

Module Details	
Module Title	Sustainable Development Law in Contemporary Business and Society (Distance Learning)
Module Code	LAW7054-B
Academic Year	2021/2
Credits	20
School	School of Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Directed Study	176
Online Lecture (Asynchronous)	12
Online Seminar (Synchronous)	12

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

Module Aims
<p>This module aims to provide an appreciation of the international law of sustainable development by introducing key international legal frameworks and institutions related to sustainable development and by looking into certain important areas where international sustainable development law is being implemented. The module also discusses practical issues related to sustainable development, such as those arising from the efforts to eradicate poverty and inequality and the support of the poor and disadvantaged. The areas of primary focus are: business, environment, human rights and international trade/commerce.</p>

Outline Syllabus
<p>Introduction to core concepts of sustainable development; Crosscutting Issues in sustainable development law; The status of sustainable development in international law and policy; Contemporary issues related to the implementation of sustainable development in selected areas (business, energy, climate change, human rights, poverty eradication, intergenerational equity, trade/investment/commerce, IT, Artificial intelligence etc); Building legal frameworks for a sustainable world; The future of sustainable development law.</p>

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Critically analyse at a practical and theoretical level, the contemporary political, social and economic context in which sustainable development law operates.
02	Appreciate the conceptual relationship between the elements of sustainable development and their underlying theoretical philosophy and frameworks.
03	Carry out independent research in the relevant field using a range of primary and secondary sources.
04	Use evidence, arguments, assumptions and abstract theories of international sustainable development law to formulate judgements or identify solutions to theoretical or practical problems.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>All sessions are delivered online using digital legal resources and appropriate learning technologies. The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for each module is the hub of knowledge through which all module materials are accessed and where a big part of student work takes place.</p> <p>The module will be delivered over 12 weeks 5 of which will include synchronous learning and 7 asynchronous. Synchronous learning, which involves student interaction with module lecturers and tutors, includes four 2-hour "live" weekly seminars focusing on delivering content, clarifying issues on the law topics, and discussing answers to student tasks. One additional 2-hour synchronous seminar will focus on the design of and preparation for the summative assessment, module revision, and the collection and review of student feedback which will be used to improve module delivery.</p> <p>The seven weeks of asynchronous learning include a mix of learning activities such as pre-recorded online presentations or talks on a particular topic, links to relevant videos and online resources and lists of questions and tasks for self-study. You can watch the presentations, videos and work on the answers and tasks at your own time.</p> <p>The learning materials and activities (synchronous and asynchronous) cover the underlying theory and consider issues of critical evaluation of sustainable development law through a combination practical questions and case studies. Successfully completing tasks set requires independent legal research drawing on variety of both primary and secondary materials and written and oral presentations by you.</p> <p>Oral feedback is given in the class during the live sessions and opportunities for written feedback are provided. A formative assessment will be made available to help you better prepare for the summative assessment. An online module manual provides an outline of the module structure, content, learning and teaching strategy and assessment format.</p> <p>The manual is complemented by more detailed study guides which provide guidance on the topic of the weekly study and contain the learning materials (pre-recorded lectures, slides, tutorial tasks, self-study tasks) the reading lists, and other useful information for each week.</p>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	A critical account and evaluation of a contemporary problem	80%
Summative	Presentation	Group presentation on a module topic (15 Mins)	20%

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

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.

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