

Module Details				
Module Title	Foundations of Law and Skills (Distance Learning)			
Module Code	LAW7048-Z			
Academic Year	2021/2			
Credits	N/A			
School	School of Law			
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7			

Contact Hours				
Туре	Hours			
Directed Study	60			
Project Supervision	20			

Availability				
Occurrence Location / Period				
DLA	University of Bradford / Semester 1			
DLA	University of Bradford / Semester 2			

Module Aims

The module is part of the induction to the LLM programmes of the School of Law. It will provide an introduction to distance learning education and relevant learning technologies and an introduction to the English and International Legal Systems and the sources of Law, and key academic skills, including research and analytical skills. The module is compulsory to all joining the LLM programmes and is particularly useful to you if you have not previously studied law or come from a non-common law background. The module will equip you with knowledge of sources and institutions of law, which is essential to allow you to successfully complete the LLM. The module will offer you an opportunity to study the module content in your own time at the beginning of the LLM programme. Upon completion of the module you will be assessed on the modules learning outcomes.

The module is not credit bearing. All students must take the module. There will be a diagnostic test at the end to establish a baseline of knowledge to target additional support for you. Based on the results of the test, the LLM programme team will prepare further support for students in the form of additional sessions (e.g training on learning technologies, academic skills advice sessions etc), in the identified areas from the test. The session will be delivered during the LLM course.

Outline Syllabus

- Introduction to common law systems and to international law.

- Sources of English law and of international law.

- The structure of English courts.

- Introduction to key international courts and their jurisdiction.

- Essentials of legal analysis (eg legal research methods, critical evaluation, analysis of legislation and case law)

Learning Outcomes				
Outcome Number	Description			
01	Identify and explain the key features and doctrines of common law and international law.			
02	Identify and explain the structure and functions of English courts and of significant international courts.			
03	Outline the sources of English and international law.			
04	Outline the essential elements of legal analysis.			
05	Apply the acquired knowledge to develop sound legal arguments.			
06	Learn about distance learning education and the use of relevant learning technologies			

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Learning will be supported through pre-recorded online presentations that can be assessed at any time. This module is assessed through a closed book test. The test will contain a list of multiple choice questions. If a student fails, a learning support plan will be put in place to ensure the student is able to meet the learning outcomes by the end of the semester .

Mode of Assessment						
Туре	Method	Description	Weighting			
Summative	Attendance requirement	Attendance of the online test	100%			

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <u>https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html</u>

Please note:

This module descriptor has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but minor changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.