

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION – POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

KEY FACTS

Programme name	Maritime Law in Greece
Award	LLM
School	The City Law School
Department or equivalent	City Law School - Academic Courses
Programme code	LALMICL01 (Route: PSLMOL)
Type of study	Full Time or Part Time
Total UK credits	180
Total ECTS	90
Partner (partnership programmes only)	Lloyd's Register Piraeus Greece
Type of partnership	Off-site partnership delivery

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The LLM in Maritime Law in Greece is a Masters programme that enables you to develop a full understanding of maritime law through in-depth scholarship, extensive practitioner contact and real world insights.

When studying for the LLM you will have the opportunity to attend our annual symposium in law and practice; an event delivered by world-renowned academics and leading legal experts from within the shipping industry.

The course is taught at the Lloyd's Register Piraeus Greece, a worldwide respected shipping institution situated in Piraeus, the heart of the Greek shipping community. The lectures are delivered by high profile academics who are predominantly from the UK and many of these have significant practical experience of the industry. There are strong links between this course and the shipping industry. In order to gain success in this degree you must achieve a high level of academic attainment but will also gain insight into the operation of the shipping business and international trade.

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

Your study in the taught modules will enable you to explore and develop your knowledge of international commercial law, combining a sound academic base with insights into current practice. The approach will involve critical examination of material and consideration of different perspectives, which will help you to develop insight and practice-related techniques.

The assessments that you undertake in relation to the taught modules to achieve this qualification will comprise coursework requiring, as relevant, analysis of statutes, rules, cases, policy documents, and academic research and comment. Your work will be expected to demonstrate a sound scholarly base, with critical analysis and practice-focused insight.

Upon successful completion of this LLM programme you will have achieved a total of

180 credits at level 7; 60 of these credits will have been attained by completing a dissertation module, on an area of the LLM Maritime Law in Greece that you have identified as being of specific interest to you or, relevant to your own career development.

All students are in the first instance registered on the LLM programme. However: it is possible to exit the programme with a Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits) or a Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits).

If you exit the programme with a Pg Cert, you should have acquired a systematic knowledge of the taught core modules in your chosen area of study and/ or professional practice. In addition, you should expect to be able to critically discuss the current issues and/ or new developments in these areas and also have good knowledge of the techniques and skills you would need to solve them.

If you exit the programme with a Pg Dip, you will have acquired in addition to the above, in depth knowledge of specific areas of study and/ or practice defined by your choice of elective modules. In addition, you should have acquired a more comprehensive ability to use the techniques and skills required to advance your own research and scholarship.

By the end of this programme you should have developed a systematic and in depth knowledge of your area of study and/ or professional practice. You should have a practical knowledge of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge of your discipline and be able to apply these skills in an original way. Your conceptual understanding should enable you to critically evaluate, current research, advanced scholarship and methodologies in your area.

Aims

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 provide you with the opportunity to demonstrate self-reliance and
- innovative thought through the submission of a substantial dissertation to provide an interdisciplinary approach.

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

international commercial law, 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 international commercial law;
- Demonstrate how techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in international commercial law.

Skills:

- Demonstrate high quality legal 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 international commercial 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

This programme has been developed in accordance with the QAA Subject Benchmark for Law.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

The programme will be delivered primarily as a series of seminars, which provide a forum for exploration of issues, analysis, and critical debate. Active participation and involvement is expected, and you may be required to prepare for and lead discussions and to give presentations to your peers.

For each seminar, you will be given a reading list containing cases, academic articles and book chapters, which you will be expected to read, and to use to prepare for the seminar. You will also be expected to undertake further independent research in order to identify other relevant material.

You will be expected to spend significant amounts of time on self-directed study and to read widely around the subject areas being studied. You will be expected to take overall

responsibility for your progress to the level expected of a graduate undertaking master's level study.

You will be encouraged to use the facilities of Moodle, the City's online resource. Materials, coursework assignments and further information will be found on Moodle, and you may be encouraged to participate in online discussion groups using Moodle. You will be expected to make use of a full range of sources, including the facilities available to you online and library resources.

You will be provided with guidance on essay writing during the programme induction week. You will be expected to develop and show clear writing skills during the programme. Assistance is available on Moodle and LawBore online resources.

You are expected to develop your research skills through following up materials yourself in relation to taught modules. Research skills are developed more explicitly through the work undertaken in preparation for your dissertation.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment and Assessment Criteria

The modules, which comprise the degree, will be assessed by coursework only. It is considered that students on this programme will obtain the greatest academic benefit and satisfaction from researching a topic, reflecting on it and providing considered arguments in relation to it, as well as affording the opportunity to explore particular topics in greater depth.

You will be offered a range of assessment titles in each subject enabling you to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues and to respond to the most up to date information available.

The dissertation requirement reflects the assumption, and the concerns of employers, that an LLM graduate should display a high standard of competence in research and a capacity for original thought. Supervision of dissertations ensures that expert guidance is available to all.

Assessment Criteria 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 may be provided in programme handbooks, module specifications, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task.

Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. In

particular, you will normally be provided with 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

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 City'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

WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

Master's Degree:

	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)	Class	% required
Taught	7	120		With Distinction	70
Dissertation	7	60		With Merit	60
				Without classification	50

Postgraduate Diploma:

	HE	Credits	Weighting	Class	% required
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	Level		(%)		
Taught	7	120	100		
				With Distinction	70
				With Merit	60
				Without classification	50
<u>Postgraduate Certificate:</u>					
	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)	Class	% required
Taught	7	60	100	With Distinction	70
				With Merit	60
				Without classification	50

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Taught component

You will normally have completed the taught modules and hence obtained 120 credits before progressing to the dissertation.

You may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma on the successful completion of assessment for four taught modules. In this case a dissertation need not be completed.

You may be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate on the successful completion of assessment for at least two taught modules. No compensated passes are permitted.

You will not be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate if you have satisfied the requirements for a higher qualification (i.e. a Postgraduate Diploma or the LLM degree) or are seeking to do so. You will not be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma if you have satisfied the requirements for the LLM degree or are seeking to do so.

The LLM in Maritime Law degree consists of taught modules of 30 credits and a compulsory dissertation module of 60 credits. You must obtain 180 credits including the dissertation.

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core/ Elective	Compensation Yes/No	Level
Admiralty Law	LMM046	30	C	Y	7
Marine Insurance	LMM047	30	C	Y	7
Carriage of Goods by Sea	LMM048	30	C	Y	7
International Trade Law	LMM075	30	C	Y	7

Dissertation component

You will normally have completed the taught modules and hence obtained 120 credits before progressing to the dissertation.

Module Title	SITS	Module	Core/	Compensation	Level
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	Code	Credits	Elective	Yes/No	
Dissertation	LMM101	60	C	N	7

TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON?

The LLM in Maritime Law provides you with a sound basis for developing a career in commercial legal practice but particularly in shipping and international trade, whether it be with a national or international firm law firm, chambers or, in house with a carrying company or trading house.

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?

Applicants should normally hold a good first degree in law, or an equivalent qualification, including a masters or first officers sailing qualification or substantial and relevant experience in the shipping industry. Applicants with a first degree in a subject other than law will be considered. If your first language is not English you must demonstrate that you have met the City's English language requirements and in particular must obtain an IELTS score of 7.0 or the equivalent.

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