LLM Master of Laws online chat session

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our LLM at The City Law School. The session will be run by academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by other applicants.

Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat session. This session is for students interested in studying our Master of Law (LLM) course. This session runs from 12:00 - 13:00 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding these courses and life at City, University of London. During the session we may also share videos, polls or documents relating to your course.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself!

Hello
I am Katherine Reece Thomas the LLM Programme Director. Welcome to this live chat session. I am in my office at City waiting to hear from you.

Hi everyone, my name is Shanice and I work here in marketing :)

Hello :grinning: I am [name] will be joining your program in January, I am excited to study at City. I am interested in the area of Public International law.

Hello [name] We are so happy you will be joining us in January. I teach PIL and Law of the SEas what questions do you have please?

What career advice do you offer to students in my field

Hi [name] We have lots of possible internships which includes many international organisations which might be of interest to public International lawyers. You as an LLM student will have full access to City Careers service which has info and training.

As an international student, what is it like studying in London?

You will find London quite big and busy! There are many activities and facilities for international students at City. What in particular are you thinking about?
Special features of City LLM
Wide choice of modules/specialisms
Access to practitioners-see speaker programme
Central London location- use it!!
Careers advice
University clubs and societies
Lots of help with academic writing, research projects
Make use of all available!

What is the workload of the course? Will I be able to undertake other activities while studying?

You will be taking two or three modules- Teaching is two hours per week per module so you will have time to do the reading and attend events. You will have time to undertake pro bono and other activities. Will depend on how you study.

City LLM Structure
Your choice!

- Four modules and a 20,000 word dissertation (2 per term)
- Five modules and a 10,000 word dissertation (2 or 3 per term)

Specialisms
You can choose to get an LLM in xxxx- a specialism such as International Commercial Law or International Human Rights Law

There are 13 specialisms to choose from... look at the Programme Specification
You need to take 90 credits (3 modules) and do a dissertation in specialism to get the award

You can also of course choose to get an LLM (Masters of Law)- choose any modules you want and do a dissertation

Moodle-Module Materials
All module materials are available via our portal Moodle-
Get used to using it
Do the required readings- but read more widely too...

Moodle is no substitute for library... there are two for you to use-go to Library talk ...

Communication with academics may be via moodle or by direct email

There will be a Central Events List- use it.

I have already selected three modules for the Spring term. When will the thesis be in my case?

HI
You will do the dissertation over the course of the summer 2020. It will be due early September.

I have selected the specialization in PIL
Hello everyone. I am in the process of completing my application to join the LLM in International Energy and Regulation in September 2020 and the features I am particularly excited about are the pro bono and internship opportunities available to LLM students. In respect of the area of specialization I'm interested in I would like to know if there are internship opportunities focused on the energy sector and the type of organizations offering these internships?

Hello
I would have to go and look at my list but basically it is suggested that you contact international organisations specialising in your field of interest. We have no guaranteed internships but suggest places students may wish to apply. Once you have accepted your place I can send you my list.

I am looking at different places at broad lane, and seven sisters road. Are those convenient for the grey inn campus

Hello
We are moving to a new building in September so will be based in Northampton Square from September. We will be in Grays Inn until then. Anywhere near a tube is convenient. Grays Inn tube access is Central Line or Piccadilly line (Chancery Lane or Holborn). Northampton Square access are Angel and Farringdon tubes and train.

What is the assessment for my area of studies

Assessment on all modules is by written coursework. Each module requires a researched piece of 5000 words in length submitted via the online portal Moodle.

Okay, what about the examinations?

There are no examinations.

Any tips on how I should prepare for the program?

Read widely in the news so you are up to speed on international developments. Have you studied law before?

Yes, I obtained my LLB degree in 2019.
Terrific so you know about studying law. By way of preparation you might like to look at basic texts on international law. Martin Dixon’s textbook on international law is simple and well written. Did you study PIL as an undergraduate?

Thank you Katherine for your response. I suppose this is something to revisit once I gain admission. My next question is on the combination of modules. I am aware I have to take four or five modules with a dissertation. I have looked at the compulsory modules under my specialization. I have also looked at the other modules being offered and I was wondering if there is a chance to do a module such as project finance in addition to my core energy modules.

Ok- you only need to do three modules in your specialism so yes please do project finance!

Malcom shaw’s book on PIL was my favourite book on the subject

Great so you will be well prepared then!

Yes, It was my favourite course.

Thank you for the clarification. In that case can I do five modules in total with three being energy courses and two other modules?

Yes please!

Ok great! Thanks a lot.

I look forward to getting your application!

Can you send us videos about the law school and the teaching environment?

Please take a look at our website there are videos there. And Shanice has been showing some here I think.

Okay, thanks Ms. Katherine. You have been a great help.

My pleasure! See you in January.

I look forward to joining the city law school in September and thanks for all the information provided. It’s been very helpful.
Great - hope to see your application soon!

This session has now ended. Thank you for joining us for today's chat, we hope you enjoyed it! If you have any further questions please email law@city.ac.uk.