

## PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION – POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

### KEY FACTS

Programme name	LLM (Master of Laws)
Awards	LLM (Master of Laws) LLM in International Litigation and Dispute Resolution LLM in Criminal Litigation LLM in International Banking and Finance LLM in International Commercial Law LLM in International Human Rights LLM in Maritime Law LLM in Public International Law
School	The City Law School
Department or equivalent	Postgraduate & Professional Programmes
Programme code	LALMLLM02
Type of study	Full Time Part Time
Total UK credits	180
Total ECTS	90

### PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The LLM by Advanced Study is a flexible Masters programme which will enable you to develop a critical understanding of specialist or linked areas of the Law through a strong combination of in-depth scholarship, practitioner contact and real world insights.

You will have a choice of TWO programme options:

1) Complete an **LLM (Master of Laws)** by choosing and completing modules (each module carries 30 credits) constituting a total 180 credits, including a dissertation of either 30 or 60 credits.

2) Obtain one of the following specialist LLMs by achieving a total of 180 credits through taking at least 60 credits **and** the dissertation (either the 30 credit dissertation or 60 credit dissertation) in the relevant defined specialist area of law:

**LLM in International Litigation and Dispute Resolution**  
**LLM in Criminal Litigation**  
**LLM in International Banking and Finance**  
**LLM in International Commercial Law**  
**LLM in International Human Rights**

## **LLM in Maritime Law**

## **LLM in Public International Law**

The programme can be completed on a full-time basis over one year or part-time over two to four years.

The aims of the LLM programme are:

- to equip you with a sophisticated knowledge of certain key areas of law;
- to enhance your professional and specialist legal skills
- to provide an opportunity for critical reflection on aspects of the law and/or on legal practice;
- to aid you to make an informed choice about the desirability of pursuing doctoral research either in this country or abroad;
- to permit you to demonstrate self-reliance and innovative thought through the submission of a substantial dissertation;
- to provide an interdisciplinary approach where relevant.

There is also much emphasis on the professional aspects of the law. There is equal emphasis on the intellectual rigours of a strong research-led and research-based Master programme.

The programme provides for a THREE possible exit points:

Postgraduate Certificate in Law – if you successfully acquire 60 credits.

Postgraduate Diploma in Law – if you successfully acquire 120 credits.

Master of Laws (or any of the specialist LLMs) – if you successfully complete 180 credits at the end of the programme.

### **Postgraduate Certificate**

For all of you completing the Postgraduate Certificate in Law you will be able to examine the theories in selected areas related to law, and synthesise and apply these to professional work related to law. You will have critical insight into problems related to select areas of legal study and be able to solve these using relevant legal research skills. You will also use a range of techniques to undertake your scholarly work.

### **Postgraduate Diploma**

For all of you completing the Postgraduate Diploma in Law, in addition to the above you will explore knowledge related to a wider field of legal subjects from different perspectives to broaden your expertise and skills. You will also evaluate critically current evidence in legal practice and thinking and provide appropriate critiques of knowledge and techniques in the areas of law you have chosen to study.

### **Master of Laws**

For all of you completing the LLM you will demonstrate original application of knowledge to select and advanced legal issues, and in choice of approaches to legal practice. You will be engaged in research or scholarly activity that contributes creative thinking in legal solutions.

## **WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?**

**On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to be able to:**

### **Knowledge and understanding**

- Evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in selected areas of law and practice, including research methodologies where appropriate;
- Display a thorough knowledge of a range of aspects of one or more distinct areas of law or legal practice including critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights at the forefront of law;
- Demonstrate how techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in law;
- Demonstrate knowledge of theory and techniques relevant to law in practice.

### **Skills**

- Demonstrate high quality legal and professional research skills;
- Display excellent oral and written communication skills including the ability to express complex arguments clearly and accurately;
- Undertake independent learning and to assess your own capacity for progressing to higher level studies;
- Demonstrate self-direction and originality in addressing problems or issues arising from the current state of the law in the subject area studied and/or proposals for its development or reform;
- Apply knowledge of the law, whether gained during current or previous studies, in an appropriate and, on occasion, original manner to address issues of concern to selected areas of law;
- Deal with complex issues, including those where data maybe incomplete, both systematically and creatively and to reach sound judgements.

### **Values and attitudes**

- Exhibit rigour throughout the research process
- Deal with research materials ethically and appropriately

- Show an appropriate knowledge of legal or professional ethics

## HOW WILL I LEARN?

The programme ensures that you will be taught in **small classes**. Each module is delivered over one term. Each lecture and seminar group will normally have a maximum of 40 students and a minimum of 5.

For each module, each week you will have a lecture or equivalent activity designed to help you build knowledge about the subject area, followed by a synchronous and interactive seminar.

Weekly seminars provide a forum for exploration of issues, analysis, and critical debate, and for airing issues arising from the current state of the law. Active student participation and involvement is important. You will be expected to prepare fully for seminars and to participate actively in the discussion. You may also be asked on occasion to make a presentation to lead the discussion.

All classes will be supported by online materials. You will be expected to read the relevant material, attend/watch the lecture and prepare for the seminar.

You will be given structured guidance on reading materials and online resources. Assigned reading will include a range of materials, including current research and advanced scholarship. This will include material which addresses current problems and issues at the forefront of the subject area. You will be encouraged to seek out additional material relating to issues being explored.

You will be expected to take overall responsibility for your progress to the level expected of a graduate working on a master's level programme, ensuring that your attendance, private study, contribution in class and completion of assignments meet requirements and properly support your study.

The induction programme provides an introduction to the Programme, including lectures and master classes on various aspects of the law (English, EU, or international, as appropriate) and legal skills and methods relevant to the Programme.

You will also be required to participate in a series of research methods workshops in preparation for your dissertation. You will be given personalised supervision to write your dissertation.

Complementing the formal teaching and assessment, the City Law School organises a seminar programme involving senior practitioners, regulators, litigation specialists and distinguished academics. These focus on the practical

side of the law; discussion of important new cases; important practical developments or new regulatory developments.

You may also have the opportunity to compete for internships or work placements.

These complementary activities give you the opportunity to consider the application of some of the theoretical and practical issues discussed within the taught modules to legal practice and real world situations.

You have the opportunity to attend **ONE** extra module **per term** (over and above those modules for which you register), but please note that this will be subject to class sizes and timetabling constraints. The extra module/s will not count towards your overall credits. There is no assessment associated with this additional module.

## **WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?**

### Assessment and Assessment Criteria

Assessment will draw on a range of approaches which include written coursework, presentations, skills work, in-class tests, projects and a dissertation. The purpose of this is to assess a range of different skills and knowledge, as well as exposing you to different approaches.

The majority of modules will be assessed on the basis of written coursework of **5,000** words.

The 30 credit dissertation module will involve the submission of a dissertation of 10,000 words on a subject agreed with your supervisor/Programme Director. If you decide to offer the 60 credit dissertation instead, you are required to submit a dissertation of 20,000 words on a subject agreed with your supervisor/Programme Director.

Most modules have a single summative assessment with 100% weighting but there are some where there is more than one assessment and the weighting for each will be 50%.

You have the option of completing formative coursework in each module. The formative assessment will give you an opportunity to understand and appreciate the academic attainment levels expected. At different stages of the programme, it provides you with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate legal research, quantitative, cognitive and other skills in addition to your knowledge and understanding of the subjects.

The dissertation provides you with an opportunity to display competence in

legal research. It allows some autonomy and enables you to show that you can manage information as well as developing complex arguments and innovative ways to solve problems.

Each assessment tests whether you:

- have grasped the relevant principles;
- are able to analyse and interpret those principles critically;
- are able to apply them to complex factual problems; and
- can present the relevant points in concise, clear and grammatical terms.

Assessment Criteria are provided for each module and are descriptions, based on the intended learning outcomes, of the skills, knowledge or attitudes that you need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured.

Grade-Related Criteria are descriptions of the level of skills, knowledge or attributes that you need to demonstrate in order to achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured and placed within the overall set of marks. Assessment Criteria and Grade-Related Criteria will be made available to you to support you in completing assessments. These will be provided in the programme handbook, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task. Module leaders will tell you at the start of each module where these will be provided.

### Feedback on assessment

Generic feedback for each assessment will be posted on the virtual learning environment (Moodle). In the majority of cases, individual feedback in written and/or oral format will also be available. Feedback will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. In particular, we aim to provide you with written feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark. For end of module examinations or an equivalent significant task (e.g. an end of module project), feedback will normally be provided within four weeks. The timescale for feedback on final year projects or dissertations may be longer. The full policy can be found at:

[https://www.city.ac.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/68921/assessment\\_and\\_feedback\\_policy.pdf](https://www.city.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/68921/assessment_and_feedback_policy.pdf)

### Assessment Regulations

For the award of the LLM, the following general requirements must be met: Achievement of a module mark of 50% or more in each of the modules, and, in addition, the satisfactory completion of a dissertation.

You will be given an opportunity to resit any module not passed. You will normally be offered one resit attempt at either the whole module or an individual assessment (if you have only failed one component).

If you are successful in the resit, you shall be awarded the credits for that module. The mark used for the purpose of calculation towards your Award shall be calculated from the original marks for the component(s) that you passed at first attempt and the minimum pass mark (50%) for the component(s) for which you took a resit. Where a module consists of only a single component, and where that component is subject to a resit, the minimum pass mark for that component shall be taken to be the minimum pass mark for the module. Where a module consists of components that have no pass marks assigned, and where the module is subject to a resit because the overall pass mark for the module has not been achieved, the minimum pass mark for the module shall be used in the award calculations.

The pass mark for each module is 50%.

If you fail an assessment component or a module, the following will apply:

1. Compensation: where you fail up to a total of 30 credits at first attempt in a taught module (not the Dissertation) you may be allowed compensation if:
  - It can be demonstrated that you have satisfied all the Learning Outcomes of the modules in the Programme, and
  - A minimum overall mark of no more than 5% below the module pass mark has been achieved in the module to be compensated, and
  - An aggregate mark of 55% has been achieved overall.

For the avoidance of doubt, only one 30 credit taught module can be compensated.

Where you are eligible for compensation this will be applied in the first instance rather than offering a resit opportunity.

If you receive a compensated pass in a module you will be awarded the credit for that module. The original component marks will be retained in the record of marks and your original module mark shall be used for the purpose of your Award calculation.

2. Resit: where you are not eligible for compensation, you will be offered one resit attempt.

If you are successful in the resit, you will be awarded the credit for that module. The mark for each assessment component that is subject to a resit will be capped at the pass mark for the module. This capped mark will be used in the calculation of the final module mark together with the original marks for the components that you passed at first attempt.

If you do not meet the pass the requirements for a module and do not complete your resit by the date specified you will not progress and the Assessment Board will require that you be withdrawn from the Programme.

If you fail to meet the requirements for the Programme, the Assessment Board will consider whether you are eligible for an Exit Award as per the table below.

If you attain 180 credits at the end of the programme, you will be awarded the relevant LLM.

If you successfully complete 120 credits, you have the opportunity to graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma in Law.

If you successfully complete 60 credits, you have the opportunity to graduate with a Postgraduate Certificate in Law.

The normal time limit for completing the full-time LLM is 2 years, for part-time students the limit is 4 years; exceptions can be made, but are subject to the outcome of an extenuating circumstances claim and the maximum periods of registration set out in the University's Assessment Regulations.

Coursework and Dissertations may be subject to viva voce examinations in order to investigate allegations of misconduct.

If you would like to know more about the way in which assessment works at City, please see the full version of the Assessment Regulations at:  
[http://www.city.ac.uk/\\_data/assets/word\\_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc](http://www.city.ac.uk/_data/assets/word_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc)

## WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

Master's Degree:

Part	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)	Class	% required
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Dissertation	7	60	33%	With Distinction	70
Taught	7	120	67%		With Merit
				Without	50
				classification	
<u>OR</u>					
<u>Master's Degree:</u>					
<b>Part</b>	<b>HE Level</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Weighting (%)</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>% required</b>
Dissertation	7	30	17%	With Distinction	70
Taught	7	150	83%	With Merit	60
				Without	50
				classification	
<u>Postgraduate Diploma:</u>					
<b>Part</b>	<b>HE Level</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Weighting (%)</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>% required</b>
All modules (taught/dissertation)	7	120	100%	With Distinction	70
				With Merit	60
				Without	50
				classification	
<u>Postgraduate Certificate:</u>					
<b>Part</b>	<b>HE Level</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Weighting (%)</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>% required</b>
All modules (taught/dissertation)	7	60	100%	With Distinction	70
				With Merit	60
				Without	50
				classification	

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?**

### Taught component

The LLM consists of taught modules (each module is worth 30 credits) and a compulsory dissertation module of 30 **or** 60 credits. Part 1 is the taught element of the programme; you will select taught modules from the range of available subjects constituting a total of 120 or 150 credits. Full time students are advised to complete 60 credits in the first term of study and either 60 or 90 credits in the second term. If you are a part time student, you should organise your schedule with the programme director taking into consideration the length of time you wish to take to complete the LLM. Part time study can vary between two to four years. It is conventional for Part Time students to complete their dissertation after they have completed all their taught modules.

Part 2 is the dissertation element of the programme and is completed by Full Time students following the Spring Term and submitted in September.

Please note that it is possible to start the Full Time programme in September or January. If you start the programme in January you will:

- undertake a mutually agreed number of credits of taught modules in the Spring Term, and,
- complete the dissertation over the Summer Term, and,
- then, undertake the remainder of credits of taught modules during the Autumn Term.

You will be provided with supervisory support in the Summer Term to enable you to complete the dissertation. The dissertation is a free standing module and does not build on the modules studied in the preceding term.

If you start the Full Time programme in September, you will:

- undertake a mutually agreed number credits of taught modules in the Autumn Term, and,
- undertake the remainder of credits of taught modules in the Spring Term, and,
- then, complete the dissertation over the Summer Term.

You will find an extensive list of modules offered (subject to availability):

<b>Module Title</b>	<b>SITS Code</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	<b>Core/ Elective</b>	<b>Can be Compensated?</b>	<b>Level</b>
Admiralty Law	LMM046	30	E	Y	7
Advocacy in the Criminal Trial	LMM156	30	E	Y	7
Advocacy: Trial Stories	LMM157	30	E	Y	7
Arbitration	LLM304	30	E	Y	7
Carriage of Goods by Sea	LMM048	30	E	Y	7

Litigation Dispute Resolution Options	LMM302	30	E	Y	7
Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Property	LMM115	30	E	Y	7
Forensic Psychology for the Criminal Practitioner	LMM168	30	E	Y	7
Global Capitalism: Past, Present, Future	IPM105	30	E	Y	7
Global Ethics: Principles, Power & Politics	IPM117	30	E	Y	7
Global Political Economy: Contemporary Approaches	IPM116	30	E	Y	7
Human Rights and the Transformation of World Politics	IPM118	30	E	Y	7
International Banking Law	LMM032	30	E	Y	7
International Commercial Arbitration	LMM082	30	E	Y	7
International Corporate Finance	LMM079	30	E	Y	7
International Criminal Law: Crimes & Institutions	LMM173	30	E	Y	7
International Criminal Law: the Practitioner Perspective	LMM167	30	E	Y	7
International Human Rights in Law and Practice	LLM128	30	E	Y	7
International Intellectual Property Law and Policy	LMM155	30	E	Y	7
International Investment Law	LMM090	30	E	Y	7

International Law of the Sea	LLM125	30	E	Y	7
International Tax Law	LMM034	30	E	Y	7
International Trade Law	LMM075	30	E	Y	7
Law and War	LMM138	30	E	Y	7
Marine Insurance	LMM047	30	E	Y	7
Mediation and Negotiation	LLM303	30	E	Y	7
Mergers	LMM044	30	E	Y	7
Minorities and Indigenous Peoples in International Law	LLM129	30	E	Y	7
Money Laundering Law	LMM116	30	E	Y	7
Oil & Gas Law	LMM089	30	E	Y	7
Project Finance and Law	LMM081	30	E	Y	7
Public International Law	LMM126	30	E	Y	7
Strategy, Diplomacy & Decision-making	IPM112	30	E	Y	7
Theories of International Politics	IPM103	30	E	Y	7
World Trade Law	LMM041	30	E	Y	7

Modules are offered subject to minimum numbers; where it is not possible to offer a module because of low student demand or staff unavailability, you will be given the opportunity to write a dissertation around that subject area.

Please note that those modules with a code starting IPM are run jointly with the Department of International Politics.

### **Dissertation component**

<b>Module Title</b>	<b>SITS Code</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	<b>Core/ Elective</b>	<b>Can be Compensated?</b>	<b>Level</b>
Dissertation A	LMM161	60	E	N	7
Dissertation B	LMM162	30	E	N	7

To obtain the LLM (Master of Laws) you must complete 120 or 150 credits worth of ANY (subject to timetabling constraints) taught modules and write your dissertation of respectively 60 or 30 credits on ANY field of Law (subject to availability of supervisors).

Alternatively you can complete a specialist LLM degree as follows:

### **Specialised degrees**

To qualify for a specialised degree, you must complete **at least** 60 credits of taught modules in the specialist pathway and complete a dissertation **in that area of specialisation**. Below are the areas of specialisation with their specific modules.

#### **Areas of Specialisation**

##### **LLM in International Litigation and Dispute Resolution**

- Advocacy: Trial Stories
- Litigation Dispute Resolution Options
- Arbitration
- Mediation and Negotiation
- International Commercial Arbitration

##### **LLM in Criminal Litigation**

- Advocacy in the criminal trial
- International Criminal Law: Crimes & Institutions
- International Criminal Law: the Practitioner Perspective
- Advocacy: Trial Stories
- Forensic Psychology for the Criminal Practitioner

##### **LLM in International Banking and Finance**

- International Banking Law
- International Corporate Finance Law
- International Investment Law
- International Tax
- Money Laundering
- Project Finance

##### **LLM in International Commercial Law**

- International Banking Law
- International Tax
- World Trade Law
- Admiralty Law
- Marine Insurance
- Carriage of Goods by Sea
- International Trade Law
- International Corporate Finance
- Project Finance and Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Oil & Gas Law
- International Investment Law

- International Intellectual Property Law
- Mergers

#### **LLM in International Human Rights**

- Public International Law
- International Criminal Law: Crimes & Institutions
- International Criminal Law: the Practitioner Perspective
- International Human Rights in Law and Practice
- Law and War
- Minorities and Indigenous Peoples in International Law

#### **LLM in Maritime Law**

- Admiralty Law
- Carriage of Goods by Sea
- International Trade Law
- Marine Insurance
- World Trade Law
- International Law of the Sea
- International Commercial Arbitration

#### **LLM in Public International Law**

- International Law of the Sea
- Public International Law
- International Human Rights in Law and Practice
- Minorities and Indigenous Peoples in International Law
- International Criminal Law: Crimes & Institutions
- International Criminal Law: the Practitioner Perspective
- Law and War
- World Trade Law
- International Investment Law

#### **TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON?**

The LLM provides you with a sound basis for developing a career in general or specialist legal practice, business, finance, government, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, journalism, politics, teaching, research and many others.

By the end of the programme, you will not only have gained advanced knowledge in key areas of law but will have also acquired transferable skills essential to understanding, and succeeding in, the world of legal work and practice.

If you would like more information on the Careers support available at City, please go to: <http://www.city.ac.uk/careers/for-students-and-recent-graduates>.

## HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?

You should normally hold a good first degree in law, or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline, and must be fluent in written and spoken English. We expect applicants who are not nationals of a majority English-speaking country OR have not successfully completed an academic qualification, at least equivalent to a UK bachelor's degree, which was taught in a majority English-speaking country as defined by the UK Border Agency, to have an overall IELTS score of at least 7.0 (or equivalent).

Applicants with a first degree in a subject other than law will be considered, but it should be noted that this may restrict the choice of modules where content is dependent on a prior knowledge of law.

There are generous scholarships available for highly qualified applicants. For more information about scholarships and fees, please visit <http://www.city.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/funding-and-financial-support/sources-of-funding>

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