

**1. Programme Title(s):**

Master of Laws (LLM)

LLM with specialisation in specific fields

*LLM (International Commercial Law)*

*LLM (International Human Rights Law)*

*LLM (Public International Law)*

*LLM (International Law)*

*LLM (International Business and Corporate Law)*

**2. Awarding body or institution:**

University of Leicester

**3. a) Mode of study**

Full Time

**b) Type of study**

Campus-Based

**4. Registration periods:**

The normal period of registration is one year full-time or two years part-time

The maximum period of registration is two years full time or four years part-time

**5. Typical entry requirements:**

Candidates should have a first class or good second class degree in law or an equivalent degree, where law is a substantial element, or an equivalent degree in an appropriate discipline. English language requirement when applicable is IELTS 6.5.

**6. Accreditation of Prior Learning:**

N/A

**7. Programme aims:**

The programme's aims and objectives are:

- The development and refinement of expertise in law.
- The acquisition of a critical understanding of the relevant legal principles, the policy considerations that underpin them and, as appropriate, their social-legal, international, comparative and interdisciplinary contexts.
- The development of the ability to analyse, interpret and apply a wide range of legal, socio-legal and contextual materials in the solution of complex legal problems.
- The stimulation of the capacity for independent legal and interdisciplinary research.
- The Programme is structured and assessed in such a way that class members have an adequate opportunity to demonstrate progression in both subject knowledge and a wide range of skills, including oral and written expression.

**8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification:**

- Annual External Examiners' Reports

- QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree Awarding Bodies, October 2014
- Annual and Periodic Development Reviews
- University of Leicester Employability Strategy
- University of Leicester Learning and Assessment Strategies  
<https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/quality/learnteach>
- University of Leicester Periodic Development Review
- Graduate Outcomes Survey

## 9. Programme Outcomes

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
<b>(a) Subject and Professional skills</b>		
<b>Knowledge</b>		
The development and refinement of expertise in law.	Seminars and lectures. Independent study and research.	Essays, oral presentations, group discussion, exams and dissertation.
<b>Concepts</b>		
The ability to analyse, interpret and apply legal, socio-legal and contextual materials in the solution of complex legal problems.	Seminars and lectures. Independent reading and research. Dissertation supervision.	Essays, oral presentations, group discussion, exams and dissertation.
<b>Techniques</b>		
The capacity for independent legal and interdisciplinary research. Command of bibliography, research methods, writing and critical skills	Seminars and lectures. Independent reading and research. Group work and dissertation supervision.	Essays, oral presentations, group discussion, exams and dissertation.
<b>Critical analysis</b>		
The development of the ability to analyse, interpret and apply a wide range of legal, socio-legal and contextual materials in the solution of complex legal problems.	Seminars and lectures. Independent reading and research. Dissertation supervision.	Essays, oral presentations, group discussion, exams and dissertation.
<b>Presentation</b>		
Ability to present material to a high standard in a variety of formats (written, oral etc).	Seminars and lectures. Independent reading and research. Group work and dissertation supervision. Provision of writing guide.	Essays, oral presentations, exams and dissertation.
<b>Appraisal of evidence</b>		
The ability to analyse, interpret and apply a wide range of legal, socio-legal and contextual materials in the solution of complex legal problems.	Seminars and lectures. Independent reading and research. Group work and dissertation supervision.	Essays, oral presentations, exams and dissertation.
<b>(b) Transferable skills</b>		
<b>Research skills</b>		
The ability to analyse, interpret and apply a wide range of legal, socio-legal and contextual materials in the solution of complex legal problems.	Seminars and lectures. Independent reading and research. Group work and dissertation supervision.	Essays, oral presentations, exams and dissertation.
<b>Communication skills</b>		

<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Teaching and Learning Methods</b>	<b>How Demonstrated?</b>
Ability to write clearly and concisely in a style appropriate to the context (e.g. report, academic essay). Ability to develop ideas and arguments effectively in speaking and writing. Command of scholarly protocols e.g. referencing	Seminars and lectures. Independent reading and research. Group work and dissertation supervision. Feedback on coursework	Essays, oral presentations, group discussion, exams and dissertation.
<b>Data presentation</b>		
Ability to select, organise and analyse information.	Seminars and lectures. Independent reading and research. Group work and dissertation supervision. Writing guide. Feedback on coursework	Essays, oral presentations, and dissertation.
<b>Information technology</b>		
Ability to access, search and use all electronic sources and databases available freely on the internet and in the library. To access and use Blackboard, email and word-processing software	Lectures, guides, problem solving classes, computer practical classes, resource-based learning, independent research. Use of internet for research, use of IT to present material and to communicate with the School.	Word-processed assessed essays and dissertation. Online submission of essays. Successful use of Blackboard, internet resources and email.
<b>Problem solving</b>		
Ability to solve problems in relevant legal areas	Seminars and presentations	Assessed essays and dissertation
<b>Working relationships</b>		
Knowing how and when to draw on the knowledge and expertise of others; ability to contribute and comment clearly and concisely on ideas; develop effective group work skills	Group presentations, autonomous learning groups.	Group presentations, group discussions and assessed essays.
<b>Managing learning</b>		
Ability to work independently and manage own learning. Meeting deadlines, taking initiatives, planning ahead. Identifying a credible research project and completing it to an agreed timeframe.	Workshops, seminars, study skills, student support service.	Submission of essays and dissertation on time and to a good standard.
<b>Career management</b>		
Ability to plan for the next stage of career, including developing links with potential employers, supervisors etc.	Engagement with careers service, tutors and professional practitioners. Personal tutor meetings	Discussions with personal tutor. Support of the Career Development Service.

## 10. Special features:

This Programme is designed to give students a specialised knowledge of law, with options to choose one of five specialist streams from International Commercial Law, International Human Rights Law, Public International Law, International Business & Corporate Law and International Law. The Programme allows students the freedom and the flexibility to create their own programme choosing from a wide range of modules available.

### **11. Indications of programme quality:**

- External examiners' reports
- Degree results
- Annual Development Review reports
- Periodic Development Review reports
- Peer review of teaching and peer review of marking exercises
- Student Feedback
- Publication of dissertations

### **12. Scheme of Assessment**

This programme follows the University's regulations governing taught postgraduate programmes (see [Senate Regulation 6](#))

### **13. Progression points**

Full time students are required to successfully complete 120 credits of taught modules divided equally over two semesters, in order to progress to the Dissertation stage. Part time students complete the same amount of credits over four semesters.

To qualify for an LLM the students then have to complete a 60 credit dissertation over the summer vacation period.

Students wishing to take only 60 or 120 credits will be eligible for a Certificate or Diploma respectively. Students wishing to complete the LLM must undertake a dissertation.

### **14. Rules relating to re-sits or re-submissions:**

As defined in Senate Regulation 6: Regulations governing Taught Postgraduate Programmes of Study (see [Senate Regulation 6](#))

### **15. Additional information**

The Programme begins in October of each year. Admissions for that year are closed on 31 August prior to the start date. Students registered on the Programme will be required to attend an induction week at the beginning of term and follow a core study skills module (LW7004) as part of that induction.

## Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)

### Master of Laws (LLM)

Students are required to choose eight modules from the list below (subject to availability and timetabling) to give a total of 120 credits. A total of 60 credits of taught modules must normally be selected for each semester.

*Additional Information:*

- (i) *Dissertation marked † is compulsory only for degree of LLM*
- (ii) *Candidates who wish to study LW7267 must first study and pass LW7153*

	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Compulsory	LW7004	Study Skills for Postgraduates	0
	LW7300	† Dissertation Campus	60
<b>Semester 1</b>			
Options	LW7006	Civil Dispute Resolution Methods	15
	LW7081	General Principles of International Law	15
	LW7085	Human Rights and Human Wrongs: Core Principles	15
	LW7090	Legal Responses to Global Injustice	15
	LW7116	International Banking Law	15
	LW7150	International Sales Transactions	15
	LW7153	International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7168	Law of United Nations	15
	LW7250	The State, the Law and Religious Freedoms	15
	LW7259	Corporate Governance	15
	LW7293	Mental Health Law	15
<b>Semester 2</b>			
Options	LW7008	Capital Markets	15
	LW7067	Feminist Perspectives on International Law	15
	LW7078	Freedom of Expression	15
	LW7096	Human Rights and Health Care Law	15
	LW7145	Company Law	15
	LW7146	International Investment Law	15
	LW7147	International Migration and Refugee Law	15
	LW7240	The European Convention on Human Rights	15
	LW7261	International Law and the Use of Force	15
	LW7267	Practice of International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7291	Autonomy, Capacity and Consent	15

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### LLM (International Commercial Law)

Students on this stream are required to choose from the table below a minimum of 90 credits from the modules marked\* and up to 30 credits from the rest of the listed modules (subject to availability and timetabling) to obtain a total of 120 credits of taught modules. A total of 60 credits must be taken in each semester.

*Additional Information:*

- (i) *Dissertation marked † is compulsory only for degree of LLM*
- (ii) *Candidates who wish to study LW7267 must first study and pass LW7153*

	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Compulsory	LW7004	Study Skills for Postgraduates	0

	LW7300	†	Dissertation Campus	60
<b>Semester 1</b>				
Options	LW7006	*	Civil Dispute Resolution Methods	15
	LW7081		General Principles of International Law	15
	LW7085		Human Rights and Human Wrongs: Core Principles	15
	LW7090		Legal Responses to Global Injustice	15
	LW7116	*	International Banking Law	15
	LW7150	*	International Sales Transactions	15
	LW7153	*	International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7168		Law of United Nations	15
	LW7250		The State, the Law and Religious Freedoms	15
	LW7259	*	Corporate Governance	15
	LW7293		Mental Health Law	15
<b>Semester 2</b>				
Options	LW7008	*	Capital Markets	15
	LW7067		Feminist Perspectives on International Law	15
	LW7078		Freedom of Expression	15
	LW7096		Human Rights and Health Care Law	15
	LW7145	*	Company Law	15
	LW7146	*	International Investment Law	15
	LW7147		International Migration and Refugee Law	15
	LW7240		The European Convention on Human Rights	15
	LW7261		International Law and the Use of Force	15
	LW7267	*	Practice of International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7291		Autonomy, Capacity and Consent	15

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### LLM (International Business and Corporate Law)

Students on this stream are required to study LW7259 in semester 1 and LW7145 in semester 2 as core modules, and then choose from the table below a minimum of 60 credits from the modules marked\* and up to 30 credits from the rest of the listed modules (subject to availability and timetabling) to obtain a total of 120 credits of taught modules. A total of 60 credits must be taken in each semester.

*Additional Information:*

- (i) *Dissertation marked † is compulsory only for degree of LLM*
- (ii) *Candidates who wish to study LW7267 must first study and pass LW7153*

	<b>Module Code</b>		<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Compulsory	LW7004		Study Skills for Postgraduates	0
	LW7300	†	Dissertation Campus	60
Core Sem 1	LW7259		Corporate Governance	15
Core Sem 2	LW7145		Company Law	15
<b>Semester 1</b>				
Options	LW7006	*	Civil Dispute Resolution Methods	15
	LW7081		General Principles of International Law	15
	LW7085		Human Rights and Human Wrongs: Core Principles	15
	LW7090		Legal Responses to Global Injustice	15
	LW7116	*	International Banking Law	15
	LW7150	*	International Sales Transactions	15
	LW7153	*	International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7168		Law of United Nations	15

	LW7250		The State, the Law and Religious Freedoms	15
	LW7293		Mental Health Law	15
<b>Semester 2</b>				
Options	LW7008	*	Capital Markets	15
	LW7067		Feminist Perspectives on International Law	15
	LW7078		Freedom of Expression	15
	LW7096		Human Rights and Health Care Law	15
	LW7146	*	International Investment Law	15
	LW7147		International Migration and Refugee Law	15
	LW7240		The European Convention on Human Rights	15
	LW7261		International Law and the Use of Force	15
	LW7267	*	Practice of International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7291		Autonomy, Capacity and Consent	15

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### LLM (International Human Rights Law)

Students on this stream are required to choose from the table below a minimum of 90 credits from the modules marked\* and 30 credits from the rest of the listed modules (subject to availability and timetabling) to obtain a total of 120 credits of taught modules. A total of 60 credits must be chosen in each semester. The requisite 30 credits could be satisfied by selecting **one only** of the modules marked#

*Additional Information:*

- (i) *Dissertation marked † is compulsory only for degree of LLM*
- (ii) *Candidates who wish to study LW7267 must first study and pass LW7153*

	<b>Module Code</b>		<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Compulsory	LW7004		Study Skills for Postgraduates	0
	LW7300	†	Dissertation Campus	60
<b>Semester 1</b>				
Options	LW7006		Civil Dispute Resolution Methods	15
	LW7081		General Principles of International Law	15
	LW7085	*	Human Rights and Human Wrongs: Core Principles	15
	LW7090	*	Legal Responses to Global Injustice	15
	LW7116		International Banking Law	15
	LW7150		International Sales Transactions	15
	LW7153		International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7168	*	Law of United Nations	15
	LW7250	*	The State, the Law and Religious Freedoms	15
	LW7259		Corporate Governance	15
	LW7293	*	Mental Health Law	15
	PL7089	*#	The Politics of Human Rights	30
<b>Semester 2</b>				
Options	LW7008		Capital Markets	15
	LW7067	*	Feminist Perspectives on International Law	15
	LW7078		Freedom of Expression	15
	LW7096	*	Human Rights and Health Care Law	15
	LW7145		Company Law	15
	LW7146		International Investment Law	15
	LW7147	*	International Migration and Refugee Law	15
	LW7240	*	The European Convention on Human Rights	15
	LW7261	*	International Law and the Use of Force	15
	LW7267		Practice of International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7291	*	Autonomy, Capacity and Consent	15

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### LLM (Public International Law)

Students on this stream are required to choose from the table below a minimum of 90 credits from the modules marked\* and 30 credits from the rest of the listed modules (subject to availability and timetabling) to obtain a total of 120 credits worth of taught modules. A total of 60 credits must be taken in each semester.

*Additional Information:*

- (i) *Dissertation marked † is compulsory only for degree of LLM*
- (ii) *Candidates who wish to study LW7267 must first study and pass LW7153*

	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Compulsory	LW7004	Study Skills for Postgraduates	0
	LW7300	† Dissertation Campus	60
<b>Semester 1</b>			
Options	LW7006	Civil Dispute Resolution Methods	15
	LW7081	* General Principles of International Law	15
	LW7085	* Human Rights and Human Wrongs: Core Principles	15
	LW7090	* Legal Responses to Global Injustice	15
	LW7116	International Banking Law	15
	LW7150	International Sales Transactions	15
	LW7153	International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7168	* Law of United Nations	15
	LW7250	The State, the Law and Religious Freedoms	15
	LW7259	Corporate Governance	15
	LW7293	Mental Health Law	15
<b>Semester 2</b>			
Options	LW7008	Capital Markets	15
	LW7067	* Feminist Perspectives on International Law	15
	LW7078	Freedom of Expression	15
	LW7096	Human Rights and Health Care Law	15
	LW7145	Company Law	15
	LW7146	* International Investment Law	15
	LW7240	* The European Convention on Human Rights	15
	LW7147	* International Migration and Refugee Law	15
	LW7261	* International Law and the Use of Force	15
	LW7267	Practice of International Commercial Arbitration	15
	LW7291	Autonomy, Capacity and Consent	15

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### LLM (International Law)

Students on this stream are required to choose from the table below a minimum of 90 credits from the modules marked\* and 30 credits from the rest of the listed modules (subject to availability and timetabling) to obtain a total of 120 credits worth of taught modules. A total of 60 credits must be taken in each semester.

*Additional Information:*

- (i) *Dissertation marked † is compulsory only for degree of LLM*
- (ii) *Candidates who wish to study LW7267 must first study and pass LW7153*

	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
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Compulsory	LW7004		Study Skills for Postgraduates	0
	LW7300	†	Dissertation Campus	60
<b>Semester 1</b>				
Options	LW7006	*	Civil Dispute Resolution Methods	15
	LW7081	*	General Principles of International Law	15
	LW7085	*	Human Rights and Human Wrongs: Core Principles	15
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<b>Semester 2</b>				
Options	LW7008	*	Capital Markets	15
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### **Qualifications awarded:**

- (i) Candidates, who accumulate 60 credits from the taught modules (that is excluding the dissertation) and satisfactorily complete the assessment requirements for each of the taught modules, will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate.
- (ii) Candidates, who accumulate 120 credits from the taught modules (that is excluding the dissertation) and satisfactorily complete the assessment requirements for each of the taught modules, will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma.
- (iii) Candidates, who accumulate 180 credits, and satisfactorily complete the assessment requirements for each of the taught modules and submit a satisfactory dissertation, will be awarded the degree of Master of Laws.

### **Appendix 2: Module Specifications**

See module specification database <http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/courses/documentation>