## Module Catalogue Westminster Law School Undergraduate Study Abroad 2025/6 Semester 1

| **Module Code** | **Module Name** | **Level** | **Semester** | **UK Credit Value** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Law** | | | | |
| 4LLAW019W | [Legal Systems, Cultures and Ideas](#4LLAW019W) | 4 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 4LLAW020W | [Private Law](#4LLAW020W) | 4 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 5LLAW005W | [Introduction to Human Rights Law](#5LLAW005W) | 5 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 5LLAW010W | [Child Protection Law and Policy](#5LLAW010W) | 5 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 5LLAW022W | [Criminology and the Law](#5LLAW022W) | 5 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 5LLAW025W | [Consumer Law](#5LLAW025W) | 5 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 5LLAW037W | [Introduction to Public International Law](#5LLAW037W) | 5 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 5LLAW040W | [Property Law](#5LLAW040W) | 5 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 6LLAW040W | [Advanced Criminal Law](#6LLAW040W) | 6 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 6LLAW045W | [Commercial Law](#6LLAW045W) | 6 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 6LLAW053W | [Employment Law](#6LLAW053W) | 6 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 6LLAW054W | [Entertainment Law: Theory and Practice](#6LLAW054W) | 6 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 6LLAW060W | [Human Rights: Contexts and Controversies](#6LLAW060W) | 6 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 6LLAW070W | [International Law and Global Challenges](#6LLAW070W) | 6 | Semester 1 | 20 |
| 6LLAW073W | [Media Law](#6LLAW073W) | 6 | Semester 1 | 20 |

## Law

### Legal Systems, Cultures and Ideas

[**Module Code: 4LLAW019W**](#4LLAW019W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
This module will introduce you to aspects of the ways in which lawyers think and use laws in different contexts. It will allow you to develop an understanding of the ways in which lawyers and legal scholars locate, interpret, apply and evaluate the law and its effect on the world. It will also introduce you to the principles which govern and structure some key legal systems, including the English legal system, as well as other key legal traditions, including regional and international ones. You will learn to find, understand and present scholarly commentary on the law and its content, and present your own viewpoint.    
**Assessment:** Coursework (30%), Coursework (70%)

### Private Law

[**Module Code: 4LLAW020W**](#4LLAW020W_return)

**Level 4**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
Private law covers all aspects of our lives that cannot be described as criminal law or public law. It is the law that governs the rights and duties that exist between individuals and/or organisations, rather than the State. This module will introduce students to the legal duties and rights which govern the relationship between individuals and their application, within the fields of tort and contract law. You will look at the main tort of negligence and consider for example the circumstances in which it is possible to succeed on a claim for harm suffered as a result of an accident that was not your fault. You will also consider how contracts are formed and what rights can arise and be excluded in some common forms of contract.   
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)

### Introduction to Human Rights Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW005W**](#5LLAW005W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
This module provides a broad and generic introduction to the legal protection of human rights offered at the national, regional (African, European, and Inter-American) and international levels. The module introduces you to the historical development of the legal protection of human rights along with introducing the legal frameworks for the protection of human rights in place at the national (UK), regional (African, European, and Inter-American) and international (UN) levels. For instance, the module will explore how an individual whose rights are violated can access justice before national and international human rights courts and mechanisms.   
**Assessment:** Coursework (30%), Essay (70%)

### Child Protection Law and Policy

[**Module Code: 5LLAW010W**](#5LLAW010W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
This module will address the public law child protection and family support provisions in Parts III, IV and V of the Children Act 1989, including local authority support for children and families, care and supervision of children and child protection powers and duties. It will also look at the broader context of policy and guidance in this area.  
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)

### Criminology and the Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW022W**](#5LLAW022W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
This module considers a range of political and criminological theories that will lead to a better understanding the law in its criminal and cultural context, including its social role and theoretical foundations. You will explore how theories, put forward by authors from Erving Goffman and David Garland to Gilles Deleuze and Michel Foucault, have relevance for contemporary understandings of law, culture and crime. You will learn about explanations for crime causation, including psychological and sociological theories, as well as how political populism has informed criminal justice policy, particularly over the last 40 or so years. Subcultural and deviancy theories will also be explored, whilst you will have the opportunity to study thematic areas, including sex and victimisation, youth justice and drugs/alcohol, in order to consider how social and cultural theories have informed the development of the law and the contemporary criminal justice system.   
**Assessment:** Essay (100%)

### Consumer Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW025W**](#5LLAW025W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
This module examines the various types of complaints a consumer may make against suppliers of goods and services. You will consider what rights and remedies are available to consumers when they purchase defective goods and services, enter into credit transactions such as hire purchase, suffer injury or loss due to dangerous products or when they are victims of a disastrous holiday.  You will also be taught how to bring a small claim to the County Court on behalf of a consumer.   
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)

### Introduction to Public International Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW037W**](#5LLAW037W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
The module introduces you to the field of public international law.  You will learn about the key foundations of public international law, including how international law is made.  The module addresses the position of states, international organisations and non-state actors under international law; basic principles on the use of force; and the responsibility of states for violations of international law. It considers how disputes between states are settled, including disputes concerning boundaries, armed conflict, and genocide, and introduces relevant international institutions such as the United Nations, the International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Court. The module incorporates traditional and critical perspectives on international law, examining the subject in its historical and contemporary political context, with a view to evaluating the role of international law and its limitations. Throughout the module, reference is made to actual and hypothetical examples to enable the application and analysis of international law in practice.   
**Assessment:** Project (100%)

### Property Law

[**Module Code: 5LLAW040W**](#5LLAW040W_return)

**Level 5**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
This module introduces you to the principles and concepts of modern English (and Welsh) property law. You will explore the legal framework of registered land to understand why land transactions are registered at the Land Registry, estates and interests in land, distinguishing between law and equity to understand how the various interests in land are protected, the law relating to mortgages, to understand how a bank can take steps to repossess and how defaulting borrowers can defend a potential claim, the creation of a constructive trust and quantification of land in implied co-ownership, to understand what happens to the home when more parties buy a home together and the relationship breaks down – how the courts deal with the different scenarios, dispute resolution to understand what happens when co-owners end up in a dispute, express trust, implied trusts, constructive trust of the family home, fiduciary duties and the three certainties and remedies.   
**Assessment:** Multiple-Choice Question Test (40%), Coursework (60%)

### Advanced Criminal Law

[**Module Code: 6LLAW040W**](#6LLAW040W_return)

**Level 6**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
This module will allow you to develop a deeper understanding of criminal law. You will study a variety of areas of criminal law starting with the theoretical approaches to criminalisation. The theories and processes of punishment will also be explored as well as the causes and rectification of miscarriages of justice. The module then looks at different aspects of the criminal law and focuses, in particular, on how the criminal law acts in both a regulatory context and a social context. These areas include how the law regulates areas of social control such as public order, health care choices such as the right to die, sexual autonomy, and immigration. It then looks at criminal law in a social context including areas such as drugs and crime, domestic crime, and hate crime. The module looks at the law underpinning these areas but it also takes a broad criminological view setting these areas of law in the context of the political, economic, policy and societal influences on them.   
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)

### Commercial Law

[**Module Code: 6LLAW045W**](#6LLAW045W_return)

**Level 6**

**Semester 1**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
This module provides an opportunity to consider the role of the law in relation to commercial transactions and the ways in which the law intervenes and regulates commerce, trade and business. It will examine the purposes of commercial law and the way it facilitates the commercial practices of the business community. The module will also identify the substantive law in key areas, consider its development and application to contracts for the sale of goods, the law of agency, and methods of payment, security, and finance of business.   
**Assessment:** Project (100%)

### Employment Law

[**Module Code: 6LLAW053W**](#6LLAW053W_return)

**Level 6**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
Employment law provides you with a broad framework to understand, analyse and apply the fundamental principles of the law of work, workers’ rights and the rights and duties of employers. Employment law is an exciting and extremely practical area of law which allows you to develop an advanced understanding of how the law balances competing political, legal, economic and ethical issues in the real world. The module covers the legal structure of employment relationships, looking at matters such as fundamental rights at work, wages, dismissal, equal pay, and the right to strike. The module, therefore, combines questions of justice and rights, on the one hand, with practical questions relating to businesses and how they are run.   
**Assessment:** Coursework (50%), Project (50%)

### Entertainment Law: Theory and Practice

[**Module Code: 6LLAW054W**](#6LLAW054W_return)

**Level 6**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***

This module provides an amazing and unique opportunity to understand the contemporary entertainment industry and how the law, lawyers and other personnel operate. Expert speakers from different parts of the industry, in addition to academics, enable students to gain an insight into how the business operates in practice and the application of the law. Identifying and contracting talent is a key issue. You will cover a variety of issues, including the creation of works and the importance of copyright. So, for example, the 2022 Ed Sheeran case and similar disputes raise questions about ownership and originality. You will explore the different types of contracts that are signed by artists and analyse the key terms and the causes of disputes.   
**Assessment:** Coursework (100%)

### Human Rights: Contexts and Controversies

[**Module Code: 6LLAW060W**](#6LLAW060W_return)

**Level 6**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
The module examines the legal and political contexts of human rights, exploring prevailing controversies and contemporary challenges to (and of) human rights.  As such, the module adopts an inquiry-based approach to the critical assessment of human rights as an idea, law and practice, asking what human rights do for people. The module consists of two main parts, the first of which situates human rights within its legal and political contexts, identifying critiques and controversies of human rights, before moving to consider contemporary challenges to human rights such as terrorism, hate speech, mass surveillance, anti-immigration and asylum policies, populist and nationalist ideologies.   
**Assessment:** Project (100%)

### International Law and Global Challenges

[**Module Code: 6LLAW070W**](#6LLAW070W_return)

**Level 6**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***6LLAW070W***  
The module examines how international law and institutions address global challenges such as climate change, poverty and inequality, and migration and displacement. To do so, the module begins by asking what or who international law is for thereby situating international law and institutions within its historical, political and economic contexts. From this critical perspective, the module moves to consider global challenges.  Here, the module draws on the Sustainable Development Goals to frame the assessment of the capacity of international law and institutions to address global challenges.   
**Assessment:** Project (100%)

### Media Law

[**Module Code: 6LLAW073W**](#6LLAW073W_return)

**Level 6**

**Semester 1**

**Location: Regent**

**UK Credit Value: 20**

***IELTS of 6.0 overall, with 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other components***  
This module will consider the relevance of the media in today’s society and the impact of regulation on the media within its political, social and economic context. The module will consider themes that challenge the media industry and regulators, investigating the structure of the industry, ownership and control issues, in both traditional media and new media. The module will also look in detail at specific areas of content regulation, looking at the balance of freedom of expression and the public interest with other interests and concerns that are of current concern. These areas may include the right to privacy, the prevalence of fake news and the dissemination of other controversial information, or the protection of journalists’ sources and freedom of information.   
**Assessment:** Coursework (20%), Coursework (80%)