

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Advanced Legal Research Methods  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **7056LAWBC** (119353)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

| Team        | Leader |
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7  
**Credit Value:** 15  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 24  
**Total Learning Hours:** 150  
**Private Study:** 126

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Seminar   | 24            |

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Essay    | AS1               | 4000 words  | 100           |               |

### Aims

1. To introduce research methodologies available for conducting research in International Business Corporate and Finance Law
2. To facilitate development of Master's level technical legal research
3. To encourage a Master's level degree of independence and responsibility
4. To introduce key thematic issues in International Business Corporate and Finance Law, focussing on international and global perspectives
5. To develop the technical research requirements of a Master's Dissertation Proposal, and highlight the technical writing skills and technical academic skills needed to construct a Dissertation Proposal

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify and summarise relevant information and develop an evidence-based approach to research and demonstrate competency in using information technology
- 2 Manage time and develop independent learning for continuous development
- 3 Research effectively through a selection of appropriate theories, methodologies and techniques using primary and secondary materials
- 4 Enhance students' ability to plan and implement tasks and communicate to a range of audiences at a professional or equivalent level.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

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|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Essay (4000 words) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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## Outline Syllabus

*Content is indicative rather than definitive*

1. *Introduction to research at Postgraduate level*
2. *Ethical issues in research*
3. *Key thematics in International Business Corporate and Finance Law research – Globalisation; Neo-liberalism; policy responses to global economic crisis*
4. *Identifying and locating legal materials*
5. *Planning research; strategy and design*
6. *Producing a Dissertation Proposal*
7. *Research Methodologies in International Business – doctrinal; international; in context; socio-legal; law & economics; comparative; global*
8. *The writing process – structure and format, including Oxford Referencing*

## Learning Activities

Students will undertake some or all of the following:

Lectures  
Presentations  
Research exercises  
Reading  
Seminars

## Notes

The course teaches students how to draft a Dissertation Proposal and introduces some basic methodological issues for the research of International Business Law building on their research undertaken to date and preparing them for their LLM Dissertation and intensive independent learning.