

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

KEY FACTS

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| Programme name | LLM (Master of Laws) |
| Award | 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 |
| Exit Awards | LLM, PGDip, PGCert |
| School | The City Law School |
| Department or equivalent | Postgraduate & Professional Programmes |
| Programme code | LALMLLM02 |
| Type of study | Full-time or Part-time Blended learning |
| Total UK credits | 180 |
| Total ECTS | 90 |

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The LLM (Master of Laws) 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, awareness of legal practice, practitioner contact and real-world insights. This combination of distinctive elements makes the programme suitable for those seeking to develop their academic understanding of specific areas of law, and also for those looking for knowledge and insights that will support their career development.

You will have a choice of TWO programme options and TWO additional exit points:

Programme options:

- 1) Complete an **LLM (Master of Laws)** by choosing and completing modules including the dissertation constituting a total of 180 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 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 is designed to be very flexible, to meet students' differing study objectives. It can be completed on a full-time basis over one year or part-time over two years. You can join the programme in either September or January. The focus of the programme is on face-to-face teaching and building a student community. While we would strongly encourage you to come to London and study on campus, the blended learning design of the programme means that remote and/or asynchronous access to classes will be possible. See the How Will I Learn section for further details.

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 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 Masters' programme.

Additional Exit Points:

The programme provides for two exit points in addition to the Masters' degree:

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

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

Postgraduate Certificate

All students completing the Postgraduate Certificate in Law 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

All students completing the Postgraduate Diploma in Law, in addition to the above, 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

All students completing the LLM will, in addition, demonstrate original application of knowledge to selected and advanced legal issues, and the choice of approaches to legal

practice. You will be engaged in research or scholarly activity that contributes creative thinking in legal solutions through completion of your dissertation.

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 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 can be completed in full-time mode over one year or part-time mode over two years, and you will typically have around 4-6 hours of teaching each week if you study full-time depending on how many modules you take each term. Each taught module is delivered over one of two 10-week terms; Autumn Term runs from September-December and Spring Term from January-April. The dissertation is supported by skills training workshops which take place throughout the academic year., with the bulk of the research and writing taking place during the summer. Those studying part time will be able to take their chosen modules over two years, normally choosing to take 1-2 modules per term rather than the 2-3 modules per term that is common for the full-time course.

You will also be expected to do about 40 hours of personal study each week, engaging in reading and research, online activities, and preparing for classes

The LLM (Master of Laws) programme has been developed to provide you with supportive and coherent blended learning. The primary emphasis is on good quality teaching to help to ensure that you develop a proper understanding of relevant legal knowledge and acquire relevant skills. This takes place within a flexible environment where structured online resources on the university's virtual learning environment support your learning in a range of ways. The core elements of this blended learning approach are:

- There is a clear week on week framework to guide you incrementally through the learning elements on each Module.
- This framework is provided through a systematically presented virtual learning environment (Moodle), that clearly indicates topics to be covered each week, and work to be done.
- The online materials may include video, audio, graphical and text-based resources, all designed to help you to prepare effectively for the relevant lecture or seminar.
- Each week there will be pre-reading and self-study tasks to be completed, with written or recorded guides to topics being covered to help you to acquire and assimilate knowledge prior to a class.
- Lecture type material may be pre-recorded where appropriate to provide you with flexible access. Lectures and seminars will take place face to face in teaching rooms equipped with technology that enables academic staff to present to students both in the classroom and joining the session online simultaneously.
- The online materials will set out the work to be done in preparation for the lectures and seminars, and these will be conducted on the basis required preparation has been completed.
- The online materials will also include links to other resources, additional exercises to complete for practice, and guidance on how to get support for study.
- Classes are all designed to be interactive, supporting your developing knowledge of substantive law, your skills and your practical understanding, with discussion topics and the use of realistic scenarios where appropriate.
- Seminars will be taught in small groups, normally with between 10 and 40 students.

Options for participation

You will need to choose whether you will be attending classes face to face on campus in London, or remotely.

- If you are in London, your two classes each week for each Module will normally be timetabled on campus face to face.
- If you are not in London, you can attend online. Classroom technology will enable academic staff to present to their class and lead discussion face to face and online simultaneously, so that all students will be able to participate fully. The technology City has developed to do this is called Inclusive Synchronous Learning Activities (ISLA). This allows students attending remotely to hear and see the classroom discussion, and to take part themselves, appearing in the class on screens. Similar

technology is now quite widely used in higher education, sometimes under other names such as hybrid learning. (Note that classes will take place between 9am – 6pm UK time.)

- Other technologies may be used where appropriate, for example live streaming of lectures.
- Recordings of all lectures and seminars will be uploaded to the virtual learning environment as soon as possible after the relevant class and made available to all students. This will also enable students to participate asynchronously where desired. There will be opportunities to engage with the relevant teaching staff if you have questions.

You will normally be expected to do a significant amount of preparation before each class, completing background reading as set out on the virtual learning environment, and often preparing answers to set questions for discussion in class. You may also be asked to do other tasks, such as carrying out research, or completing a quiz to check your understanding. This will help to ensure that classes can be as effective as possible, focussing on in depth discussion to develop your understanding. Sometimes you might be asked to prepare work to share with the lecturer or other students in class, such as a draft document or a short presentation.

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, preparation for class, contribution in class and completion of assignments meet requirements and properly support your study. You are expected to attend relevant classes, and attendance is monitored. You will be required to commit to attending either on campus in London or completing the LLM remotely at the time of registration. International students wishing to obtain a Student Visa to study in the UK should note that they will be required to commit to attending classes on campus for the duration of the course.

You will have the opportunity to complete 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. Written feedback and a mark will be provided for both formative and summative assessments.

There will be an induction programme which introduces the Programme and includes lectures and master classes on various aspects of the laws and legal skills and methods relevant to the Programme. It will also include social and careers focussed events.

You will also be required to participate in a series of workshops in preparation for the work you will need to do on the dissertation. You will be given personalised supervision to write your dissertation. Materials will be available on the virtual learning environment to support dissertation research and writing.

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 additional opportunities 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) as an auditor, 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 an audited module. You will be provided with a letter certifying that you have audited the relevant module provided attendance has been reported.

As part of the programme, you will also have the opportunity to take modules run jointly with the School of Arts and Social Sciences' International Politics and Human Rights programme. The credits of any such modules do count towards your overall credits but please note that each of these modules are only worth 15 credits, so you would need to take two to obtain the equivalent credits as for a Law module. Please also note that the mode of delivery for these shared modules will be different and is likely to require you to attend classes on campus. For further details please see the Programme Specification for the MA in International Politics and Human Rights.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment and Assessment Criteria

Each module will have a single summative assessment with 100% weighting. Most modules will be assessed on the basis of written coursework of **5,000** words, but some will be assessed by means of skills focussed activities, such as filmed mediations and advocacy exercises, as appropriate to the module.

The Research Dissertation or Project will involve the submission of a dissertation or project of 10,000 words on a subject agreed with your supervisor/Programme Director. The dissertation provides you with an opportunity to display competence in legal research, spending up to 300 hours researching law and academic commentary on a specific problem. 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 situations or problems;

- can present the relevant points in well structured, concise, clear and grammatically correct terms; and
- can carry out individual research to identify suitable sources, and you can use and cite those sources appropriately

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, feedback on formative assessments will normally be provided within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark.

For summative assessments, feedback will normally be provided within four weeks. Generic feedback for each assessment will be posted on the virtual learning environment (Moodle). Individual feedback in written and/or oral format will also be available.

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/about/education/quality-manual/6-assessment>

Assessment Regulations

In order to pass your Programme, you must successfully pass all module assessments and therefore acquire the requisite number of credits.

The pass mark for each module is 50%.

If you fail 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 Research Dissertation or Project) 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 across all taught modules.

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

Where you are eligible for compensation at the first attempt, 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 at the first attempt, 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.

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.

Assessments 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:

https://www.city.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/453652/s19.pdf

WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

Master's Degree:

| | HE Level | Credits | Weighting (%) |
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| Taught | 7 | 150 | 83% |
| Research | 7 | 30 | 17% |

Class % required

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| With Distinction | 70 |
| With Merit | 60 |
| Without classification | 50 |

Postgraduate Diploma:

| | HE Level | Credits | Weighting (%) |
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| All modules | 7 | 120 | 100 |

Class % required

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| With Distinction | 70 |
| With Merit | 60 |
| Without classification | 50 |

Postgraduate Certificate:

| | HE Level | Credits | Weighting (%) | Class | % required |
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| All modules | 7 | 60 | 100 | With Distinction | 70 |
| | | | | With Merit | 60 |
| | | | | Without classification | 50 |

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The LLM consists of 5 taught modules (each module is worth 30 credits) and a dissertation module of 30 credits.

Please note that it is possible to start the programme in either September or January.

If you start the programme in September you will:

- undertake 2 or 3 taught modules in the Autumn Term, and,
- undertake a further 2 or 3 taught modules (to take you to 150 credits in total) in the Spring Term; and
- then complete the research dissertation or project over the Summer Term.

If you start the programme in January you will:

- undertake 2 or 3 taught modules in the Spring Term, and,
- complete the research dissertation or project over the Summer Term, and,
- then, undertake the remaining 2-3 taught modules (to take you to 150 credits in total) during the Autumn Term.

You will be provided with supervisory support in the Summer Term to enable you to complete the research dissertation or project. This is a free standing module and does not build on the taught modules.

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

Taught component

For the taught element of the programme; you will select any taught modules from the range of available subjects, totalling 150 credits. There are no pre-requisite modules.

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 MA in International Politics and Human Rights.

| Module Title | SITS Code | Module Credits | Core/ Elective | Can be Compen- sated? | Level |
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| Admiralty Law | LMM046 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Advocacy in the Criminal Trial | LMM156 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |

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| Advocacy: Trial Stories | LMM157 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Arbitration | LLM304 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Border Violence | IPM131 | 15 | E | Y | 7 |
| Carriage of Goods by Sea | LMM048 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Property | LMM179 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Corporate Finance Law | LMM079 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Corporate Law in a Global Context | LMM180 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Forensic Psychology for the Criminal Practitioner | LMM168 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Human Rights and the Transformation of World Politics | IPM130 | 15 | E | Y | 7 |
| International Banking Law | LMM032 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| International Commercial Arbitration | LMM082 | 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 |
| Litigation and Dispute Resolution Options | LMM302 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Marine Insurance | LMM047 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Mediation and Negotiation | LLM303 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Merger Control | LMM182 | 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 |
| The Politics of Forced Migration | IPM107 | 15 | E | Y | 7 |
| Project Finance and Law | LMM081 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Public International Law | LMM126 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |
| Theories of Global Political Economy | IPM128 | 15 | E | Y | 7 |
| World Trade Law | LMM041 | 30 | E | Y | 7 |

Research component

You must also complete a research dissertation or project.

| Module Title | SITS Code | Module Credits | Core/ Elective | Compensation Yes/No | Level |
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| Research Dissertation or Project | LMM181 | 30 | E | N | 7 |

You are not required to complete all the taught modules successfully before progressing to the research dissertation or project.

Specialist Degrees

To obtain the LLM (Master of Laws) you must complete 150 credits worth of any taught modules from those listed below and write your dissertation/project on any field of Law (subject to availability of supervisors).

Alternatively, you can obtain a specialist LLM degree by completing at least two taught modules from those which contribute to that specialist pathway and completing your dissertation in that area of specialisation. Below are the areas of specialisation and the modules which contribute to each of them.

LLM in International Litigation and Dispute Resolution

- Advocacy: Trial Stories
- Litigation and 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
- Corporate Finance Law
- Corporate Law in a Global Context
- 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
- Corporate Finance Law
- Corporate Law in a Global Context

- Project Finance and Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Oil & Gas Law
- International Investment Law
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Merger Control
- Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Property

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:

<https://www.city.ac.uk/careers/your-career>

HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?

Full details of admissions criteria for the LLM (Master of Laws) can be viewed here:

<https://www.city.ac.uk/prospective-students/courses/postgraduate/master-of-laws>

You should normally hold a good first degree in law 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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