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International Year One in Law

Programme and Module Overview

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Overview

The International Year One in Law is a first-year undergraduate programme designed to equip students with essential knowledge and skills in law. This programme prepares students for seamless progression into the second year (FHEQ Level 5) of a law degree, ensuring a strong academic foundation and a smooth transition to further legal studies.

Benchmarking statement

The International Year One in Law is at FHEQ Level 4.

Entry requirements

- **NCUK International Foundation Year:** At least two 'D' grades and an EAP 'C' grade, OR
- **GCE A-levels:** A minimum of grade 'D' in two relevant UK-recognised 'A' levels and IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent), OR
- Country-specific¹⁰ entry requirements that are similar

Programme structure

The programme comprises 1,200 total study hours, divided into 600 guided learning hours and 600 independent study hours. Students will complete five compulsory modules: three modules spanning both semesters and one separate module in each semester.

Standard delivery example:

- **Teaching hours:** 20 hours per week
- **Total:** 600 hours of guided learning + 600 hours of independent study (1,200 learning hours).
- **Duration:** 30 weeks (divided into two 15-week semesters)

Modules

- **Contract Law (30 credits):** Provides essential legal knowledge on contract formation, obligations, breaches, and remedies, equipping students with practical application skills and effective communication in legal contexts.
- **Criminal Law (30 credits):** Provides foundational knowledge of criminal offences, defences, and liability, developing students' analytical skills to apply legal principles effectively and critically assess criminal cases.
- **Public Law (30 credits):** Explores the UK Constitution, the distribution of public power, the roles of government institutions, and legal mechanisms for protecting rights and challenging government actions.

¹⁰Country-specific entry requirements for the NCUK International Year One: <https://www.ncuk.ac.uk/ncuk-programmes/international-year-one>

- **English Legal System & Legal Research Skills (15 credits):** Introduces the English legal system, including its sources of law, court structures, and legal professions, while developing essential legal research skills for academic and professional success.
- **Tort Law (15 credits):** Examines the legal framework of tort law, including negligence, liability, and compensation, while evaluating the policy considerations and objectives that shape its application.

Assessment, grading & certification

The assessment breakdown is generally 50% coursework and 50% exam. Each module requires a minimum pass mark of 40%. The programme awards classifications as follows:

- **Distinction:** 70%+ overall mean mark with 120 credits awarded
- **Pass:** 40%+ overall mean mark with at least 90 credits
- **Fail:** Less than 40% overall or fewer than 90 credits

Progression

Students who complete the programme successfully are certified for progression to the second year of appropriate undergraduate degree courses at NCUK's university partners.



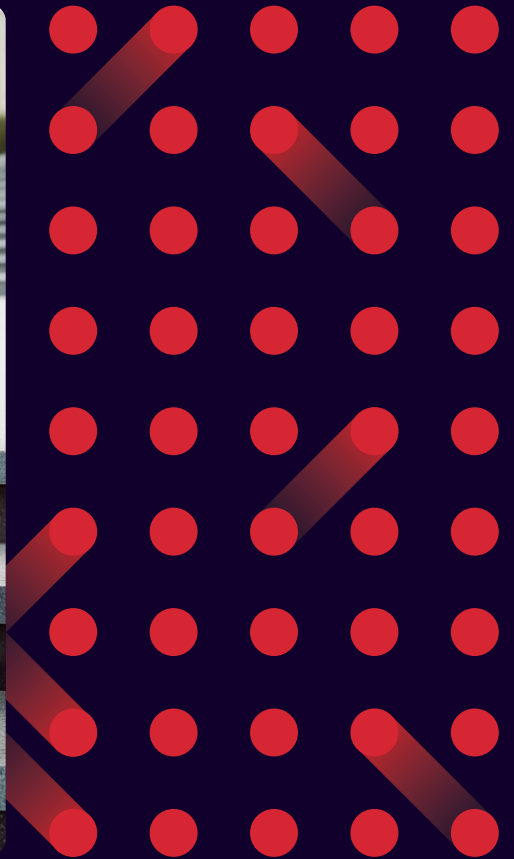
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