspects of English Law as they relate to women. It takes women, rather than legal categories, as its starting point. It provides an opportunity to consider the treatment & portrayal of women in selected areas of the law & the legal system, the notion of equality & the pursuit of equality, & theories surrounding women and law.

ISSUES IN EUROPEAN UNION LAW

Module Code 1LWX500 Level 5 Credit 15 Semester 2

This module would be suitable for students interested in European Law.

This module deals with the basic substantive law of the European Union. It familiarises you with free movement of goods and persons, equal pay and equal treatment, the basics of competition law and the problematic of integration by focusing on environmental law.

ISSUES OF ANGLO-INTERNATIONAL LAW

Module Code 1LAW650 Level 6 credit 15 Semester 2

This module is concerned with the administrative system of justice and an area of substantive law within the expertise of the visiting academic.