

Module Title	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW
Date of Approval	December 2011
Module Code	6LA523
Pre-requisite	None
Module Level	6
Total Number Of Learning Hours	200
Key Words	Law, Sustainability, International Business, International Transactions, Development, Globalisation, International Sales, Economic Development, Economic Law, Sustainable Development
Module Delivery	Blended / Face to Face

Module Description

This module draws together two pertinent strands operative in international relations between states. These are the process of sustainable development and the regulation of international business transactions. The module will explore and analyse the theory and practice of sustainable development as well as analyse international business transaction as it relates to the sale of goods and the provision of services. In this capacity, the module will link these two strands and will engage students with live and contemporary development problems facing governments and then allow the students to implement functional and realistic business solutions to these problems. The module places the student at the heart of sustainable international business and fosters problem-solving, creativity, enterprise, critical analysis and innovation for the purpose of direct impact. To bolster this, the module will engage and interact with the Government Department for International Development and, the British Council through guest speakers and projects offered by these institutions. The assessment is by coursework and will require students to analyse a series of case studies and implement a sustainable business transaction

Module Learning Outcomes

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

- Understand and critically evaluate the meaning of sustainable development and the law applicable to international business transactions.
- Creatively solve international business problems through the practical application of sustainable development theory and international business law.

Module Content

●Introduction to Sustainability and Development

This topic will analyse the definitions, theories and purpose of Sustainability and Development.

●Issues relevant to Sustainability and Development

This topic will focus on Development issues such as at Poverty; Education; Child Labour; Human Trafficking; National Debt; Human Rights and the Environment,

- Globalisation

This topic will focus on the role that globalisation has played in the creation of a global economic market within which Sustainable Development and International Business operates.

- Incoterms

This topic will analyse the different types and terms applicable to International Sales Contracts including the Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods 1980.

- Finance and Payments

This will analyse the different forms of payment on International Sale Contracts with emphasis on Letters of Credit.

- Transportation of Goods.

This topic will focus on the different methods of transporting goods across national borders with particular emphasis on the Carriage of Goods by Sea.

- International Dispute Resolution.

This topic will analyse the different forms of resolving international contractual disputes with emphasis on Arbitration, Mediation and Negotiated Settlements.

Module Learning and Teaching Methods

The module will be taught by 2 hours of lectures per week supplemented by 5 tutorials and workshops on an alternate fortnightly basis. The lectures and tutorials will guide the students to gaining substantive knowledge of the content of the module. The Workshops and external activity will allow the students to identify problems and creatively problem solve.

Lectures	24 hours
Tutorials	5 hours
Workshops	5 hours
Feed forward	1 hours
External activity	5 hours
Guided independent study	160 hours
TOTAL	200 hours

Scheduled learning and teaching activities: 20%

Guided independent study: 80%

Placement/study abroad: 0%

Module Assessment

Mode: Coursework /Examination 50%, Practical 50%

Coursework 1 50%

Written report evaluating issues relevant to sustainable development and international business law, evidencing substantive knowledge (CW 1: 50%).

Practical 50%

Problem based learning scenario requiring the application of theory and practice evidencing problem solving skills through an oral presentation (Practical: 50%).

Journal which logs the process applied in the report and the problem based learning scenario for the purpose of reflection and documentation (CW 2: 0%, Pass/Fail).

Reading list

Key Texts

Roberts and Bellone Hite, *The Globalisation and Development Reader*, Blackwell Publishing, 2007

Brooks, *The Global Justice Reader*, Blackwell Publishing, 2008

Martell, *The Sociology of Globalisation*, Polity, 2010

Schmitthoff, *The Law and Practice of International Trade*, Sweet and Maxwell, 2007

Carr, *International Trade Law*, Routledge Cavendish, 2010

Recommended Texts

Hann and Hart, *Economic Anthropology*, Polity, 2011

Trubek and Santos, *The New Law and Economic Development*, Cambridge, 2011

Contemporary articles from relevant journals will be recommended during the course of the module