

# LA227-15 Introduction to Competition Law

**20/21**

**Department**

School of Law

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

100% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

The aim of this half module is to introduce you to the main principles and policies of Competition Law in the United Kingdom (UK) and European Union (EU).

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### Module aims

The aim of this half module is to introduce you to the main principles and policies of Competition Law in the United Kingdom (UK) and European Union (EU). Specific topics will be studied within the general themes of the legal framework, institutions and approaches to the regulation of specific anticompetitive conduct in the two main areas of anti-competitive conduct: Abuse of market power: Article 102 TFEU (EU) and Chap II Competition Act 1998 (UK) and anti-competitive agreements: Article 101 (EU) and Chap I (UK). The emphasis placed on EU and UK competition law will vary according to any divergence of UK law from EU law post-Brexit. No prior knowledge will be assumed.

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Introduction: Overview of competition laws

The economics of competition law and goals of competition law

Markets, market power and competition

The abuse of market power: Article 102 (EU) and Chap II (UK)

Anti-competitive agreements- horizontal and vertical restraints: Article 101 (EU) and Chap I (UK).

Market Investigations (UK)

Enforcement and investigations

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Identify and analyse the relevant legislation and case law applicable to the areas studied
- Critically assess and comment upon the effectiveness of the law and identify any weaknesses
- Independent research on competition law and policy in preparation for seminars and assessment
- Describe and evaluate the economic and political issues which influence UK and EU competition policy
- Contrast UK and EU law and explain their interrelation post-Brexit
- Apply the law to practical problems
- Present arguments orally in class
- Work collaboratively in class to complete a defined task

## **Indicative reading list**

Jones, Sufrin & Dunne, EU Competition Law (Oxford University Press); UK and EU Competition Documents (Oxford University Press); Whish and Bailey, Competition Law (Oxford University Press); Marco Colino, Competition Law of the EU and UK (Oxford University Press) Ezrachi, EU Competition Law: An Analytical Guide to the Leading Cases (Hart).

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## **Subject specific skills**

No subject specific skills defined for this module.

## **Transferable skills**

No transferable skills defined for this module.

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# Study

## Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Seminars	7 sessions of 1 hour (5%)
Private study	125 hours (83%)
Total	150 hours

## Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

## Assessment group B5

	Weighting	Study time
Online Examination	100%	
This is a 2hr exam to be completed within 24 hours.		
~Platforms - AEP		

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- Online examination: No Answerbook required

## Feedback on assessment

Feedback via Tabula.

[Past exam papers for LA227](#)

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# Availability

## Post-requisite modules

If you pass this module, you can take:

- LA238-15 Advanced Themes in Competition Law and Policy

## Courses

This module is Optional for:

- UIBA-MN34 Law and Business Four Year (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of MN34 Law and Business Studies Four Year (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of MN34 Law and Business Studies Four Year (Qualifying Degree)
- ULAA-M300 Undergraduate Law
  - Year 2 of M300 Law
  - Year 3 of M300 Law
- ULAA-M105 Undergraduate Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M105 Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M105 Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M105 Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M105 Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
- ULAA-M106 Undergraduate Law (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M106 Law (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M106 Law (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of M106 Law (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
- ULAA-M104 Undergraduate Law (Year Abroad)
  - Year 2 of M104 Law (Year Abroad)
  - Year 4 of M104 Law (Year Abroad)
- ULAA-M108 Undergraduate Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M108 Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M108 Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of M108 Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of M108 Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 3 of UIBA-MN31 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies
- UIBA-MN32 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies
  - Year 3 of MN32 Law and Business Studies (Four-Year)
  - Year 4 of MN32 Law and Business Studies (Four-Year)
- UIBA-MN37 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies (Qualifying Degree) with Intercalated Year
  - Year 2 of MN37 Law and Business Studies (Qualifying Degree) with Intercalated Year
  - Year 4 of MN37 Law and Business Studies (Qualifying Degree) with Intercalated Year
  - Year 5 of MN37 Law and Business Studies (Qualifying Degree) with Intercalated Year
- UIBA-MN35 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (3+1)
  - Year 3 of MN35 Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (3+1)

- Year 4 of MN35 Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (3+1)
- UIBA-MN36 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (4+1)
  - Year 2 of MN36 Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (4+1)
  - Year 4 of MN36 Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (4+1)
  - Year 5 of MN36 Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (4+1)
- Year 3 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology
- Year 2 of ULAA-M10A Undergraduate Law with French Law (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 2 of ULAA-M10C Undergraduate Law with German Law (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 3 of ULAA-M110 Undergraduate Law with Humanities (3 Year)
- ULAA-M113 Undergraduate Law with Humanities (4 Year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M113 Law with Humanities (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M113 Law with Humanities (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
- ULAA-M115 Undergraduate Law with Social Sciences (3 Year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M115 Law with Social Sciences (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M115 Law with Social Sciences (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 4 of ULAA-M10A Undergraduate Law with French Law (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 4 of ULAA-M10C Undergraduate Law with German Law (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 4 of ULAA-M113 Undergraduate Law with Humanities (4 Year) (Qualifying Degree)
- ULAA-M115 Undergraduate Law with Social Sciences (3 Year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M115 Law with Social Sciences (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M115 Law with Social Sciences (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)

This module is Option list B for:

- ULAA-ML34 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of ML34 Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of ML34 Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 5 of ULAA-ML35 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree) (with Intercalated year)
- Year 4 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

This module is Option list E for:

- UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law