

## **Course report**

**Course name and code:** ICAL International Commercial Arbitration JU677M

**Semester:** HT21

**Credits:** 30

**Responsible teacher:** Daria Kozłowska-Rautiainen

**Number of students:** 26

**Description of changes since previous year:** The exam has now been worth 70% of the points towards the whole grade for the course. In the previous year, the exam was worth 50%. We can now see that the 70-30 division of points results in final grades that more truthfully represent the level of the students' knowledge.

### **The strengths of the course's according to the students**

The students were overall very satisfied with the course. What has been lifted in the feedback was the structure of the course and the interactive method of teaching that allows for gaining both deep theoretical knowledge as well as the relevant practical aspects of the legal problems. The scope and comprehensiveness of the course has also been mentioned by a couple of students. Many students also stated that the mock arbitration and guest lectures with practitioners and academics are some of the highlights of the course.

### **The weaknesses of the course according to the students**

Some of the areas that the students suggested improvement was to have less seminars and more detailed feedback. Quite a few students had no comments here.

### **Teachers' comments**

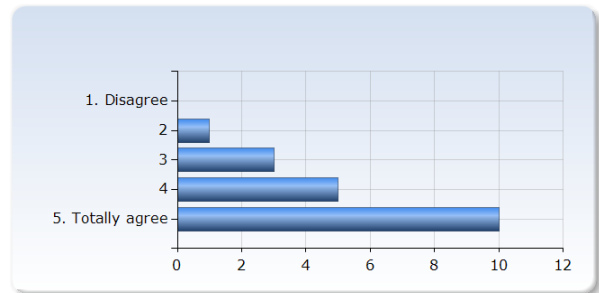
We find that this year's structure, workload, examination and literature work really well. The only change that is foreseen for the next year is to give more detailed feedback and make the mock case more complex (this is based on the oral feedback I've had with the students after the mock).

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Respondents: 26  
 Answer Count: 19  
 Answer Frequency: 73,07 %

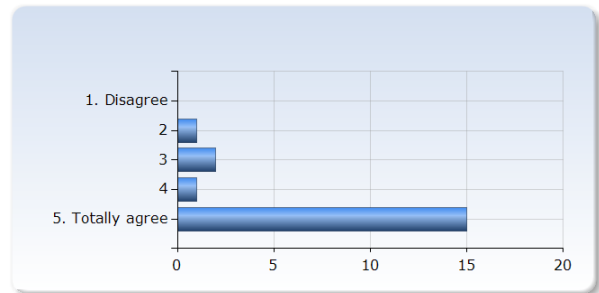
## 1. Overall, I am satisfied with the course.

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1. Disagree	0 (0.0%)
2	1 (5.3%)
3	3 (15.8%)
4	5 (26.3%)
5. Totally agree	10 (52.6%)
Total	19 (100.0%)



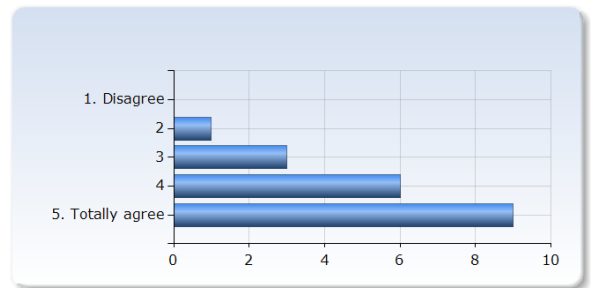
## 2. The content of the course was relevant to me for achieving the intended learning outcomes.

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1. Disagree	0 (0.0%)
2	1 (5.3%)
3	2 (10.5%)
4	1 (5.3%)
5. Totally agree	15 (78.9%)
Total	19 (100.0%)



## 3. The teaching gave me good conditions to achieve the intended learning outcomes.

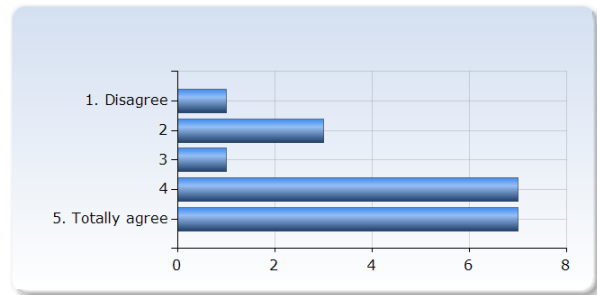
The teaching gave me good conditions to achieve the intended learning outcomes.	Number of Responses
1. Disagree	0 (0.0%)
2	1 (5.3%)
3	3 (15.8%)
4	6 (31.6%)
5. Totally agree	9 (47.4%)
Total	19 (100.0%)



**4. The examination/assessment tested how well I achieved the intended learning outcomes.**

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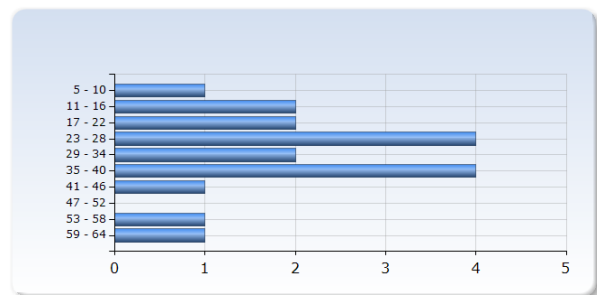
	<b>Number of Responses</b>
1. Disagree	1 (5.3%)
2	3 (15.8%)
3	1 (5.3%)
4	7 (36.8%)
5. Totally agree	7 (36.8%)
Total	19 (100.0%)



**5. On average, I have spent approximately the following number of hours per week on the course, total time, including self-study.**

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5 - 10	1 (5.6%)
11 - 16	2 (11.1%)
17 - 22	2 (11.1%)
23 - 28	4 (22.2%)
29 - 34	2 (11.1%)
35 - 40	4 (22.2%)
41 - 46	1 (5.6%)
47 - 52	0 (0.0%)
53 - 58	1 (5.6%)
59 - 64	1 (5.6%)
Total	18 (100.0%)



## 6. What was the best about the course?

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Curriculum

The best experience was the mock

The combination of academic and practical knowledge. Also, the high level of the teachers and lecturers, as well as the information received. We go in-depth in every topic and have relevant discussions that will help me in real life circumstances. I feel prepared to take on any future job in the field of arbitration.

The ability to review topics with a more in-depth analysis. The guest lectures are very useful and it is a pleasure to have conversations with persons of such seniority and relevance in the field.

Challenging subjects, group discussions, support by the arbitration community

The mock

The seminar that we have with Crina Baltag.

Comprehensive topics covered and diverse guest lectures

Small class size, interesting teaching, professors were very motivated.

The course structure, and the method of teaching. The lectures were informative and the seminars were interactive and interesting. The interactive feature of the seminar was particularly very helpful in helping us think outside the box, plus, it also made sure that the entire batch bonds and works together. Special mention to the mock, it was the highlight of the seminar!

Mock arbitration. Extremely helpful in terms of practical skills.

The scope of the course, giving a real overall of commercial arbitration. I learnt so much in a short period of time and I am very thankful for that.

guest lectures, mock arbitration and assignments

I really enjoyed the practical elements of the course. Including the mock and such.

Mock and guest speakers

The course is rich in information from the most specific to the most comprehensive. It is inclusive even for those who have no practical experience in the area.

Daria and Crina are excellent professors. They are very devoted to the program and you can tell how relevant this is for them. They have a genuine interest in us learning. Excellent assets for the SU!

The easy access to the course and the faculty. Inspiring educators and guest lecturers

Our Lecturers, I would say. They did an exceptional job in making sure we had a solid foundation and they did not stop until we became a beautiful sturdy building at the end of the course.

## 7. What improvements would you suggest?

### What improvements would you suggest?

More feedback and work with the law firm during mock

I do not have any suggestions.

I do not have suggestions.

Maybe less classes with students presenting developments in arbitration, hard to listen and stay focused

Grading could be more differentiated

There are teaching ways in the seminars that I don't find very useful and there are some seminars that should be lectures and vice versa.

More guidance or advice for both practical and academic career

Less seminars, not more than two per week. Nobody can really prepare for more than two seminars per week if you want to

Unfortunately due to Covid, a lot of these seminars were online. But i hope it happens offline soon!

Mock arbitration cases should be made in a way which involves the tribunal members more.

Even struggling I cannot find anything.

Better division/balance of assessment percentage, particularly in relation to case exam.

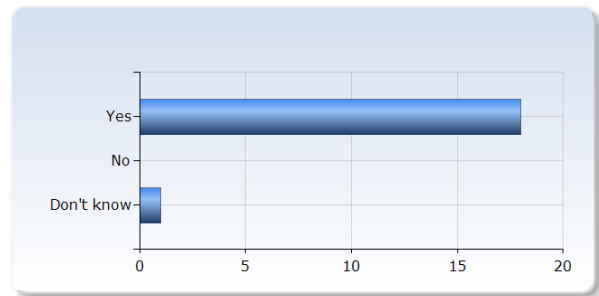
Perhaps the introduction of more guest lectures that show us the practice of arbitration. As an example the visit to SCC or roundtables like "Building a career in international arbitration"

A little less group activities

The Programme is already so well-structured and practical that it is difficult to suggest improvements.

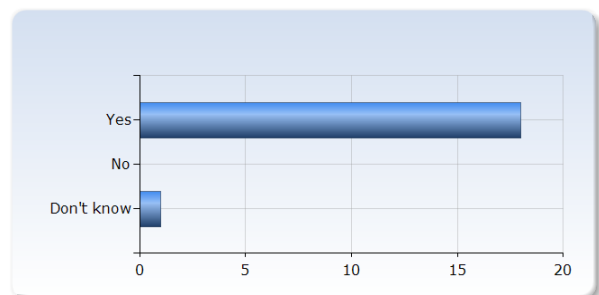
## 8. Did the lectures aid your understanding of the discussed issues?

Did the lectures aid your understanding of the discussed issues?	Number of Responses
Yes	18 (94.7%)
No	0 (0.0%)
Don't know	1 (5.3%)
Total	19 (100.0%)



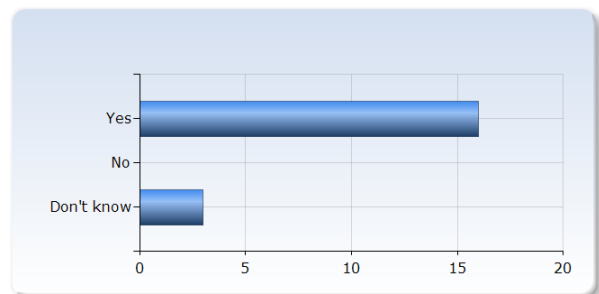
## 9. Did the seminars enhance your knowledge in arbitration?

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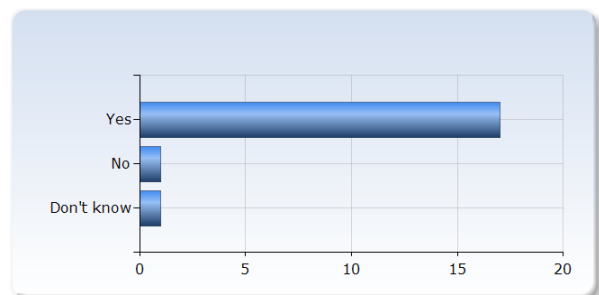
## 10. Did the weekly scripts help your learning process?

Did the weekly scripts help your learning process?	Number of Responses
Yes	16 (84.2%)
No	0 (0.0%)
Don't know	3 (15.8%)
Total	19 (100.0%)



## 11. Were the seminar handouts helpful?

Were the seminar handouts helpful?	Number of Responses
Yes	17 (89.5%)
No	1 (5.3%)
Don't know	1 (5.3%)
Total	19 (100.0%)



## 12. What topics would you have wanted to be covered in addition to those presently in the schedule?

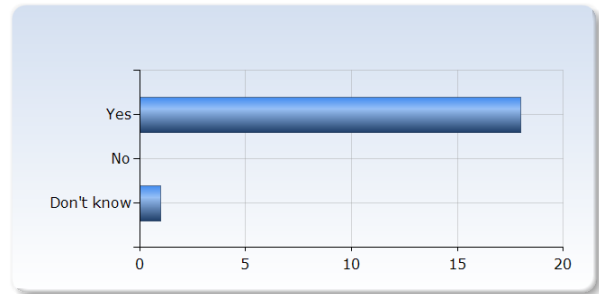
**What topics would you have wanted to be covered in addition to those presently in the schedule?**

No suggestions  
 It would be helpful to have a lecture comparative on investment arbitration to have some basics  
 I do not have any suggestions.  
 I do not have suggestions.  
 Additional insight into mediation as form of ADR would be very interesting  
 I can't think of anything additional.  
 more seminars about hot topics in arbitration and seminars related to the topic research.  
 The topics are quite comprehensive now.  
 I think all the topics were adequately covered.  
 Perhaps a bit of more comparison to investment arbitration would have been helpful  
 I would not know.  
 No suggestions  
 I can't think of anything that was missed.  
 N/A  
 I think it would be interesting to dedicate an exclusive week just to review the most critical topics in an arbitration or to discuss hot topics in the month.  
 Talk a bit more about ad hoc arbitration  
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 None that I can think of now.

## 13. Did the tasks enhance your ability to find, use and critically analyze materials relevant to studying and working with international commercial arbitration?

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	Number of Responses
Yes	18 (94.7%)
No	0 (0.0%)
Don't know	1 (5.3%)
Total	19 (100.0%)



## 14. Did the mock arbitration contribute to your learning experience?

Did the mock arbitration contribute to your learning experience?	Number of Responses
Yes	19 (100.0%)
No	0 (0.0%)
Don't know	0 (0.0%)
Total	19 (100.0%)

