

Module Title	ISLAMIC LAW & WORLD SOCIETY	Date of Approval	
Module Code	6LA540	Pre-requisite	None
Module Level	6		
Credit value	20		
Total Number of Learning Hours	200		
Key Words	None		
Module Delivery Mode	Face to face		

Module Description

This module examines the development and underpinning of Islamic Law as a global legal system and its interaction with local authority and other international legal systems. It examines the scope of Islamic law, ranging from its direct influence on personal law, private law and social relationships, through to its impact on matters such as banking, criminal justice and human rights.

Drawing on international case studies, the module considers the various approaches adopted by scholars and jurists alike in bringing about compatibility between a supreme set of legal principles and the claims to sovereignty of national legal systems.

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

At Level 6

1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the key features of Islamic Law; and
2. Understanding and critically examine the relationship between normal principles of conflicts of laws, sovereignty and the unique status of Islamic Law as a legal system.

Module Content

- The foundations of Islamic Law scholarship
- Islamic Law and Inheritance
- Islamic Law and Personal Relationships
- Customary law and Islamic Law
- Islamic Law and International Principles of Criminal Justice
- Islam and Human Rights

- Islamic Law and Comparative Law Method
- Islamic principles and finance law

Module Learning and Teaching Methods

This subject can be introduced to students in lectures. Students then complete directed reading and address and reflect upon bespoke questions before considering, analysing and applying the relevant law in tutorials. Dedicated time is set aside for all students to undertake examination of case studies in the application of Islamic Law.

Scheduled learning and teaching activities: 25%
Guided independent study: 75%
Placement/study abroad: 0%

Module Assessment Method Coursework/Examination 100%

The Assessment will examine one area of the syllabus through an extended essay (3,000 words), applying principles of Islamic Law to a practical case study or international or national legal issue.

The formative assessment opportunity will be in the drafting of a proposal and methodology, underpinning the final coursework.

Assessment Weighting: Coursework: 100%

Reading list

Key Text

Al-Azmeh, Al-Islamic Law: Social and Historical Contexts (Routledge, 2013)

Other recommended reading

International and Comparative Law Quarterly