

Module Details	
Module Title	International Competition Law (Distance Learning)
Module Code	LAW7049-B
Academic Year	2023/4
Credits	20
School	School of Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

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

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

Module Aims

This module aims to examine the goals pursued by international competition authorities in general, critically assess the major aspects of competition law and to conduct a comparative analysis of the regulatory frameworks and to consider their influences on sound and economic market sustainability.

This module is an important element of the LLM Technology and Artificial Intelligence Law programme because competition (including mergers and acquisitions) is a significant issue in technology markets; part of the LLM International Banking and Financial Technology Law programme, because competition between traditional banks and fintechs shapes the industry; part of the LLM International Corporate Law and Governance programme because complying with competition rules is essential for the operation of modern corporations; part of the LLM international Commercial Law, due to the significance of competition rules for fair trade and commerce; and part of the LLM International Legal Studies as one of the significant modern areas of legal study that students could explore.

This module is also suitable for any other postgraduate programme where knowledge of the competition law can contribute to the achievement of the programme aims

Outline Syllabus

Goals of competition law - the theoretical justification of interference, and its limits. Institutions involved in the administration of EU competition law. Institutions involved in the administration of US anti-trust law. Oligopolistic and monopolistic activity with its regulation - including price fixing, horizontal/vertical competition constraints and the operation of cartels. Merger control. The module will also provide education for sustainable development in relation to international competition law, in particular it will provide and understanding of economic and social considerations to ensure an open and sustainable global business market.

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Number	Description
01	Develop an awareness and understanding of the economic and legal goals of competition law and be able to critically evaluate the application and development of legal and administrative controls
02	Examine and offer a considered opinion on the policy goals pursued by competition law in general. Critically discuss the evolving role of competition regulation in the new era of globalization and free markets and sustainability contributions
03	Present your work to a high standard in line with academic and legal conventions

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

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. The module will be delivered over 12 weeks 6 of which will include synchronous learning and 6 asynchronous. Synchronous learning, which involves student interaction with module lecturers and tutors, includes 4 2-hour "live" weekly seminars focusing on delivering content, clarifying issues on the law topics, and discussing answers to student tasks. Two additional 2-hour synchronous seminars 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. The six 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.

The learning materials and activities (synchronous and asynchronous) cover the underlying theory and consider issues of critical evaluation of the 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.

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.

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.

The assessment will is suitable to help students to achieve all the learning outcomes of the module and will facilitate the achievement of the learning outcomes of the relevant LLM programmes as follows:

- LLM Technology and Artificial Intelligence Law: LOs 1-3, 6-8, 10.
- LLM International Corporate Law and Governance: LOs 1-5,8.
- LLM International Banking and Financial Technology Law: LOs 1-5, 8.
- LLM international Commercial Law: LOs 1-5, 7,8.-LLM International Legal Studies: LOs 1-5, 7-8.

The assessment for this module includes a critical report on a topic of international competition law. This will be based on an agreed case study of a corporate or market investigation of up to 4000 words.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	An agreed case study of a corporate or market investigation (Word length 4000 words)	100%

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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