

Programme Specification

Awarding Body/Institution	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching Institution	Queen Mary University of London
Name of Final Award and Programme Title	LLM in International Business Law
Name of Interim Award(s)	PG Diploma; PG Certificate
Duration of Study / Period of Registration	1 year full time
QM Programme Code / UCAS Code(s)	
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 which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme

School of Law

Institution(s) other than Queen Mary that will provide some teaching for the programme

Programme Outline

The LLM in International Business Law covers a broad range of modules that draw on the wealth of commercial expertise across the School of Law. At CCLS, we strongly believe that commercial and corporate law cannot be well understood without understanding the market context in which modern commerce operates and evolves. Recent years have witnessed the globalisation of trade and investment, the emergence of new markets, increasing trans-border merger and acquisition activity, and the growing convergence of trade, finance and global corporate governance. Modules for the LLM in International Business Law deal with the global and regional regulation of international commerce, structuring and managing international business transactions, and the economic foundations of trade and corporate law. The Programme is designed in a manner that gives you access to the most advanced legal thinking of leading CCLS academics in their respective fields of expertise.

Your fellow students will come from the UK and more than 80 other countries, each able to draw on prior academic and in many cases professional experiences from different jurisdictions to enrich discussion and debate in class.

Aims of the Programme

The Programme aims to give you the ability to:

(a) understand key themes and debates in the area of international commercial and corporate law

(b) apply legal principles and doctrines effectively with the view of analysing practical legal problems and offering solutions.
(c) understand the commercial and corporate environment today and how current market and economic developments intersect with the evolving nature of modern commercial and corporate legal practice and doctrines.

What Will You Be Expected to Achieve?

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AWARDED WITH AN LLM IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW.

Academic Content:

A 1	
A 2	
A 3	

Disciplinary Skills - able to:

B 1	
B 2	
B 3	

Attributes:

C 1	
C 2	
C 3	

How Will You Learn?

Students will attend structured lectures and seminars, where participation on their part will be encouraged. Students will have to prepare for both lectures and seminars on the basis of reading lists and materials that will be provided to them in advance.

More specifically, for each of the six 22.5-credit modules, students will undertake the following:

- 22 hours of lectures/seminars
- 110 hours of preparation for lectures/seminars (approximately 10 hours per lecture/seminar)

- 93 hours of exam preparation/essay writing
Thus, a total of 225 notional study hours

Students will also engage in independent research (under our supervision and guidance) preparing and writing up their dissertation.

How Will You Be Assessed?

Students will be assessed by means of essays or exams, as indicated under each module description. Exams can be either closed book, permitted materials or open book exams. A module may be assessed through the submission of a 7,500 word essay, 2 x 3750 word essays or a Final Assessment Exercise. Exceptionally students may have to complete a presentation.

How is the Programme Structured?

Please specify the full time and part time programme diets (if appropriate).

Students will be invited to choose 6 modules of 22.5 credits, at least four of which must be specialist shipping law modules. Students are advised to select three taught modules in semester 1 and three in semester 2 to balance their workload appropriately. Exams will take place in May. Students will select the topic of their dissertation in November/December and will have three supervisory meetings with the dissertation supervisor allocated to them, two of which will take place in semester 2 and the third in early summer.

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 1

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
General Principles of Insurance Law	QLLM138	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Insurance Regulation	QLLM139	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Insurance Contracts	QLLM141	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Reinsurance Law	QLLM142	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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Strategic Decision Making for Lawyers	QLLM150	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Negotiation Theory and Practice	QLLM151	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Principle of Regulation	QLLM155	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Introduction to Insurance Regulation	QLLM156	22.5	7	Elective	1	n/a
Elements of Islamic Law	QLLM164	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Islamic Finance and Commercial Law	QLLM165	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Legal Aspects of Paperless Trade	QLLM181	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Charterparties: Law and Practice	QLLM182	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs: Law and Practice	QLLM183	22.5	7	Elective	1	n/a
Competition and Regulation in EU Healthcare Markets	QLLM191	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Market Integration and Regulation in the European Internal Market	QLLM192	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Transnational Law and Governance	QLLM314	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Transnational Law and Governance in Practice	QLLM315	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Chinese Business Law	QLLM316	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Comparative Contract Law	QLLM324	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Digital Intellectual Property Law	QLLM328	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Information Technology Transactions	QLLM329	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Comparative Copyright Law	QLLM330	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1

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International Copyright: International Treaties and Cross-Border Litigation	QLLM331	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Comparative Law of Patents and Trade Secrets	QLLM332	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Law of Patents and Related Rights	QLLM333	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Design and Intellectual Property: EU and US	QLLM337	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International and Comparative Law of Unfair Competition	QLLM338	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
The Law of Registered Trade Marks	QLLM339	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Information Security and the Law	QLLM354	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Finance Law	QLLM362	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Finance Law Applied	QLLM363	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Legal Aspects of Financing Development	QLLM366	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Financing Regulation	QLLM367	22.5	7	Elective	1	n/a
Corporate Rescue and Cross-border Insolvency	QLLM368	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Financial Distress and Debt Restructuring	QLLM369	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
WTO Law: Market Access and Non-Discrimination	QLLM370	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
WTO Law: Trade Remedies and Regulatory Issues	QLLM371	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Corporate Finance Law	QLLM372	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Mergers and Acquisitions	QLLM373	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Law and Ethics in Finance	QLLM374	22.5	7	Elective	1	n/a

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Corporate Governance and Responsibility in Finance	QLLM375	22.5	7	Elective	1	n/a
International Economic Law	QLLM376	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
EU Financial and Monetary Law	QLLM377	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Securities Regulation	QLLM378	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Alternative Dispute Resolution: Theory and Context	QLLM385	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Alternative Dispute Resolution: Selected Issues	QLLM386	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Copyright and Trademark in China	QLLM389	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Patent and Design in China	QLLM390	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Construction Contracts and Dispute Resolution	QLLM391	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Commercial Arbitration	QLLM392	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Commercial Litigation	QLLM395	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Commercial Conflicts of Law	QLLM396	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Investment Treaty Arbitration	QLLM397	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
United State Energy Law, Regulation and Policy	QLLM400	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Art Transactions	QLLM402	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Entrepreneurship Law Clinic	QLLM407	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
E-Commerce Transactions	QLLM412	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
E-Commerce Regulation	QLLM413	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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International Commercial Law	QLLM419	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Ethics in International Arbitration	QLLM420	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Multinational Enterprises 1	QLLM421	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Multinational Enterprises 2	QLLM422	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Principles of Taxation	QLLM423	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Tax Law	QLLM424	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Tax Law: Advanced Topics	QLLM425	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
UK Taxation	QLLM426	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
UK Business Taxation	QLLM427	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
UK Taxation of Corporate Finance	QLLM428	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
US International Taxation	QLLM429	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
US International Taxation: Advanced Topics	QLLM430	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
EU Corporate Tax Law	QLLM431	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
UK Taxation of Savings and Wealth	QLLM432	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Law of Economic Crime 1	QLLM436	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Law of Economic Crime 2	QLLM437	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Company Law 1	QLLM438	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Company Law 2	QLLM439	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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Corporate Governance 1	QLLM440	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Corporate Governance	QLLM441	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Competition Law	QLLM461	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Comparative Competition Law	QLLM462	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
European Union Competition Law 1	QLLM463	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
European Union Competition Law 2	QLLM464	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Merger Control 1	QLLM465	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Merger Control 2	QLLM466	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Compliance Systems in Practice	QLLM480	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Dissertation in International Business Law	QLLM219	45	7	Compulsory	1	Semesters 1-3
Animal Law and Welfare	QLLM481	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Globalisation and the Law: Corporations, International Trade and Foreign Investment	QLLM482	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
US Federal Law and Practice: Select Topics	QLLM488	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
US State Law and Practice: Select Topics	QLLM489	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Tax System Design and Policy in Emerging Economies	QLLM492	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Oil and Gas laws in the Energy Transition	QLLM496	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1

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 Do We Listen and Act on Your Feedback?

The Staff-Student Liaison 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. Staff-Student Liaison 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 NSS and module evaluations.

Academic Support

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

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Specific Support for Disabled Students

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)

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- 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

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification

Andromachi Georgosouli

Person responsible for management of programme

Andromachi Georgosouli

**Date Programme Specification produced/amended
by School Learning and Teaching Committee**

**Date Programme Specification approved by
Taught Programmes Board**