



## LLM in International Business Law

**B**y the end of the programme, you will have a specialised knowledge of international business law that reflects the changing commercial, social, political and technical realities of the global economy. Whether you are a practising lawyer or have broader commercial responsibilities, this LLM will prepare you for a high-level career in an international law firm, multinational company or governmental organisation.

### PROGRAMME OUTLINE

- Our LLM in International Business Law is a specialist Master of Laws degree that provides a thorough grounding in the legal skills and knowledge required in today's global business environment. Designed to accommodate both legal and commercial perspectives, it provides a firm foundation in international business law and the opportunity to pursue your interest in a number of specific legal areas.
- Our international virtual classroom is the ideal environment for practising lawyers and corporate executives to learn together and from each other. Reflecting the cross-border and cross-discipline reality of global business networks, it brings together students from around the world in a dynamic, collaborative forum. Together you will discover and debate the nature and development of the legal context that shapes worldwide commercial activity. This online exchange of different legal and industry perspectives provides new opportunities for learning that a traditional classroom cannot match.
- Core modules cover legal methodology, conflict of laws in business and commerce, law of business organisations, law of the European Single Market, corporate governance, and law of the World Trade Organization. You can then personalise your Masters with two elective modules chosen from aspects of banking law, international money laundering regulation, competition law, commercial contracts, internet law, and information security. You complete your degree with an original dissertation.
- You will graduate with the specialist international legal expertise that is highly prized by multinational companies, regulators and governmental organisations. Your advanced qualification will

give you a secure platform on which to develop your career in a range of legal and commercial environments – and increased opportunities in legal jurisdictions beyond your own.

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## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- The programme comprises two preparatory modules, six core modules and two electives, culminating in a dissertation.
- You will follow two non-credit bearing modules (Student Readiness Orientation and Foundations for Academic Success) that will prepare you for your online learning experience. For more information about these required preparatory modules refer to the [Centre for Student Success document](#).
- The first module will be nine weeks in length (two half weeks and seven full weeks). Each subsequent module lasts eight weeks. You take one module at a time in order to study a specific subject in-depth without distractions.

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## REQUIRED MODULES

### Legal methodology

*Aim: To provide a comprehensive grounding in the specialist skills and perspectives necessary for independent legal reading and presentation.*

- The structured exercises that comprise this module will help you develop appropriate skills and introduce you to intellectual perspectives over a range of international, European and domestic legal subject areas. You will work on reading, writing and presentation techniques and receive specific counselling on legal writing skills.

### Conflict of laws in business and commerce

*Aim: To introduce the theoretical basis of conflict of laws and the purpose of rules in law.*

- This module provides an introduction to conflict of laws, including its theoretical basis, the purpose of the rules and issues of particular relevance to business. You will study issues such as where to litigate, and the jurisdiction of the English courts under the common law rules, the Brussels Convention/Regulation and the Lugano Convention. You will cover the choice of law in contract, torts and in relation to movable and immovable property, including issues such as jurisdiction, renvoi and expropriation. You will develop a view on what system should govern e-commerce and examine the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.

### Law of business organisations

*Aim: To analyse the relationships arising out of different business organisations and in particular the legal effects of establishing limited liability companies.*

- This module introduces different forms of business organisations, such as partnerships and LLPs. You will explore the relationships arising out of different business organisations, including those between partners; partners and third parties; contractual obligations; rules of agency law as applicable to partners, and dissolution of the partnership. You will then look at the limited liability partnership and the changes to general partnership it has entailed. Finally, you will explore the different types of limited liability company, the legal effect of establishing such a company, and rules relating to management and contractual capacity.

### Law of the European Single Market

*Aim: To examine the core aspects of the European single market.*

- This module focuses on a range of issues affecting trade in the single market, such as customs duties and discriminatory internal taxation; the free movement of goods and services; treaty derogations and mandatory requirements; private barriers to movement and relationship with fundamental

rights; forms of harmonisation and their relationship to the primary Treaty provisions; market management by the Commission; and theories of regulatory competition and social dumping.

#### Corporate governance

*Aim: To examine different systems of corporate governance and regulation.*

- On completing this module, you will be able to describe, analyse and critique key matters of process and structure that constitute systems of corporate governance on an international scale.

#### Law of the World Trade Organization

*Aim: To examine the role of traditional international law in economic relations.*

- In this module you will examine the principal non-state actors, such as the World Bank Group, WTO, UNCTAD, OECD, and regional trading blocs such as the EU. You will also study basic GATT/WTO principles, WTO dispute settlement and the treatment of issues including dumping and subsidies, foreign investment, regulation of multinational corporations, protection of the environment and transfer of technology.

## ELECTIVE MODULES

#### Aspects of banking law

*Aim: To analyse the role of the banking sector and issues relating to bank regulation.*

- This module focuses particularly on the shortcomings of banking regulators. You will study the development of the banker/customer relationship with an emphasis on bank confidentiality and money laundering regimes. You will also look at mitigating factors in banking transactions, such as undue influence and duress, with special reference to the impact of third-party behaviour (O'Brien and the subsequent cases).

#### International money laundering regulation

*Aim: To provide a comparative study of UK and international responses to the problems of money laundering and economic crime.*

- In this module you will undertake a comparative survey of major countries, including the history of financial crimes and their regulation, methods of money-laundering, the uses and abuses of off-shore financial centres, and international regulation of money movements. You will also learn about the increasing role that tax counsel plays in compliance and due diligence investigations.

#### Competition law

*Aim: To develop your knowledge of competition law and enable you to apply it to practical problems.*

- This module covers the main areas of competition law in the EC. You will develop and demonstrate knowledge of the principles and legal rules of EC competition law and engage in a critical analysis of the main judicial decisions and administrative practice of the EC authorities. You will also apply your knowledge of EC competition law suggest solutions to practical problems.

#### Commercial contracts

*Aim: To provide an understanding of the substantive law of contracts in the UK and the EU.*

- This module provides a basic understanding of the substantive law of contracts in the UK and the EU. Contracts are a prominent feature of not only business, but also consumer law, residential leases, the sale of property and so on. This module deals with how contracts are formed, which contracts are valid, when a contract has been breached, defences to contractual liability, the various remedies for breach, and quasi-contractual theories of liability based on detrimental reliance and unjust enrichment.

### Internet law

*Aim: To introduce the conceptual and practical dimensions of internet technology and their effect on an emerging legal architecture.*

- In this module you will examine the impact of the international communications infrastructure on economic, political and social institutions. It will cover a range of themes against the background of globalisation, drawing material from a number of jurisdictions and from a wide range of perspectives (not limited to law).

### Information security

*Aim: To develop your understanding of the nature of information security and the varied threats to it, as well as the legal, technical and business responses to those threats.*

- This module covers a wide range of information security threats and responses. You will examine technical issues such as cryptography and e-signatures and study the legal response to information security threats in the UK, EU, US and Australia. You will also consider the issues surrounding setting standards in information security and the impact of information security on corporations and the workplace.

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## DISSERTATION

*Aim: To undertake a piece of original research to demonstrate your mastery and integration of knowledge you have acquired during the programme.*

- You will choose your dissertation topic in conjunction with your personal dissertation advisor, an academic supervisor, who will provide support throughout the study and writing process. Your dissertation will apply your new knowledge and work experience and must have merit beyond the narrower scope of your particular need.