



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 and Commercial 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):	PMLF-PACCLS1, PMLP-PACCLS1.
QAA Benchmark Group:	
FHEQ Level of Award:	Level 7
Programme accredited by:	
Date Programme Specification approved:	16 Oct 2024
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 Master of Laws is a programme of study that offers students holding professional entry law degrees the opportunity to develop further their academic and professional expertise across numerous areas of law. Students can choose their programme options from across the full range of available LLM modules. The Master of Laws comprises a mix of classroom based teaching assessed by examination or coursework for taught modules and a mandatory research dissertation (optional in some cases).

Distinctive features of the Master of Laws include the extensive range of modules offered and the flexible structure which allows students to gain in-depth exposure to multiple areas of the law.

Since its establishment more than 30 years ago, the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) within the School of Law, has grown to become one of the leading institutions for the study of commercial law in the world. Building upon the success of the existing School of Law London-based LLM Programme, CCLS created the LLM Paris, an innovative postgraduate programme offering students the opportunity to develop academic and professional expertise in specialised areas of commercial law including international dispute resolution, banking and finance, intellectual property, technology, media and telecommunications, and international business and commercial law. The programme of study provides a flexible mix of classroom-based teaching (assessed by formal examinations or coursework) for taught modules, as well as a research component (compulsory for all specialisms except international business and commercial law). One of the distinctive features

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of the LLM Paris is the wide range of modules offered and the flexible structure designed to enable students with work or study commitments to complete the programme on a part time basis without having to interrupt their professional career.

Aims of the programme

This programme aims to assist students to develop a detailed, critical and advanced knowledge of key areas of commercial law, not typically covered (or not adequately covered) by an undergraduate syllabus. The programme also seeks to broaden and deepen students' understanding of their own legal systems by giving them the opportunity and the tools with which to explore current commercial law issues from an international and comparative perspective. Ultimately, the programme aims to better prepare contemporary lawyers for practising the legal profession in an increasingly globalised world.

The aims of the LLM in Law are to:

- Assist students in developing a detailed, critical and in-depth understanding of diverse areas of law, both international and domestic.
- Provide students with the international and comparative law tools with which to understand international and domestic laws.
- Enable students to pursue independent legal research.
- Enhance the professional legal analytic and other skills of students who wish to practise law.
- Enhance the students' learning experience through regular interaction with lecturers, practitioners, visiting academics and fellow students

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 select areas of law.
- Be capable of researching and analysing legal issues across different areas of law.
- Recognise the standard of research and analysis expected of a postgraduate law student and be capable of producing research to that standard.
- Understand the academic and practical aspects of law in diverse areas.

Academic Content:

A 1	Students will acquire a thorough understanding of legal principles as applied across different areas of law.
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.

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	Students will further develop their ability to analyse critically a variety of primary and secondary materials.
B 3	Students will further develop their ability to state and argue a position orally and in writing.

Attributes:

C 1	acquire and apply knowledge in a rigorous way
C 2	demonstrate self direction and independence in solving complex or unfamiliar problems
C 3	support decision making by providing expert knowledge and informed judgments
C 4	use clear language to effectively communicate ideas, both orally and in writing

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.

The LLM Paris has two intakes per year, September and January, and operates on a two-semester basis, with an exam period each January and July. Modules are delivered in intensive blocks between September and December, and January and June.

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- Students have to complete 180 credits, which may include an option 30-credit Dissertation in International Business Law
- Full-time students have to take between 30 and 150 credits of taught modules in each semester.
- Part-time students are normally expected to take a minimum of 30 credits per semester, but this may be varied by special permission.
- Part-time students are normally expected to undertake their dissertation, if selected, in their second year, but this may be varied by special permission.

Students can opt for an LLM in International Business and Commercial Law, which offers the full range of modules available on the Paris LLM programme, or a specialised LLM in the following areas:

- Banking and Finance Law

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- Comparative and International Dispute Resolution
- Energy and Natural Resources Law (currently suspended, may be offered 2023/24)
- Intellectual Property Law
- Technology, Media & Telecommunications Law

In order to be awarded the LLM in Banking and Finance Law students must take at least 90 credits from the following list of modules:

- Ethics and Governance in Business and Finance (CCLP011)
 - Legal Aspects of International Finance (CCLP606)
 - Principles of International Banking Regulation (CCLP609)
 - Securities and Markets Regulation (CCLP001)
 - Corporate Rescue and Cross-border Insolvency (CCLP013)
 - Mergers and Acquisitions (CCLP010)
 - Introduction to Competition Law (CCLP607)
 - Insurance Law (CCLP140)
 - International Banking Regulation (CCLP007)
 - Lawyer Negotiations (CCLP039)
 - Sustainable Business Law (CCLP269)
 - Legal Tech (CCLP273)
 - Competition Law (CCLP607)
- Students must also take the compulsory 30 credit dissertation in Banking and Finance Law (CCLP920)

In order to be awarded the LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution students must take at least 90 credits from the following list of modules:

- Lawyer Negotiations (CCLP039)
- International Arbitration and Energy (CCLP163)
- International Commercial Arbitration (Skills and Advocacy) (CCLP602)
- International Construction Contracts and Dispute Resolution (CCLP042)
- Investment Treaty Arbitration (CCLP047)
- International Arbitration: Applicable Laws and Procedures (CCLP044)
- International Arbitration: Regulation and Infrastructure (CCLP043)
- Legal Tech (CCLP273)
- International Arbitration and IP (CCLP612)
- Ethics and Governance in Business and Finance (CCLP011)
- Competition Law (CCLP607)

Students must also take the compulsory 30 credit dissertation in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution (CCLP921)

In order to be awarded the LLM in Energy and Climate Change Law students must take at least 90 credits from the following list of modules:

- International Oil and Gas Law and Contracts in the Energy Transition (CCLP161)
- International Energy Transactions (CCLP162)
- Mining & Natural Resources Law (CCLP166)
- Energy & Climate Change (CCLP160)
- International Regulation and Governance of Energy (CCLP164)
- Law and Ethics in the Energy Sector (CCLP157)
- International Arbitration and Energy (CCLP163)
- Lawyer Negotiations (CCLP039)
- Sustainable Business Law (CCLP269)
- Legal Tech (CCLP273)
- Ethics and Governance in Business and Finance (CCLP011)
- Competition Law (CCLP607)

Students must also take the compulsory 30 credit dissertation in Energy and Natural Resources Law

In order to be awarded the LLM in Intellectual Property Law students must take at least 90 credits from the following list of modules:

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European Copyright Law (CCLP075)
European Law of Patents (CCLP076)
European Law of Trade Marks (CCLP083)
Trade Secrets (CCLP096)
International and Comparative Law of Unfair Competition (CCLP082)
International Law of Patents and Related Rights (CCLP077)
EU and US Design Law (CCLP081)
Copyright Law - United Kingdom & United States (CCLP605)
Licensing IP (CCLP078)
Intellectual Property and the Life Sciences (CCLP093)
Law and Practice of the Unified Patent Court (CCLP098)
E-Sports Law (CCLP238)
Interactive Entertainment Law (CCLP085)
Interactive Entertainment Transactions (CCLP239)
Lawyer Negotiations (CCLP039)
Legal Tech (CCLP273)
Ethics and Governance in Business and Finance (CCLP011)
Competition Law (CCLP607)

The Law of Geographical Indications and European Heritage of Wine (CCLP611)
International Arbitration and IP (CCLP612)
Students must also take the compulsory 30 credit dissertation in Intellectual Property Law (CCLP922)

In order to be awarded the LLM in Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law students must take at least 90 credits from the following list of modules:

Cybercrime (CCLP207)
EU Data Protection Law (CCLP209)
Lawyer Negotiations (CCLP039)
Information Technology Transactions: Management and Disputes (CCLP206)
Cloud Computing Law (CCLP604)
E-commerce Transactions (CCLP219)
Regulation on Media Reporting of the Legal System (CCLP218)
European Copyright Law (CCLP075)
E-Sports Law (CCLP238)
Interactive Entertainment Law (CCLP085)
Interactive Entertainment Transactions (CCLP239)
Legal Tech (CCLP273)
Illegal Speech, Censorship and Digital Rights: Social Media vs "Old" Media (CCLP212)
AI Robotics and the Law (CCLP221)
Ethics and Governance in Business and Finance (CCLP011)
Competition Law (CCLP607)

Students must also take the compulsory 30 credit dissertation in Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law (CCLP925)

LLM in Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law students can take up to 15 credits from the LLM Technology, Media & Telecommunications Law by Distance Learning programme.

An additional research essay (SOLM950 or SOLM951) can be taken instead of taught modules by LLM students only with special permission from the LLM Programme Coordinator. This will count towards the specialism.

Student joining via the Paris Bar School partnership will take LLM International Business Law, with a compulsory 60-credit dissertation (SOLM903).

Students who take Commercial Law through Practice (CCLP610) have to secure an internship by a date which will be

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communicated once students start the programme, both September starters and January starters. If a student has not secured an internship by the date communicated to them then they must take SOLM901 instead.

Academic Year of Study

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Securities and Markets Regulation	CCLP001	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Banking Regulation	CCLP007	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Mergers and Acquisitions	CCLP010	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Ethics and Governance in Business and Finance	CCLP011	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Corporate Rescue and Cross-border Insolvency	CCLP013	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Lawyer Negotiations	CCLP039	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Construction Contracts and Dispute Resolution	CCLP042	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Arbitration: Regulation and Infrastructure	CCLP043	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Arbitration: Applicable Laws and Procedures	CCLP044	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Investment Treaty Arbitration	CCLP047	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
European Copyright Law	CCLP075	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
European Law of Patents	CCLP076	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Law of Patents and Related Rights	CCLP077	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Licensing IP	CCLP078	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2

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EU and US Design Law	CCLP081	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International and Comparative Law of Unfair Competition	CCLP082	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
European Law of Trade Marks	CCLP083	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Interactive Entertainment Law	CCLP085	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Intellectual Property and the Life Sciences	CCLP093	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Trade Secrets	CCLP096	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Law and Practice of the Unified Patent Court	CCLP098	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Insurance Law	CCLP140	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Law and Ethics in the Energy Sector	CCLP157	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Energy & Climate Change	CCLP160	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Oil and Gas Law and Contracts in the Energy Transition	CCLP161	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Energy Transactions	CCLP162	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Arbitration and Energy	CCLP163	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Regulation and Governance of Energy	CCLP164	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Mining & Natural Resources Law	CCLP166	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Information Technology Transactions: Management and Disputes	CCLP206	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Cybercrime	CCLP207	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2

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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
EU Data Protection Law	CCLP209	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Regulation on Media Reporting of the Legal System	CCLP218	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
E-commerce Transactions	CCLP219	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
E-Sports Law	CCLP238	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Interactive Entertainment Transactions	CCLP239	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
English Contract Law	CCLP601	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
International Commercial Arbitration (Skills and Advocacy)	CCLP602	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Law of Financial Crime: European & International Perspectives	CCLP603	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Cloud Computing Law	CCLP604	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Copyright Law - United Kingdom & United States	CCLP605	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Legal Aspects of International Finance	CCLP606	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Introduction to Competition Law	CCLP607	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
New Boundaries in Competition Enforcement	CCLP608	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Principles of International Banking Regulation	CCLP609	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Commercial Law Through Practice	CCLP610	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1 or 2
Dissertation in International Business Law	CCLP924	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 1-3

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 of the Paris LLM intakes in the school/institute together with appropriate representation from staff within the school/institute, which may include ULIP staff. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments, and provision of facilities in Paris. Student Voice Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

Each school/institute operates a Learning and Teaching Committee, or equivalent, which advises the School/Institute Director of Taught Programmes 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. 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 operate an Annual Programme Review of their taught undergraduate and postgraduate provision. APR is a continuous process of reflection and action planning which is owned by those responsible for programme delivery; the main document of reference for this process is the Taught Programmes Action Plan (TPAP) which is the summary of the school/institute's work throughout the year to monitor academic standards and to improve the student experience. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of the PTES and module evaluations.

What academic support is available?

Part of the Programme Director's role is to provide academic support to students including offering extensive office hours in Paris to address students needs on an individual, face to face basis.

In addition, the following academic support mechanisms include:

- Comprehensive Induction period
- All module convenors have office hours whereby student students can contact them remotely
- An individual Dissertation Supervisor who is allocated for each student
- A Dissertation workshop for each specialism is held each semester, in advance of the Dissertation Proposal submission deadline
- The LLM Research Director is available for students to help them with any academic matter that cannot be appropriately handled by the previous support mechanisms
- The Critical Thinking and Writing in Law Programme has designed a series of tailor-made hands-on workshops that allow students to deepen their understanding of the learning strategies required of postgraduate study, and which will help them improve their research and writing skills, and provide them with the confidence necessary to succeed in their LLM.
- All modules are supported by the online learning environment, QMPlus, so that despite class time being an intensive block, the module is considered semester-long from the students point of view.
- Training in the use of online law library and database resources provided by the Law Librarian at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

Programme-specific rules and facts

None

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
- Special arrangements in examinations
- 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

An agreement is in place with the Paris Bar School whereby their students can also register for the LLM International Business and Commercial Law programme in Paris, and use the taught element for credit towards their Projet Pédagogique Individuel (PPI).

The Paris Bar School has also agreed to the accreditation of our modules for Avocats seeking to take the LLM as "formation continue", but this has yet to be formalised.

Discussions are ongoing with a number of Paris law firms, companies, and the French Association of In-house Lawyers regarding the potential for internships, as well as the LLM and its modules contributing to the CPD of their lawyers/members. Queen Mary Careers service is coordinating advice with regard to the French requirement for a "Convention de Stage".

The Franco-British Lawyers Society's UK Academic Prize was awarded to Queen Mary in 2013 which allows the Paris LLM to offer a small prize to one member of each intake over 3 years. More recently, a local Parisian law firm, Jeantet, have offered a prize to the highest-achieving student from the January intake of the LLM in Paris and the Sorbonne-QMUL Double LLM.

The Paris LLM programme holds an opening lecture at the beginning of each semester to welcome the new intake. Sponsors/venues so far have included: Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, McDermott Will and Emery, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), University of Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne. These events provide useful opportunities for students to network with potential employers.

A number of events are held in Paris throughout the year, for students' benefit in terms of topic and speaker(s) but also as networking opportunities.

Programme Specification Approval

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