



Module code	IBLD	NQF level	7
Credit value	60	Study duration	36 weeks

# International Business Law Dissertation

## Module description

This module provides students with an opportunity to conduct an original research project on a topic of interest, aligned to a relevant area within international trade and commercial law. Students will submit a research proposal in their research methods module and this proposal will be used to identify an appropriate member of staff to act as the student’s supervisor. The module is 36 weeks in duration and by the end of the module, successful students will produce a piece of research using appropriate research methods for a piece of independent work at level 7.

## This module aims to:

- Develop an independent research on a legal topic of student’s choice, under the guidance of a supervisor
- Explore a legal issue in depth, reviewing and critically analysing legal opinions, whether judicial or otherwise
- Critically analysis a legal issue in order to develop and justify a person position on that legal issue
- Develop skills in planning and organising a legal research project, especially enhancing student’s ability to muster appropriate primary and secondary legal materials
- Plan, organise and communicate detailed material in a coherent readable way

## Learning outcomes

On completion of this module, students will be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the particular legal issue which you have selected as the subject of your dissertation, in particular knowledge of the substantive legal position as identified and derived from primary legal materials on that issue
- write a convincing research proposal appropriate for postgraduate research
- evidence competence in research retrieval, evidence synthesis and presentation
- carry out a focused critical and analytical reading and synthesis of accessed information on the topic
- systematically structure and effectively present in written form a synthesis of accessed information relevant to the research topic.

## Supervision

This module is research based and as a result students will not receive a taught syllabus. Rather students will be provided with a dissertation supervisor who will guide the student throughout the duration of their thesis. Students can expect to have up to six hours of one to one supervision, which will be conducted through an online meeting room. In addition, students will also be able to access supervisor support via phone and email.

Description of unit of assessment	Length/Duration	Submission date	Weighting
Research proposal	2,500 words	Within 6 weeks of module start	15%
Dissertation	14,000 words	Within 36 weeks of module start	70%
Viva	15 to 20 minutes	Within 4 weeks of the thesis submission	15%