University of Hertfordshire UH

Module Catalogue

Hertfordshire Law School

A DIRECTORY OF UNDERGRADUATE MODULES FOR EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

SEMESTER A, B AND AB 2021/22

INTRODUCTION

This module directory is specifically designed for exchange students to select modules at Hertfordshire Law School, University of Hertfordshire.

Please see the box below explaining the module codes:

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Module Level	School	Module Code

As an exchange student you can choose modules from levels 5, 6 and exceptionally at level 4.

Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
First Year Module	Second Year Module	Third Year Module

SEMESTER A

Policing and Society (5LAW1030) 7.5 ECTS

This module will identify key issues and major debates surrounding policing policy and practice, in England and Wales. Offering a general overview of the history and organisational structure of the police; policing theory and practice; realism; policing and the media; core issues in policing society; public order policing and equal opportunities and the future of policing. The course aims to enable students to grapple with various social, legal and criminological dimensions of policing work. Integrating a range of subject-specific and transferable skills, the course aims to provide students with a solid methodological and theoretical basis from which to pursue their own independent learning in the specific field of policing studies, as well as within the criminology and criminal justice field more broadly.

Youth and Crime (5LAW1033) 7.5 ECTS

This module is aimed at evolving your understanding of the current issues concerning youth, crime and criminal justice. It regards the relationship between 'youth' and 'crime' and considers how 'youth victimisation and youth culture' are linked with 'youth crime'. Theories associated with youth crime will be analysed and political discourse and statistical information will be also considered. The aim of the module is to develop your understanding of historical and modern debates and discourse with regard to youth justice, youth crime and their interrelationship with youth culture. Moreover, the module aims to focus on the role of restorative justice and alternative treatments against prison reform. For this reason, a global perspective is adopted.

Gender and Crime (5LAW1032) 7.5 ECTS

This module offers a thorough understanding of the connections between gender, crime and criminal justice. It studies the relationship between gender, victimisation and offending. It is highly recommended for students who are interested in considering gender in great depth and want to explore its connection with crime. Contemporary questions taking into account these elements are going to be discussed by this module. Gender crime is explored through reflecting on historical and contemporary theories on gender and crime, statistical information and political discourse. Do gender stereotypes affect women as victims and as offender? Are there and should there be different treatments in relation to the gender? How does the current criminal justice system regulate women offenders and victims and to what extent is gender taken into consideration? Feminist and criminological theories will assist the study of this module and the concept of gender will be considered alongside criminal justice, restorative justice, offending and victimisation.

Criminal Litigation (5LAW1056) 7.5 ECTS

The Criminal Litigation module provides a unique opportunity to support the development of a career in either civil or criminal legal professional practice. The course is practical and will be invaluable to any student who is considering a future in legal practice. This module provides an excellent opportunity for aspiring advocates to get a head start on adversarial skills and covers how to manage litigation strategically and effectively, and provides a practice focused on understanding the rules of litigation. From Criminal Litigation you will gain extensive knowledge on the procedures involved with; arrest and charge, first appearance and bail, trial advocacy and sentencing.

White Collar Crime (6LAW1042) 7.5 ECTS

This module will equip students with an appreciation of the political, social and financial costs of white-collar crime, as well as the particular challenges that exist in its effective detection, measurement and interdiction. It will enable students to recognise and engage with the political, social and economic considerations that shape policies towards white-collar and corporate crime. The module will be wide-ranging and research-led providing a rounded introduction to key literature and debates in the field from an international comparative perspective.

Jurisprudence (6LAW1049) 7.5 ECTS

The module will consider the relationship between law, morality and political theory along with the nature of moral arguments and cultural influences on law and the influence of political arguments in judicial interpretation and its impact on legal theory

Legal Aspects of Digital Economy (6LAW1096) 7.5 ECTS

This module will examine a variety of Internet and emerging technologies law and policy principles. This will include the development of the Internet in terms of technology and governance. A part of the module will focus on consumer protection online and will explore rules relating to digital marketing, distance selling and e-payment. The module will explore how companies exist online and how they can ensure that terms and conditions are adequate and in accordance with the law. The module will also allow you to examine any emerging legal issue in the area of the Internet and digital economy.

Civil Litigation (6LAW1102) 7.5 ECTS

Civil litigation deals with resolving through the courts contractual and commercial disputes or claims for personal injury. Therefore, it is one of the most important areas of legal procedure as it governs how the vast majority of disputes must be handled. As well as studying the actual procedural rules, the module will explore the theory underpinning them and assess whether the balance between the conflicting rights and interests of both parties is appropriately set.During the module you will learn the process of taking a civil claim all the way from the issuing of the claim form through to appealing the decision of the trial judge. As well as the learning the pre-trial and trial procedure, you will also learn how to make key applications such as:• Obtaining a default judgement• Obtaining summary judgment• Seeking an interim remedy such as an interim payment

Terrorism (6LAW1040) 7.5 ECTS

Following the events of 11th September 2001, and 7th July 2005, public concerns surrounding terrorism, and its associated threats, have inevitably, perhaps irreversibly, deepened. Terrorism and security are, therefore, issues near at the top of the political agenda in countries from across the globe. This module will provide students with knowledge and understanding of the nature and impact of criminal offending within the specific context of terrorism. Additionally, students will gain appreciation of the complicated nature of dealing with the problems that arise in defining, preventing and detecting terrorist activities, which by its nature, transcends national borders. Students will also gain an awareness of the potential issues which face law enforcement bodies and Government, when implementing legislature, in order to attempting to deal with Terrorism offences

State Crime (6LAW1041) 7.5 ECTS

Long-standing debate within criminology about the scope and subject matter of state crime is reflected in the polarity of definitions of the concept, which locate breaches of the law by states at one end of the spectrum, and definitions based on non-statutory breaches of human rights at the other. How could the state be a criminal actor when legally it is the state itself that defines criminal behaviour by making and enforcing the law? Meaning, it could only be criminal on those rare occasions when it denounces itself for breaking its own laws. Yet, if criminology is to develop as a discipline that studies and analyses criminal, violent, abusive and deviant behaviours, then it is necessary to include state criminality in its field, on the grounds that the consequences of state crimes are more widespread and destructive than those of conventional crimes.

Hate Crime and Discrimination (6LAW1087) 7.5 ECTS

This module offers an in-depth analysis of the criminological links between hate crime, discrimination and society. Students will apply the concepts of prejudice and discrimination to case studies and will focus on a number of equality and diversity initiatives, putting forward their own critiques of reformative action. The aim of the module is for students to develop a sound understanding of the social, political and criminological implications of hate crime on society and the discourses surrounding social divisions. There will be a specific focus on discrimination involving gender, disability, sexuality and race. This will include analysing initiatives on male victims of domestic violence, examining organisations tackling disability hate crime, studying Stonewall's homophobic hate crime research and examining new racism as a cultural phenomenon.

Punishment and Society (6LAW1089) 7.5 ECTS

This module focuses on the relationship between punishment and the society. It offers an in-depth analysis of how punishment influences the governance of modern societies. It provokes the students to think beyond the punitive ends of punishment, to explore the social impact of punishment, and to see penal policy as a part of the comprehensive social policy. It also familiarises the students with the contemporary critiques of penal policies in major Western countries.

Drugs, Crime and Criminal Justice (6LAW1075) 7.5 ECTS

Drugs, Crime & Criminal Justice module aims to provide students with a solid grounding in the key policy and research issues relating to illicit drug use, crime and justice. Illicit drug use and the associated implications for crime and criminal justice have become central issues for criminal justice and criminology over the last fifteen years. Dependent use of illicit drugs such as heroin and crack has increased steeply. With it there have been new crime problems and new responses to these problems. The increasing popularity of drugs such as cannabis, psychoactive substances and - to a lesser extent - cocaine has fuelled the debate about the laws governing drug use and possession. The emergence of so-called legal highs has also presented significant challenges to the current system of control. The increasing societal acceptance of recreational drug use coupled with questions about the effectiveness of the 'War on Drugs' has led to successive governments being questioned about their reluctance to reform current drug policy and their unwillingness to find new ways to tackle a complex problem.

SEMESTER B (15)

Imprisonment and Justice (5LAW1031) 7.5 ECTS

Punishment through imprisonment arguably serves as the lynchpin of contemporary criminal justice systems. The threat of imprisonment underpins logics of deterrence, incapacitation and 'just desserts', as well as rehabilitative aims. Yet the success of imprisonment—both as a crime control measure and as an institution of rehabilitation—remains limited. So while the prison is a core feature of western liberal democracies, it is also a source of much controversy and debate. Particularly as prison populations in England, Wales and elsewhere continue to grow at unprecedented levels, and as technologies of punishment extend well beyond the physical boundaries of the prison walls, the stakes of these debates are high. The expansion of imprisonment also raises broader questions about the relationship between imprisonment, law, democracy, and justice.

Ethnicity and Crime (5LAW1034) 7.5 ECTS

This module will present an assessment of official information on the criminality of ethnic minorities. Although much of the debates will centre on the UK, the module will explore situations in other countries and jurisdictions. What is it about 'race' that has made it a variable in academic and political discussions about crime? What is the nature of the political response to the 'race and crime' debate? The module will examine the evidence on the criminalisation and victimisation of minority ethnic people, and how recent international and nation events have acerbated this; for example, in relation to the 'war' on terror. How effective has been the political efforts to tackle racism in the criminal justice system and address the problem of disproportionality? The module will offer an analysis of racism and the criminal justice process from crime and victimisation to policing, punishment and probation.

Terrorism and Criminology (5LAW1048) 7.5 ECTS

Following the events of 11th September 2001, and 7th July 2005, public concerns surrounding terrorism, and its associated threats, have inevitably, perhaps irreversibly, deepened. Terrorism and security are, therefore, issues near at the top of the political agenda in countries from across the globe. This module will provide students with knowledge and understanding of the various approaches to studying terrorism and initiatives that are intended to counter it, as well as providing students with knowledge and understanding of the nature and impact of criminal offending within the specific context of terrorism.

Criminal Evidence (5LAW1035) 7.5 ECTS

The Law of Evidence is arguably the most important subject one can study; what use is knowing the test for theft if it is unknown what facts can be relied upon to demonstrate the test has been satisfied? Evidence underpins all areas of substantive law. The module explores the various evidential tensions existing in criminal trials in England, notably balancing the need to ensure an accused receives a fair trial with the often conflicting needs of wider society and the general administration of justice. For example, why should evidence which suggests guilt be inadmissible? If a confession is true, is right that it can be excluded from consideration by the jury? Subjects include evidence relating to: • Confessions • Silence • Identification • Character • Hearsay As well as the theoretical perspectives, the module also puts the law into a practical context through the use of oral and written advocacy exercises.

Cybercrime (6LAW1069) 7.5 ECTS

The module will enable students to understand the development of cybercrime as a phenomenon, both domestically and internationally. Students will be able to appreciate the Internet architecture and landscape within which the novel types of crimes arise. The module will look at the existing and emerging types of crime online, inter alia: computer misuse and hacking, Cyber fraud, Online harassment and trolling, Online pornography and child pornography, Online piracy and Cyberwarfare. This list is, however, not exhaustive as the module will inevitably include and examine the emerging cybercrimes and regulation that aims to prevent and tackle these criminal behaviours.

International Environmental Law (6LAW1103) 7.5 ECTS

The module will allow you to develop an ability to understand, apply, and analyse the law in respect of international trade. The module will examine international dispute resolution through identifying the applicable law to a contract and which jurisdiction's court will hear a dispute before considering the different types of international commercial contracts (i.e. CIF and FOB) and the respective implications for the parties involved. The module will also cover the carriage of goods under common law and the various international conventions applicable to international trade, including multi-modal and carriage of goods by sea conventions, as well as the varying forms of finance available to the parties. In addition, the role of documentation will be analysed, in particular bills of lading and marine insurance policies that are crucial for the expedience and facilitation of international trade.

Digital Technologies, Law & Economy (6LAW1147) 7.5 ECTS

This module explores the body of legal frameworks that apply to the digital technologies that affect people's daily lives particularly following the emergence of the internet and ensuing developments including Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, etc. As these technologies are driven not only by the internet but also big data analytics, AI techniques and manipulative/persuasive methods to capture the attention of the users, the affected areas and issues of law are a quite a lot, incorporating intellectual property (IP), competition law, electronic communications law, data privacy. Not only basics of these legal areas but also related issues of digital economy, i.e. Digital Single Market, digital platforms, online intermediaries will be covered in the module, considering transformative effect of the digital technologies over the traditional economical concepts and transactions. On top of these, IoT and cloud based data constraints, issues of contractual liability and legal personhood regarding autonomous entities, ethical/legal concerns surrounded by AI and robotics will also be covered. In so doing, the focus will be on the UK and the EU legal systems whereas the best practices from across the world will also be examined as appropriate.

Data Protection Law (6LAW1095) 7.5 ECTS

This module will enable you to examine the development of data protection law as a distinct area of legal practice. You will explore the current data protection legislation in the European Union, and its reform in the face of continuous technological development. In particular, you will examine the key concepts at the heart of the European data protection framework, such as the notion of informed consent and the notion of "personal data". You will also consider in detail the obligations placed on data controllers, as well as the rights enjoyed by individual data subjects. In addition to this, the module also involves the analysis of various policy challenges posed by technological developments, such as the emergence of Big Data and the Internet of Things.

Human Rights (6LAW1047) 7.5 ECTS

This module will cover: The module examines the basis for the Human Rights discourse moving from the particular UK legal situation to the wider aspects of the European Convention, focusing on and establishing threads of similarities in order to establish a cohesive picture of Human Rights. The module focuses initially on the Human Rights Act 1998 and the effects on human rights in the UK since the Act came into force in 2000. This is followed by consideration of the European Convention on Human Rights machinery and its relationship with the UK's domestic legal order. The module explores the extent to which key European human rights concepts and principles are apt in maintaining a healthy relationship between the UK and the ECHR institutions. It pays particular attention to a number of fundamental rights and their interplay including the prohibition of torture, the right to life, aspects of fair trial, the right to private life, religious freedom, and freedom of expression.

Space Law & Policy (6LAW1117) 7.5 ECTS

This module will review the content of UN treaties (and relevant resolutions), as well as some national space laws and policies. Other topics will include, inter alia, the International Space Station and the status of astronauts, the status of space objects and liability for their return to earth, regulation of earth orbits, telecommunications and direct satellite broadcasting, remote sensing, global navigation satellite systems, space policy within the EU, military uses of outer space and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI).

Organised Crime (6LAW1051) 7.5 ECTS

Transnational and organised crime constitutes a major concern of policy-makers and this module is highly recommended to students with an interest in the political discourse and criminological side of this phenomenon. Transnational Organised crime encompasses issues such as drug trafficking, illegal arms trafficking and human trafficking/modern slavery, which cause global anxiety and transcend the limits of national criminal justice and law enforcement

War Crimes (6LAW1088) 7.5 ECTS

This module introduces students to explore theoretical concepts and causes of war crimes from a variety of different perspectives (e.g. Holocaust, Bosnia, Rwanda, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Second World War and Latin America cases). A fundamental aspect of this module is to expose students to explore a framework for thinking about: What is war, the rights, and wrongs of conducting a war and why is it a matter of criminological/sociological interest? What are the experiences and emotions linked with war crimes and genocide? How is killing in war constructed in the minds of those who kill? What is mass killing/genocide and how is it accomplished and facilitated in war? How perpetrators of mass killing, deny, justify, or legitimise mass killing/genocide. It also explores issues of war crime prevention, prosecution, and punishment.

Media and Crime (6LAW1091) 7.5 ECTS

This module aims to understand the relationship between media and crime in a global world. It aims to answer why crime news matters in society and how media affects the understanding of crime and deviant behaviour. It analyses the concepts related to crime and newsworthiness, crime entertainment, theories of media and crime, media influence and moral panic

Victimology (6LAW1090) 7.5 ECTS

Victimology aims to provide students with the theoretical knowledge on crime victimisation. It looks at the conceptualisation of victimology and measurements of crime victimisation. It enables the students to understand the impact and remedies of crime victimisation. It specifically focuses on victim centered justice and victim rights. The module also covers different victimisation of different crimes including homicide, domestic violence, sexual abuse. It also aims to analyse the concept of vulnerable victims, child victims and elderly victims within criminology.

Level 7 – Master courses available to Exchange Students 30 UH Credits each (15 ECTS)

SEMESTER A

International Electronic Communications Law (7LAW1132)

This dynamic module explores the legal framework that exists for the electronic communications sector within the European Union and the UK. Insight into the drivers for regulation including the desire for greater integration will be given and an exploration of the regulatory systems in place will be undertaken. The module will look at any emerging areas such as cloud computing, net neutrality, and surveillance. Also, the questions considering spectrum management will be considered. Finally, the course will explore changes to the European legislative landscape in this area

International Human Rights Law (7LAW1068)

The module intends to provide a rigorous and stimulating, theoretical and practical understanding of human rights law from a comparative and cross-cultural perspective. You will examine theoretical and philosophical discussions on human rights, international law on human rights, as well as regional systems of protection and the effectiveness of the United Nations system. On this module, you will focus on civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights and will use certain case studies from around the world to demonstrate the relevance and applicability of international human rights law.

Banking Law (7LAW1059)

This module will allow students to develop an understanding of the role of Banks in our economy and certain regulatory and supervisory regimes that apply to them. You will analyse the nature of the Banker-Customer relationship and examine the impact of new electronic payments systems on the Banking industry. You will also consider developments within Money Laundering Regulations and the issue of Bank resolution with reference to the global financial crisis.

Public International Law (7LAW1060)

The module aims to place public international law within its political context. You will begin the course by exploring the sources of international law as well as its key actors, Institutions and dispute settlement techniques. Throughout the course, you will focus on a number of substantive areas with particular currency, such as for instance, the use of force or international criminal law and you will reflect on the critical interplay between law and politics.

Intellectual Property (7LAW1061)

In this module, you will study the development of intellectual property law as a distinct area of legal practice. You will explore the current intellectual property framework at an international, European, and domestic level. You will consider reforms in the face of continuous technological development, and examine key areas such as copyright, trademarks, patent law and design rights

Legal Risk Management and Compliance (7LAW1063)

Legal risk management has become a huge growth area since the financial crisis of 2008. There is both a strong practical demand and an academic viewpoint for you to consider within your studies. In this module, you will explore how effective legal risk management and compliance is a central component of effective governance in public, private, and not for profit organisations and can serve as a key competitive differentiator for a commercial organisation and enhance its long-term financial viability and profitability. The recent expansion and focus of technology firms and their regulatory issues will provide a new area and the importance of effective legal risk management will be examined both proactively and reactively. Practical issues on the role of adviser to a business client in the context of legal risk, management and governance will be explored and regulation will be considered from the perspective of statutory regulation, with consideration of specific overarching frameworks.

International Commercial Law (7LAW1062)

The course will examine the choice of law/jurisdiction clauses, the different types of international commercial contracts and the respective implications for the parties involved. In the course, you will also examine the various international conventions applicable to international commerce as well as the role of documentation through a consideration of bill of lading. Finally, marine insurance and the typical method of financing used in international commerce will be discussed in detail.

SEMESTER B

International Financial Law (7LAW1077)

This module will allow students to compare the approach of different jurisdictions to key aspects of financial law. You will examine aspects of the regulation and supervision of financial institutions (particularly in response to the global financial crisis), explore aspects of the International Financial Architecture and evaluate the role of Credit Rating Agencies. You will also examine the nature of certain key debt and financial instruments including International Bonds and Syndicated Loan Agreements. You will be encouraged to research and discuss emerging legal issues relating to International Financial Law

Employment LAW (7LAW1076)

In this course, you will look at the concept of employment status, particularly in the light of new ways of working and possible reform. You will be considering both express and implied terms of a contract of employment, along with possible ways to vary them and the implications thereof. You will analyse current Equality Law. The law relating to dismissal in its various forms will also be considered. You will also study remedies available for various claim

Data Protection Law (7LAW1073)

This module will enable you to examine the development of data protection law as a distinct area of legal practice. You will explore the current data protection legislation in the European Union, and its reform in the face of continuous technological development. In particular, you will examine the key concepts at the heart of the European data protection framework, such as the notion of informed consent and the notion of "personal data". You will also consider in detail the obligations placed on

data controllers, as well as the rights enjoyed by individual data subjects. In addition to this, the module also involves the analysis of various policy challenges posed by technological developments, such as the emergence of Big Data and the Internet of Things.

International Environmental Law (7LAW1065)

The module will introduce students to contemporary global environmental challenges and explore how the law responds to these issues. You will examine the specific features of international environmental law in terms of its historical development, its sources and core principles, and the options available for compliance control and enforcement, including the role of environmental actors (States, international organisations and sub national actors). The module aims to help you develop a critical understanding of the complex political, economic and social context in which environmental issues are set. This will be explored through a number of case studies including e.g. atmosphere protection and climate change; the protection of biodiversity. Throughout, the relationship between environmental protection and economic development and the relevance of principles of sustainability will be emphasised and analysed.

Private International Law (7LAW1071)

This course will focus on the rules of Private International Law as they operate in England and Wales. The course will begin by examining basic concepts and you will then be able to consider the law on connecting factors before proceeding to examine the rules on jurisdiction both at common law and as they operate under European secondary legislation. You will then study the relevant choice of law rules in contract and tort before examining the various legal regimes that provide for the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.

Medical Law and Ethics (7LAW1076)

On this course, you will examine a wide range of both medical law and medical ethics, with an international perspective. Included in the module will be medical negligence and legal and ethical dilemmas regarding patients' consent to medical treatment including Advance Decisions and treatment of the incompetent patient. You will then consider medical law and ethics from 'birth to death'. Beginning with new and emerging assisted reproductive technologies that have global application such as, but not limited to gene editing, embryo testing and surrogacy, the start of life then turns to subjects such as abortion. Highly topical issues and relevant issues to the global society such as organ donation will be explored before moving onto the end of life which will include, examination of the law and ethics of assisted suicide in the UK and other countries and other end of life issues. You will also examine any new emerging technologies/areas of law in this fast-developing area of law and ethics globally.

Alternative Dispute Resolution LPC (7LAW1055)

The module considers Alternative Dispute Resolution and relevant statutory legal regulation. It examines the process of ADR to solve disputes and how to solve these, together with the procedures which underpin these legal issues. Students are expected to demonstrate awareness of professional conduct in advice given to clients.

Corporate Governance (7LAW1075)

In this course, you will focus on the fundamental and contemporary aspects of corporate governance. You will learn and develop knowledge about the internal governance of a company, ranging from topics on corporate governance theories, law and practice. You will be assessed via written coursework to meet the learning outcomes that focus on the development of independent learning, subject knowledge, research and application.