UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON
INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

# INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME: LAW



### Head of Learning & Teaching: Cate Ball

Cate Ball is Head of Learning & Teaching at the University of Wolverhampton International Study Centre, having joined Malvern International in 2025. With a background in teaching, international education, and teacher training, she has extensive experience supporting both students and educators across a range of educational settings. Cate is committed to inclusive and innovative approaches to learning and teaching that enhance the student experience and support successful academic outcomes.



### Programme Leader: Yousuf Hindess

Yousuf Hindess joined the ISC at Wolverhampton in September 2025 as Programme Lead for English for Academic Purposes (EAP). Prior to that, he worked at INTO University of Exeter for 8 years as an EAP lecturer and Assistant Academic Manager. Long before reaching Wolverhampton, Yousuf worked abroad for substantial stints in Saudi Arabia and Egypt teaching both TEFL and EAP. A strong advocate of play in learning, he is an INNOPLAY Playful Champion from his time in Exeter.

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## Module overview:

### English and Academic Purposes for Professional Communication

This module develops students' academic and professional communication skills in Business & Law and Social Sciences. Through integrated assessment mediums, students will engage in AI-assisted research, structured writing, professional speaking, and reflective learning. Students will analyse a contemporary issue related to AI, ethics, policy, and decision-making, produce a research poster and advisory report, and participate in an expert panel discussion. Interactive lectures, seminars, and workshops will support skill development, with Collaborative Reflection Workshops (CRWs) fostering critical thinking and self-reflection.

### Introduction to Research Skills

This module introduces students to fundamental research skills essential for academic study in Business, Law, and Social Sciences. Students will develop the ability to find, evaluate, and analyse sources, apply qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, and communicate findings effectively through academic writing and presentations. The module emphasises critical thinking, ethical research practices, and academic integrity, ensuring students can conduct independent, evidence-based research relevant to their discipline. Students will explore how research informs business decision-making, legal analysis, and social policy development, gaining practical experience in interpreting data, evaluating sources, and presenting structured arguments. By the end of this module, students will have the foundational research and analytical skills necessary for success in undergraduate study and professional environments across law, business, and social sciences.

### Professional Practice and Ethics

This module introduces students to the ethical and professional responsibilities of legal practitioners, providing a foundation in legal ethics, professional conduct, and regulatory frameworks. Students will explore the role of solicitors, barristers, and legal executives, examining how professional codes of conduct shape legal practice and decision-making. The module will also develop essential academic and professional skills, including legal research, case analysis, ethical reasoning, and professional communication. Students will engage with legal dilemmas, regulatory case studies, and contemporary challenges in legal practice, such as the impact of AI and digital transformation on professional ethics. By the end of this module, students will have a strong understanding of legal professionalism and ethical integrity, preparing them for undergraduate law study and future legal careers.

### Social Issues in Contemporary Society

This module explores the relationship between law, media, and society, examining how legal frameworks, social policies, and media narratives influence contemporary social issues. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students will critically engage with topics such as human rights, discrimination, crime and justice, media influence, and global policy challenges. While the core themes remain consistent, the focus will vary depending on the programme. Law students will explore legal frameworks, case law, and justice systems, assessing the role of lawyers, judges, and policymakers in shaping social justice. Social sciences students will examine sociological perspectives, media representations, and policy responses, analysing how crime, justice, and inequality are constructed in society. Across both programmes, students will analyse case studies, evaluate policy responses, and develop critical perspectives on social change, preparing them for further academic study and career progression.