1. **Title of the module**

LAWS7000 (LW700), Law Year Abroad

1. **School or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**

Kent Law School

1. **The level of the module (e.g. Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)**

Level 6

1. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**

120 credits (60 ECTS Credits)

1. **Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**

Autumn and Spring

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

Students must meet the prerequisite requirements for their respective programme as outlined in the Appendix to this specification.

1. **The programmes of study to which the module contributes**

LLB English & French Law\*

LLB European Legal Studies (inc. with German, Spanish or Italian)

LLB International Legal Studies

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will have:**
   1. acquired the ability to study law in a different higher education environment
   2. enhanced their understanding of law within an international context
   3. acquired the ability to study law in a different language (only formally relevant to those LLB programmes marked with an asterisk in section 7)
   4. enhanced their command of the target language in a native-speaker setting (only formally relevant to those LLB programmes marked with an asterisk in section 7)
2. **The intended generic learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will have:**
   1. acquired the ability to perform effectively in a different cultural – and, in some cases, linguistic – environment
   2. developed their intercultural sensitivity and interpersonal skills
   3. developed their ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing in more than one language (only formally relevant to those LLB programmes marked with an asterisk in section 7)
3. **A synopsis of the curriculum**

The year abroad involves the delivery of taught content (and the assessment of that content) at a partner institution, which will enable students to achieve the intended specific and generic learning outcomes of this module. Students will take modules equivalent to a full-time load (e.g. a full-time year of academic study, or as otherwise defined by the host institution). The exact composition will be as agreed with the appropriate Programme Director, or as set out in the learning agreement (‘the agreed modules’). The curriculum will vary depending on the partner institution and the agreed modules, but will be relevant to the student’s programme of study, and will contribute to achievement of the programme’s educational aims and learning outcomes.

1. **Reading List (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)**

Required and recommended reading will be set by the partner institution according to the agreed modules. However, students must ***carefully*** read all documentation provided to them in regard to their year abroad by the University of Kent and by the partner institution concerned.

1. **Learning and Teaching methods**

Learning and teaching methods will vary depending on the partner institution and the agreed modules. Inclusive of independent study, LAWS7000 will require approximately 1,200 hours of study, (or the number of study hours otherwise specified by the partner institution concerned as amounting to a full-time load).

1. **Assessment methods.**

13.1 Main assessment methods

The assessment methods are set and administered by the partner institution in accordance with its own rules and regulations and will vary depending on the institution and the agreed modules. Kent will assess LAWS7000 on a pass/fail basis. In order to pass this module and be awarded 120 Kent credits, students must achieve a pass mark (documented by the transcript issued by the partner institution) in at least two-thirds of the credits of their agreed modules***.*** There will be no compensation or condonement, and no concessionary adjustment of any marks awarded by the partner institution.

13.2 Reassessment methods

Reassessment opportunities may be provided by the partner institution during the year abroad in accordance with its own rules and regulations. Where, subsequent to any reassessment opportunities offered by the partner institution, a student fails to obtain two-thirds of the necessary credits, but achieves at least one-third, they will be required to undertake further written work to achieve the remaining credits. The pass mark for this assessment will be 40%, however, no numerical mark will be formally recorded.

Students who fail to achieve at least one-third of the necessary credits will not be offered a reassessment opportunity at Kent, and will fail this module (and their year abroad).

Students who ultimately fail their year abroad will be transferred to the single honours LLB Law and will not achieve a degree with a year abroad.

1. ***Map of Module Learning Outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to Learning and Teaching Methods (section 12) and methods of Assessment (section 13)***

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| **Module learning outcome** | | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 |
| **Learning / teaching method** | **Hours allocated** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| As described in s.12 | Approx. 1200 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **Assessment method** | Specify word length, duration, individual or group work (as appropriate) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| As described in s.13 | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

1. Through institutional exchange agreements, partner institutions agree to provide equal education opportunities to all students regardless of characteristics such as: gender, race, creed, religion, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation; pregnancy, marital or parental status; doing so in accordance with its own rules, regulations, and codes of conduct, and the laws to which it is subject. The University will liaise with partner institutions in regard to students who require additional alternative arrangements as a result of an Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/a declared disability in accordance with relevant policies and support services.
2. **Campus(es) or Centre(s) where module will be delivered:**

The location of study will vary depending on the location of the partner institution.

1. **Internationalisation**

This module is intrinsically international since it allows students to immerse themselves in the International culture of a destination abroad.

**Appendix 1: Prerequisite requirements for entry to the Year Abroad**

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| **Programme** | **Prerequisite requirements** |
| LLB English & French Law | A pass in LAWS5390 (Droit Francais)  Students must also achieve an average of 60% (or a merit on preponderance) in Stage 1 – unless this requirement is waived by the Director of the programme in accordance with the criteria specified in the programme specification. |
| LLB Law: International Legal Studies (Year abroad destination) | An average mark of 60% for Stage 1 and 60% for Stage 2 – unless this requirement is waived by the Director of the programme in accordance with the criteria specified in the programme specification.  Note: some partner institutions on this programme require 60% in both Stage 1 and Stage 2 – regardless of the circumstances. |
| LLB European Legal Studies  LLB European Legal Studies with German, Italian and Spanish | Students must achieve an average of 60% (or a merit on preponderance) in Stage 1 – unless this requirement is waived by the Director of the programme in accordance with the criteria specified in the programme specification.  For students taking LLB European Legal Studies with German, Italian or Spanish a pass is also required in the relevant Stage 1 **and** 2 language modules. |

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