

# LA9FN-20 Foundations of International Commercial Law

**26/27**

**Department**

School of Law

**Level**

Taught Postgraduate Level

**Module leader**

Irit Mevorach

**Credit value**

20

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

100% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

This module is the core module for the LLM in International Commercial Law and examines the nature of ICL, the way ICL is created, and covers selected areas of ICL.

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

Introduce students to fundamental legal issues, norms and theories relevant to the development and operation of international commercial law. These include:

- (i) international issues associated with commercial transactions and the role of private international law;
- (ii) different instruments and institutions, the process of harmonisation;
- (iii) specific areas such as secured finance, international interest in high value mobile equipment, insolvency, digitalisation in international commerce.

## 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.

Indicative topics

What is International Commercial Law?

Private International Law and International Commercial Law;

Customs, Usages, and the Lex Mercatoria;

Making International Commercial Law: Instruments, Institutions, Methods of Harmonisation;

Creditor-debtor systems, insolvency, and the UNCITRAL/World Bank standard;

Security Interests in Mobile Equipment: The Cape Town Convention;

Secured Financing: Financial Leasing, Factoring and Receivables Financing in International Commercial Law;

Digitalisation of International Commercial Law; Global Value Chains and International Commercial Law.

## Learning outcomes

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

- Knowledge and Understanding of the nature of International Commercial Law
- Knowledge and Understanding of selected substantive areas of law
- Ability to evaluate and critique legal developments and associated academic debates

## Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

## Subject specific skills

Gaining an understanding of key elements of International Commercial Law and an appreciation of how law can be utilised to address specific obstacles to international commercial activity

## Transferable skills

Evaluation of source materials

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## Study

## Study time

<b>Type</b>	<b>Required</b>
Seminars	9 sessions of 3 hours (14%)
Private study	170 hours (85%)
Assessment	3 hours (2%)
Total	200 hours

## Private study description

Guided reading after lectures and in preparation for seminars

Preparation for seminars

Formative coursework

Revision for final exam

## 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.

### Assessment group B4

	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Study time</b>	<b>Eligible for self-certification</b>
<b>Assessment component</b>			
Written Examination Paper	100%	3 hours	No
An open book exam to be completed within the specified period. There will be 15 minutes' Reading Time.			

Reassessment component is the same

### Feedback on assessment

Generic feedback will be provided via Moodle, with individual feedback via Tabula.

[Past exam papers for LA9FN](#)

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## Availability

## Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of TLAA-M223 Postgraduate Taught International Commercial Law

This module is Optional for:

- TLAA-M3PJ Postgraduate Taught Advanced Legal Studies
  - Year 1 of M3PJ Advanced Legal Studies
  - Year 2 of M3PJ Advanced Legal Studies
- TLAS-M3P7 Postgraduate Taught International Economic Law
  - Year 1 of M3P7 International Economic Law
  - Year 2 of M3P7 International Economic Law
- TLAS-M221 Postgraduate Taught LLM in International Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation
  - Year 1 of M221 International Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation
  - Year 2 of M221 International Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation