

2020/1 - LAW-4005B PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW

Spring Semester, Level 4 module
(Maximum 161 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Dr Ian Edwards
(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE
Module Type: Examination
Timetable Slot:E1C2\
Exam Period:SPR-02

You'll be introduced to the core principles of English criminal law and given the opportunity to examine criminal laws in their social contexts. You'll examine the core principles through a series of illustrative case studies. Topics will include: homicide, causation, non-fatal offences against the person, property offences, defences, inchoate liability and complicity.

2020/1 - LAW-4006B CONTRACT LAW

Spring Semester, Level 4 module
(Maximum 161 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Dr Gareth Spark
(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE
Module Type: Examination
Timetable Slot:C1/*B1/
Exam Paper(hrs):2 Exam Period:SPR-02

During this module, you will consider the nature of contractual obligations, the legal principles which govern the formation, content and validity of contracts and the remedies available for breach of contractual obligations. It provides you with an understanding of the fundamental principles and key doctrines of the English law of contract.

2020/1 - LAW-5012B FAMILY LAW: CHILD LAW

Spring Semester, Level 5 module
(Maximum 90 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Ms Polly Morgan
(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE
Module Type: Examination
Timetable Slot:H2A2\
Exam Period:SPR-02

Child Law is a socio-legal study of the moral and legal laws connecting parents, children and the state. We consider who is a parent; what rights and responsibilities parents have; to what extent children have been able to assert human rights; the welfare principle (the basis on which decisions about children are made); law and policy arguments surrounding post-separation parenting and contact; child protection and local authority duties towards children;

when we take a child into care and why we tolerate some harm to children; and adoption. The module reflects both the practical application of child law – What is the law? How does it work in practice? And the theoretical basis of the law – Why is the law the way it is? What does that say about society and could we think differently about it or change the law? It develops law-specific academic and practical skills, as well as transferable skills.

2020/1 - LAW-5013B LAW AND BUSINESS

Spring Semester, Level 5 module
(Maximum 120 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Dr Viviana Mollica

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:H1-I1\

Exam Period:SPR-02

The module seeks to introduce students to the way in which law and business interact in terms of the different forms of business organisations and how we might choose between them, the considerations involved in sale and finance and other discrete areas of law on which more specialised modules can then build.

2020/1 - LAW-5014B PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Spring Semester, Level 5 module
(Maximum 120 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Dr Avidan Kent

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:D1

Exam Period:SPR-02

Public international law is the legal regime that governs States, and as such balances law with international affairs and politics. This module examines how international law is formed, who it applies to, the role of the United Nations and how public international law protects individuals. It also interrogates the cohesiveness of this body, or bodies, of law. Particular focus is placed on human rights, self-determination, use of force, international criminal law, environmental and trade law. The module addresses both the practical and theoretical aspects of public international law and consequently considers how the public international law framework applies to contemporary situations.

2020/1 - LAW-5015B EMPLOYMENT LAW 1

Spring Semester, Level 5 module
(Maximum 120 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Ms Deborah McQuinn

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:H3

Exam Period:SPR-02

In this module you will learn about individual employment law, including employment status and forms of working relationships, formation and content of contracts of employment, termination of employment at common law, unfair dismissal, redundancy and business transfers.

2020/1 - LAW-5016B THE LAW OF TORT

Spring Semester, Level 5 module

(Maximum 225 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Sebastian Peyer

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:F2/*A2/*B3/

Exam Paper(hrs):2

Exam Period:SPR-02

This module introduces the English Law of Tort. It provides an understanding of the fundamental principles and key doctrines that govern liability for wrongful acts and omissions. We will look at the duties that individuals owe to one another for tortious wrongs and the remedies that are available if a tortious act has been committed. The Law of Tort examines both case law and statutory law on specific torts such as negligence, torts against the person, nuisance, defamation and product liability.

2020/1 - LAW-5019B ANIMAL WELFARE LAW

Spring Semester, Level 5 module

(Maximum 30 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Gareth Spark

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:C1A1/

Exam Period:SPR-02

During this module, you will consider the law relating to animal protection and animal welfare in England and Wales, including the effect on domestic law of EU and international law. In particular, you will consider the original development of animal protection law, including the social and political context in which legislation was originally enacted. You will then move on to consider in detail the move from individual, narrow, situation-specific legislation to the general protection offered by the Protection of Animals Act 1911, the first general animal protection legislation in the UK. After considering the significant development of animal protection legislation in the UK, the module will consider the field of

2020/1 - LAW-5030B THE BRITISH CONSTITUTION IN THE SHADOW OF BREXIT

Spring Semester, Level 5 module
(Maximum 999 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Dr Eloise Ellis

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:A3*B4

Exam Paper(hrs):

This module will examine a number of important aspects of British Constitutional Law with a particular focus on recent and significant developments and their practical implications and wider impact on the constitutional structure of the UK. The focus of the module will be upon current and topical developments as they happen and it is likely to include some of the following topics: International/External influences on the British Constitution; Political and Legal Constitutionalism; Revitalising Parliament; The Monarchy and the Prerogative; Devolution.

2020/1 - LAW-5032B CRIMINOLOGY

Spring Semester, Level 5 module
(Maximum 999 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Dr Joe Purshouse

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot:F1/*G1\

This module considers key theoretical perspectives in criminology, drawing upon this foundational knowledge to understand and explain different kinds of criminal behaviour, and society's response to them. It considers how crime is defined and researched, situating the criminal law in social context. The aim of the module is to introduce students to the study of criminology, and to engage students in critical discussions of how crime is defined and by whom; why criminal behaviour is an enduring feature of contemporary liberal societies and society's response to crime. The module aims to develop students' knowledge and understanding of: • Key theoretical and empirical issues in criminology; • The value of theory in explaining patterns of crime and criminalisation. • The nexus between criminological theory and criminal justice policy in relation to specific case study examples.

2020/1 - LAW-5033B THE LAW OF PROTEST AND DISSENT

Spring Semester, Level 5 module
(Maximum 999 Students)

UCU: 20 Organiser: Dr Michael Hamilton

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:C2/*B1\

Exam Paper(hrs):3

Exam Period:SPR-02

This module will explore the legal challenges arising from different forms of protest and dissent around the world - from temporary encampments to 'occupations', from Pride parades to far-right rallies, from direct action campaigns and 'Critical Mass' bicycle rides to funeral pickets and anti-abortion protests. You will discuss and explore what kinds of dissent and protest are (or ought to be) legally protected, and what kind of regulation might legitimately be permitted. You will also examine the State's legal obligations to protect and facilitate peaceful protest and the implications of these for protest policing. The challenge of how law ought to deal with those who resist or reject the exclusivity of orthodox modes of political participation (party politics, periodic elections) is one that confronts all democratic systems governed by the rule of law. Yet, in some circumstances, even the argument that law might properly govern or manage political dissent is something of a contradiction in terms: how can law attempt to govern those that oppose or fundamentally reject its very authority? In responding to this underlying challenge, the module seeks to provide you with a thorough grounding in the core legal standards relating to the legal protection of dissent and the right to protest.

2020/1 - LAW-6016B LAW AND MEDICINE

Spring Semester, Level 6 module

(Maximum 98 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Professor Rob Heywood

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:D2*B3/

Exam Paper(hrs):2

Exam Period:SPR-02

This module provides an in-depth examination of a range of medico-legal issues and explores the interface between the law and medical ethics. It will investigate various areas of law and analyse the potential effect of legal rules on the provision of contemporary medicine. It will further address how the law impacts upon medical professionals in terms of their legal, professional and ethical accountability and consider important questions pertaining to patient rights.

2020/1 - LAW-6017B INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

Spring Semester, Level 6 module

(Maximum 60 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr David Gibbs-Kneller

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:G2\+

Exam Paper(hrs):2

Exam Period:SPR-02

This module will introduce you to the English law and practice of international trade. Although there have been considerable attempts to harmonise the law relating to international trade at an international level, English law remains of very considerable importance and is often chosen as the applicable law to govern international transactions. You'll look at the English law relating to international sales, international payments and international carriage of goods by sea. As well as these core contracts in an international trade transaction, the module will also examine international dispute resolution and the problems of governing law, jurisdiction and enforcement of judgments, and the growing use of international commercial arbitration as an alternative to international litigation. You will also look at why and how the laws in these areas have become increasingly harmonised.

2020/1 - LAW-6018B JURISPRUDENCE

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 60 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Stathis Banakas

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot:H1-I1\

Students undertake directed reading on main currents of legal philosophy. This module is delivered via seminars.

2020/1 - LAW-6019B INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 120 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Nick Scharf

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:B3B1/

Exam Period:SPR-02

Intellectual Property (IP) law can affect the music you listen to, the brands you buy, the films you watch, the technology you use, the books you read, the shape of the bottle you drink from, the websites you view... In short, IP law applies to nearly everything in your daily life. Primarily, it deals with the protection and encouragement of innovation in technology, business, the arts, and the creative industries. Intellectual property is an exciting and up to the minute field of law which is constantly evolving. You will be introduced to, and encouraged to think about, the practical importance of intellectual property rights and their economic and philosophical justifications. There will also be a technological dimension to the module, whereby you will be introduced to the impact technology has had on the development and enforcement of IP rights. You will learn the basics of intellectual property law over a broad

spectrum, including how to apply the law to representative factual situations. The course is designed to give a rounded overview of the three main areas of Intellectual Property; copyright, patents and trademarks.

2020/1 - LAW-6020B INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 48 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Michael Hamilton

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:A2/

Exam Paper(hrs):3

Exam Period:SPR-02

This module will introduce you to the standards and mechanisms of International Human Rights Law. Lectures will lay a foundation for focused seminar discussions on the content and scope of selected rights (such as the right to life, freedom from torture and freedom of expression and assembly). A Civil Society Advocacy Project will run alongside the seminars to ensure that you become familiar with the regional (European, Inter-American and African) and international (UN treaty-bodies, Universal Periodic Review, the UN Human Rights Council and its 'Special Procedures') mechanisms of human rights implementation and enforcement. Through this Civil Society Advocacy Project, you will be encouraged to reflect critically on the adequacy of rights-based solutions to real-world problems.

2020/1 - LAW-6027B MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 45 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser:

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

This module considers how the criminal justice system deals with errors. Using Packer's model as a conceptual framework, we will critically analyse current and previous arrangements for correcting miscarriages of justice. Defining and quantifying miscarriages of justice (and considering what level of error is "acceptable") will be considered. The causes of miscarriages of justice will be discussed. Particular emphasis will be given to the role of forensic science and the issues with evidence such as DNA, fingerprints, fibre and hair analysis will be examined. Inter-disciplinary (drawing on psychological research) issues will be considered. The roles of the Court of Appeal and Criminal Cases Review Commission will be critically examined. Arrangements for compensating those who were wrongly convicted will be examined. You will be encouraged to challenge existing arrangements and critically consider proposals for change. A number of case studies will be used during the course and you will be encouraged to consider whether some were really miscarriages of justice.

2020/1 - LAW-6028B THE ECONOMIC APPROACH TO LAW

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 999 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Sebastian Peyer

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot:C3*F3

Exam Paper(hrs):

The economic approach to law is an innovative approach to legal scholarship that offers exciting opportunities for understanding the law. It applies economic theory, principles and methods to rationalize legal rules and to understand their effect, often with reference to concepts of social welfare and efficiency. This approach to legal study has been useful in understanding and critiquing a growing number of legal fields that have no or little connection to economic activity and it has also become increasingly utilized in specialized fields of study such as competition law. Students will find it particularly helpful in explaining policy decisions taken by courts in departure from past principles. This introductory module provides an overview of the use of the economic approach in legal analysis and reviews the insights provided by this approach to core areas of the law such as property, contract, tort and crime. It draws together diverse areas of substantive law and provides a coherent and unified approach to them. It offers the students the opportunity to look across the substance of these core subjects and to revisit and review their understanding of them in the light of an alternative approach. The module will also provide students with an introduction to interesting concepts and ideas such as game-theory and the potential contribution of economics to less-obvious areas of study such as international criminal law. The goal of this introductory module is to equip students with useful tools to critically assess areas of law with which they are already familiar. The understanding of economic theories and concepts will allow students to reflect more critically on specific rules and legal doctrines in order to ascertain whether they contribute to the achievement of the stated goals of the legislator or otherwise to the realization of social welfare more generally. Where appropriate, use will be made of empirical studies to justify assumptions or to test predictions, thereby enhancing students' numeracy skills. Students' knowledge about the economic approach to law can enrich their ability to make informed decisions about the law whether as future practitioners, academics or law-makers. This 'outside the box' thinking will also help students develop their critical analysis and interdisciplinary skills which are transferable beyond the remit of legal practice and research. Students should have a solid understanding of contract, tort and criminal law as the material will examine English cases in all these areas. A willingness to engage with abstract thinking and some symbolic notation is also necessary. No prior knowledge of economics is required.

2020/1 - LAW-6031B FORCED MIGRATION AND REFUGEE LAW

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 30 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Kirsten McConnachie

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:SPRING SEMESTER

Exam Paper(hrs):2

Exam Period:SPR-02

This module will examine the international law and practice of refugee protection. The module approach will be socio-legal and contextual, encouraging in-depth critical investigation of law and the legal management of refugees and forced migrants. It will take a wide-ranging geographical approach, considering case studies from global north and global south. Topics covered in the module will include the origins of international refugee protection and the development of a legal category of 'the refugee'; the criteria for recognition of/exclusion from refugee status and processes of refugee status determination; the principle of non-refoulement (and the challenges presented by e.g. interdiction of boats at sea and extraterritorial processing of asylum claims); durable solutions to refugee situations; the intersections between refugee law & policy and 'post-conflict' processes of transitional justice and peacebuilding: 1. The origins of international refugee protection 2. UNHCR's responsibility for refugee protection 3. Who is a refugee? The 1951 Convention inclusion criteria 4. Who is a refugee part II: exclusion and cessation criteria 5. Refugee Status Determination and the process of claiming asylum 6. Non-refoulement: rights v realities 7. Securitisation and the criminalisation of migration 8. Camps and containment of refugees 9. Durable solutions: resettlement, repatriation and local integration 10. Displacement and accountability: refugees and transitional justice

2020/1 - LAW-6032B CONTEMPORARY CONCERNS IN CRIME AND JUSTICE

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 36 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser:

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:A1, A2

Exam Paper(hrs):

This module reflects the perspective that the law, policy development and the public perception of the significance of different forms of crime is constantly changing. Drawing from contemporary issues in criminal justice and criminology the module will be built around themes which resonate with topical concerns to enable enduring elements of criminal justice and criminality to be explored within a context of current societal issues. PLEASE NOTE THIS MODULE WILL BE RUNNING FROM 2022/23

2020/1 - LAWZ5017B FURTHER TOPICS IN CONTRACT LAW

Spring Semester, Level 5 module
(Maximum 36 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Hakeem Seriki

(UG) MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Examination

Timetable Slot:D2

Exam Paper(hrs):2

Exam Period:SPR-02

examined as an innovative yet controversial means of responding to crime that places victims at the heart of responses to crime.