

Module title: European Union Law

Module code:	EUUL	NQF level:	Level 6
Credit value:	15 credits	Study duration:	9 weeks

Module description

This is a 15 credit Level 6 module which forms part of the core of the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology/Business programme. All students must complete this part of the course. The module covers the general principles of EU law, its nature and sources. Students will consider the development of the EU, focusing on the key institutions and the decision-making procedures.

Aims

This module aims to:

- Introduce students to the development of the EU
- Explore the roles and functioning of the EU key institutions

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Demonstrate critical understanding of the nature of the EU, including its institutional design and constitutional arrangements
- Analyse the role and function of the EU Institutions;
- Critically assess the development of doctrines such as direct effect and supremacy as well as other general principles in the European Union Legal order;
- Understand the function of the Internal Market and more specifically the rules which apply to the Free Movement of Goods, the Free Movement of Persons, the Freedom to Provide Services and the Freedoms of Establishment.
- Identify and explain how EU law is enforced and of the interaction of the European Union Legal Order with the legal systems of its member states (in particular the UK).

Syllabus

- Introduction to the EU: History, enlargement, sources of EU law and institutions
- Legislative processes
- Supremacy of EU Law; Direct effect; Subsidiarity and proportionality principles
- Protection of fundamental rights
- Introduction to the internal market
- Free movement of goods
- Free movement of services and freedom of establishment
- Free movement of workers and European citizenship
- Proceedings before the ECJ: references for preliminary rulings, actions for annulment, actions against EU institutions
- Proceedings before national courts, and recent challenges faced by EU

Learning and teaching methods

The Learning and Teaching Methods for the Module follow the intended online delivery Strategy for the Programme as a whole. The module will be delivered by reading materials available on the learning platform supported by discussion forums and online lectures using the Zoom synchronous communication and application sharing facility. Students will be encouraged to identify and share relevant web-based resources. Within the Live lectures and discussions you will be encouraged to explore current theoretical, practical and policy issues with your tutor and fellow students.

Assessment

Description of unit of assessment	Length / Duration	Submission Date	Weighting
2 Assessed Discussion Activities	Two weeks	NA	20%
Mid Module Assignments	2,500 – 3,000	Mid term	40%
End of Module Project	2,500 – 3,000	End term	40%