

Module Details	
Module Title	Climate Change Law and Policy (Distance Learning)
Module Code	LAW7063-B
Academic Year	2023/4
Credits	20
School	School of Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

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

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
DLA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims

This module is an important element of the LLM Natural Resources and Environmental Law and Policy because it will enable students to critically analyse and understand climate change law and policy and to develop the skills necessary to apply this in a range of practical contexts.

The module will provide students with an understanding of the key concepts, principles and mechanisms underlying the Climate Change regime as well as the interrelationship between industrial activities, and in particular energy policy and climate change will form a key part of the module.

Reflecting on the UN Sustainable Development Goal 13 which is focused on Climate Action, this module will explore the practical ways to address the global challenge of climate change. It will examine the effectiveness of the international, regional and national legal instruments aimed at tackling climate change. It will examine developments in the field of climate change law and encourage students to reflect on the nature, function, strengths and weaknesses of the existing mechanisms aimed at addressing climate change.

The module helps students to develop the ability to work with their knowledge of legal principles and apply them to new situations in order to arrive at imaginative and innovative solutions and interpretations in climate change law and policy. It will also equip students to have mastery of the subject, conduct effective research and to critically analyse and assess the specific climate change issues and apply this learning in the relevant practical context.

It aims to develop excellent communication skills including writing and legal research skills commensurate with LLM level study and advanced scholarship.

This module is also suitable for any other postgraduate programme, where environmental law, energy law, sustainable development as well as natural resources governance would be studied.

Outline Syllabus

N/A

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Number	Description
01	Critically evaluate the background and wider contexts, including the broader economic, socio-economics, political and environmental dimensions of governance and regulations of climate change law and policy.
02	Critically analyse the key concepts, principles and law regulating climate change in regard to specific areas of conflict.
03	Critically apply the principles and law in this field to new cases and situations.
04	Develop independent research skills in primary and secondary resources, and be able to communicate key learning both orally and in writing.

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 5 of which will include synchronous learning and 7 asynchronous.

Synchronous learning, which involves student interaction with module lecturers and tutors, includes 4 2-hour live; seminars focusing on delivering content, clarifying issues on the law topics, and discussing answers to student tasks. One additional 2-hour synchronous seminar 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 seven 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.

Learning will be directed, supported and reinforced through series of workshops. The sessions will use theoretical discussions and practical applications of cases and case studies to enable students to think critically about international dimensions of climate change law and policy, with oral feedback given in classes. Some of the sessions may be student-led presentations.

The summative assessment is aimed at testing your ability to meet the learning outcomes of the module. Assessment will be by coursework only. This will comprise a written essay based coursework of 4000 words or equivalent. This will ensure that you are able to apply legally based reasoning to answer conflict based questions. You will be required to undertake a critical analysis of a complex issues in this field applying the principles and law studied in the module. The coursework will require the use of independent research, critical and analytical skills. You will also be expected to use appropriate legal terminology and written communication. The assessment would be suitable to help students achieve all the learning outcomes of the module and would facilitate the achievements of the learning outcomes of the relevant LLM Programmes as follows:- LLM Natural Resources and Environmental Law and Policy: LO3, LO5, LOs 10-13

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	A critical application of principles and law of climate change and policy. (4000 words)	100%
Formative	Coursework	Class exercises	N/A

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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