

Course Title: **International Commercial Law**

Course Code: **LAWG915**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2026**

POINTS: **30.00**

LEVEL: **9**

PREREQUISITE/S: **None**

COREQUISITE/S: **LAWS901**

RESTRICTION/S: **None**

## LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

**Total learning hours: 300**

## PRESCRIPTOR

A critical examination of the issues in international commercial law. Investigates the comparative law debates that have influenced the development of commercial law in the international context.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Critically examine the key differences and similarities across the different legal systems between civil and common law nations.
2. Analyse the key features of the different legal systems with a nuanced perspective.
3. Evaluate different commercial law issues drawing on the influence of comparative law.
4. Critique different comparative law approaches to solve modern commercial law problems.
5. Create a research paper that adds to the understanding of a selected aspect of international commercial law

## CONTENT

- Introduction: International Commercial Law.
- Historical context: Common law and civil law traditions, from their ancient origins, philosophical underpinnings.
- Modern context: Legal systems in UK, New York, France, Germany and China.
- Commercial law applied to comparative legal traditions and contexts.
- International influences on commercial law.
- Modern commercial law and judicial decision making.

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## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

An appropriate range of strategies that may include lectures, workshops & online learning.  
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## ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Seminar presentation (Individual)	20.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Legal Writing - Research paper (Individual)	80.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

<b>Grade Map</b>	<b>MAP1</b>
	A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
	B+ B B- Pass with Merit
	C+ C C- Pass
	D Fail

### Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

50% overall

## LEARNING RESOURCES

Details of all learning resources (including journals, databases, websites etc) are available on Canvas. Required Text(s): If there is a required text, details are available by searching the University Bookshop's website: [www.ubs.co.nz](http://www.ubs.co.nz) For further information, contact: Te Ara Pakihi, Te Ohanga Me Te Ture - Faculty of Business, Economics and Law

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**Principal Programme:** AK1044, Master of Laws

**Related Programme/s:** AK1050

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