

## Programme Specification (PG)

Awarding body / institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Name of final award and title:	LLM in International Business Law
Name of interim award(s):	Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate
Duration of study / period of registration:	1 year full time, 2 years part time.
Queen Mary programme code(s):	PSIBL
QAA Benchmark Group:	
FHEQ Level of Award:	Level 7
Programme accredited by:	
Date Programme Specification approved:	
Responsible School / Institute:	Centre for Commercial Law Studies

Schools / Institutes which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme:

Collaborative institution(s) / organisation(s) involved in delivering the programme:

### Programme outline

The LLM in International Business Law is a programme of study that offers students the opportunity to specialize in international business law and develop further their academic and professional expertise. Students can choose their programme options from across a wide range of LLM modules on international business law broadly conceived. The LLM in International Business Law is primarily based on classroom teaching and student performance is assessed by examination or coursework for taught modules.

The programme modules have been carefully selected to provide students with holistic and essential knowledge in the field of international business law. To ensure coherence of the programme, modules are labelled as compulsory electives, guided electives and free choice modules.

### Aims of the programme

The principal aims of the LLM in International Business Law are to:

-Support students to develop a detailed, critical and in-depth understanding of diverse areas of business law focusing on

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international and transnational perspectives.

- Provide students with the methodological tools with which to grasp and address legal challenges in the world of commerce, with a focus on comparative and international approach.
- Enhance the professional and analytical skills of students and their ability to apply legal knowledge relevant for a wide variety of careers including legal practice, entrepreneurship and working in innovative roles that require an understanding of both law and business.
- Promote autonomous learning by supporting students carrying out independent legal research.
- Interact and collaborate with a diverse body of lecturers, practitioners, visiting academics and fellow students which will enable them to develop their communication and leadership skills.

**What will you be expected to achieve?**

Students who successfully complete the programme will be able to:

- Understand key legal principles, issues and debates in international business law
- Be able to apply those legal principles in order to provide/recommend solutions to legal problems.
- Be able to research and analyse legal issues across various aspects of international business law
- Be able to produce research to the standard expected for postgraduate legal studies.
- Understand the theoretical and practical aspects of law in a wide range of international business law issues.

**Academic Content:**

A 1	Students will acquire a thorough understanding of legal principles as applied across different areas of law relevant to business and trade.
A 2	Students will understand the features of legal systems across major jurisdictions and of international legal systems as applicable to their chosen modules.
A 3	Students will understand whether and how their chosen areas of law intersect with other legal frameworks and gain an understanding of commercial realities and their impact on the law.

**Disciplinary Skills - able to:**

B 1	Students will develop the ability to assimilate and evaluate a range of primary and secondary legal materials, including legislation, regulations and administrative guidance and the academic and professional literature.
B 2	Propose innovative solutions to complicated legal problems and construct justified, in-depth, analytical and original responses applying the complex specialist legal principles and rules in a way that shows a practical awareness of current issues as expected by legal employers at the global level of professional practice.
B 3	Understand the interaction of commercial and corporate law with other areas of law as well as the importance of the market context to provide legal advice which is clear, concise and up-to-date with the latest developments in the world of commerce.

**Attributes:**

C 1	Students will harness the ability to critically evaluate a variety of primary and secondary sources and other materials, and apply them both in a national and international context.
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C 2	Students will practice working collaboratively with a diverse team and learn how to make valuable contributions and offer support.
C 3	Students will work independently and gain an understanding of how to demonstrate autonomy and self direction when researching and solving complex or unfamiliar problems.

### How will you learn?

Students will learn through direct interaction with lecturers using a variety of teaching, learning and assessment strategies, including traditional and interactive lectures, seminar sessions, tutorials and e-learning. Students will also be expected to invest a significant amount of time in independent learning, including reading materials in advance of lectures/seminars, preparing class presentations, completing assignments and preparing for examinations.

In addition, students will need to carry out extensive research to complete the dissertation. Students will be provided with a variety of legal resources and receive training on how to use them.

### How will you be assessed?

Assessment is by examination, oral presentation, essays and/or coursework for taught modules and by dissertation.

### How is the programme structured?

Please specify the structure of the programme diets for all variants of the programme (e.g. full-time, part-time - if applicable). The description should be sufficiently detailed to fully define the structure of the diet.

Master of Laws (LLM)

- Students on the LLM have to complete 180 credits

Out of these 180 credits, students must take a minimum of 90 credits from the list of 'compulsory electives'; a minimum of 30 credits from the list of 'guided electives' and have the option of selecting a maximum of 60 credits of free choice modules.

- Students can choose the optional Dissertation in International Business Law SOLM911.

- Part-time students are normally expected to take 90 credits each year of their programme but this may be varied by special permission.

An additional dissertation (SOLM901) can be taken instead of taught modules by LLM students only with special permission from the Programme Director.

COMPULSORY = COMPULSORY ELECTIVE

ELECTIVE = GUIDED ELECTIVE

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Academic Year of Study FT - Year 1

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Securities Regulation	SOLM001	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Mergers and Acquisitions	SOLM010	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Law and Ethics in Business and Finance	SOLM011	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Corporate Governance and Responsibility in Finance	SOLM012	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Corporate Rescue and Cross-border Insolvency	SOLM017	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Commercial Law	SOLM019	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Company Law: Foundational and Constitutional Issues	SOLM020	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Company Law: Corporate Finance and Management Issues	SOLM021	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Corporate Governance: Foundational and Theoretical	SOLM022	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semester 3
Corporate Governance: Operation and Practice	SOLM023	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Comparative Contract Law	SOLM024	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Transnational Law and Governance in Practice	SOLM027	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Transnational Law and Governance Applied	SOLM028	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Chinese Business Law	SOLM029	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Multinational Enterprises: Business and Legal Organisation	SOLM030	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Multinational Enterprises: Social Issues	SOLM031	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Transnational Problems in Commercial Contracts	SOLM036	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Commercial Litigation	SOLM045	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3

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Commercial Conflict of Laws	SOLM046	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Merger Control: Special Topics	SOLM053	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Principles of Taxation	SOLM118	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
International Tax Law	SOLM119	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
General Principles of Insurance Law	SOLM138	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Insurance Regulation	SOLM139	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Insurance Contracts	SOLM140	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
International and Comparative Petroleum Law and Contracts	SOLM161	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
International Investment Law	SOLM189	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
WTO Law: Fundamental Principles	SOLM192	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
IT Transactions	SOLM206	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Entrepreneurship Law Clinic	SOLM213	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
E-Commerce Transactions	SOLM219	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Compliance Systems in Practice	SOLM224	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Reinsurance Law and International Risk Transfer	SOLM255	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Commercial Arbitration	SOLM256	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Dissertation in International Business Law	SOLM911	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 2 & 3
Interactive Entertainment Law	SOLM085	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3

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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Energy Law Principles	SOLM155	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Transfer Pricing	SOLM129	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Consumer law for the Digital Age	SOLM311	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Legal Aspects of Derivatives and Risk Management	SOLM324	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
European Union Corporate Tax Law	SOLM325	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Tax and Technology	SOLM327	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Theory of E-Commerce Regulation	SOLM332	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Sustainability and the Corporation	SOLM333	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Alternative Dispute Resolution	SOLM352	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International and Comparative Competition Law	SOLM348	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3

### What are the entry requirements?

The usual qualification for entry to the LLM programme is a degree in law, or a degree with a substantial law content, of at least 2.1 honours (or equivalent). Law graduates with 2.2 honours who also have other legal qualifications and/or substantial professional legal experience may also qualify.

Non-law graduates with a minimum second class honours degree, that have also obtained a Merit (or 60 per cent) in the Common Professional Examination (CPE) or Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) recognised by the UK professional bodies, may also qualify. Non-law graduates may also be considered on the basis of exceptional professional experience (of at least five years) in a legal area or an area directly related to their programme of study.

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of your English language proficiency. The usual English Language Requirements for Postgraduate Law Taught Programmes will apply. These may be accessed at <http://www.law.qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/english-language-requirements/index.html#Postgraduatelawtaughtprogrammes>

### How will the quality of the programme be managed and enhanced? How do we listen to and act on your feedback?

The Student Voice Committee provides a formal means of communication and discussion between schools/institutes and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year in the school/institute together with appropriate representation from staff within the school/institute. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. Student Voice Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

Each school/institute operates an Education Committee, or equivalent, which advises the School/Institute Director of Education on all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at school level including monitoring the application of relevant QM

policies and reviewing all proposals for module and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board and the Directorate of Governance and Legal Services (DGLS). Student views are incorporated in the committee's work in a number of ways, such as through student membership, or consideration of student surveys.

All schools/institutes operates Programme Reviews of their taught undergraduate and postgraduate provision. The Programme Review is a continuous process of reflection and action planning which is owned by those responsible for programme delivery. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of the PTES and Module Experience surveys.

### **What academic support is available?**

Students will receive a comprehensive induction. Students will be assisted with the preliminary stages of selecting a research topic, drafting a research proposal, considering their methodology and developing the skills needed to identify and use relevant materials. Lecturers on taught modules shall be available to discuss any concerns students might have with regard to the particular module or its content.

### **Programme-specific rules and facts**

In order to qualify for the LLM in International Business Law, students must take a minimum of 90 credits from the list of 'compulsory electives' and a minimum of 30 credits from the list of 'guided electives' as found in the programme specifications and updated as needed.

Students also have the option of selecting a maximum of 60 credits of 'free choice' modules. Students may choose to select all of their modules from the 'compulsory electives' and 'guided electives' categories.

### **How inclusive is the programme for all students, including those with disabilities?**

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate, postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.

Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:

- Finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia
- Applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Arranging DSA assessments of need
- Examination Access Arrangements
- Accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders)
- Specialist one-to-one "study skills" tuition
- Ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille)
- Providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants)

### **Links with employers, placement opportunities and transferable skills**

There is a mentoring programme that matches students with available mentors from the profession. An embedded Careers and professional development team provide guidance in identifying and obtaining relevant internships, valuable employment-related skills and other work-related opportunities. There is a programme of co-curricular activities designed to foster professional development and related skills.

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## **Programme Specification Approval**

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