

## 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 Commercial and Corporate 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):	
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:

Department of Law

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

### Programme outline

The LLM in Commercial and Corporate Law is a programme of study that offers students the opportunity to specialize in commercial and corporate law and develop further their academic and professional expertise. Students can choose their programme options from across a wide range of LLM modules on commercial and corporate law broadly conceived. The LLM in Commercial and Corporate Law is primarily based on classroom teaching and student performance is assessed by examination or coursework for taught modules. The extensive range of modules and the flexible structure of the programme of studies are key features of the LLM in Commercial and Corporate Law. Thanks to those features, students can gain in-depth exposure to multiple areas of commercial and corporate law and enjoy the freedom to choose courses that match their intellectual interests and professional aspirations.

### Aims of the programme

The principal aims of the LLM in Commercial and Corporate Law are to:

- Help students develop a detailed, critical and in-depth understanding of diverse areas of commercial and corporate law both international/transnational and domestic.
- Provide students with the international and comparative law tools with which to understand international and domestic laws.

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- Enhance the professional legal analytic and other skills of students who wish to practise law.
- Enable students to carry out independent legal research.
- Enhance the student's learning experience through regular interaction with lecturers, practitioners, visiting academics and fellow students.

### What will you be expected to achieve?

- Understand key legal principles, issues and debates in commercial and corporate law.
- Be able to apply those legal principles in order to provide/recommend solutions to legal problems.
- Be able to research and analyze legal issues across various aspects of commercial and corporate law both international/transnational and domestic.
- 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 commercial and corporate law issues.

### Academic Content:

A 1	Acquisition of a thorough understanding of legal principles as applied across different areas of commercial and corporate law.
A 2	Appreciation of how major national jurisdictions interact with the international/transnational architecture of commercial and corporate law as applicable to their chosen modules and how this interaction impacts the development of various aspects of commercial and corporate law nationally, regionally and internationally/transnationally.

### Disciplinary Skills - able to:

B 1	Students will develop the ability to understand and evaluate a range of primary and secondary sources and other legal materials. This includes legislation, regulations, policy documents and guidance as well as relevant academic and professional literature.
B 2	Students will further develop their ability to state and argue a position orally and in writing.

### Attributes:

C 1	Student will also harness the ability to analyze critically a variety of primary and secondary sources and other materials.
C 2	Acquisition of a thorough understanding of how their chosen areas of commercial and corporate law intersect with other legal frameworks.

### 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. Students will be provided with a variety of legal resources and receive training on how to use them. The writing of a dissertation

is an elective element of the specialism

### How will you be assessed?

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

### 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
- Students can take the optional Dissertation in Commercial and Corporate Law SOLM905.
- 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.

### Academic Year of Study

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Securities Regulation	SOLM001	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Regulation of Financial Markets	SOLM003	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Finance Law	SOLM005	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1

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International Finance Law Applied	SOLM006	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Banking Law International	SOLM007	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Banking and FinTech Law	SOLM008	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Mergers and Acquisitions	SOLM010	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Law and Ethics in Business and Finance	SOLM011	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Corporate Governance and Responsibility in Finance	SOLM012	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Elements of Islamic Law	SOLM015	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Islamic Finance and Commercial Law	SOLM016	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Corporate Rescue and Cross-border Insolvency	SOLM017	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Principles of Regulation	SOLM018	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Commercial Law	SOLM019	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Company Law: Foundational and Constitutional Issues	SOLM020	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Company Law: Corporate Finance and Management Issues	SOLM021	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Corporate Governance: Foundational and Theoretical	SOLM022	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Corporate Governance: Operation and Practice	SOLM023	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Comparative Contract Law	SOLM024	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Animal Law, Welfare and Trade	SOLM025	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Animal Law, Media and Culture	SOLM026	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1

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Transnational Law and Governance in Practice	SOLM027	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Transnational Law and Governance Applied	SOLM028	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Chinese Business Law	SOLM029	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Multinational Enterprises: Business and Legal Organisation	SOLM030	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Multinational Enterprises: Social Issues	SOLM031	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
US Federal Law Constitutional Law: Select Issues	SOLM033	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
US State Law and Practice	SOLM034	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
EU Trade Law	SOLM035	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Transnational Problems in Commercial Contracts	SOLM036	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Strategic Decision Making for Lawyers	SOLM038	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Alternative Dispute Resolution: Theory and Context	SOLM040	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Alternative Dispute Resolution: Selected Issues	SOLM041	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
International Commercial Litigation	SOLM045	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Commercial Conflict of Laws	SOLM046	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Investment Treaty Arbitration: Foundations, Jurisdiction and Procedure	SOLM047	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Ethics in International Arbitration	SOLM049	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
EU Competition Law and Practice	SOLM051	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Merger Control: Special Topics	SOLM053	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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International Competition Law	SOLM054	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Cartels, Collusion and Competition Law	SOLM057	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Competition Enforcement: From Investigation to Sanctions	SOLM059	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Competition Law in the Cyberspace	SOLM060	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International and Comparative Copyright Law	SOLM075	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
European and US Law of Patents	SOLM076	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Law of Patents and Related Rights	SOLM077	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Licensing Intellectual Property	SOLM078	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Intellectual Property and Fashion: Art and Culture	SOLM079	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Intellectual Property and Fashion: Business and Law	SOLM080	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Design and Intellectual Property: EU and United States	SOLM081	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
International and Comparative Law of Unfair Competition	SOLM082	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
The Law of Registered Trade Marks	SOLM083	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Global Intellectual Property Law	SOLM084	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Interactive Entertainment Law	SOLM085	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
The Business of Film	SOLM087	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Music Industry Contracts	SOLM089	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Intellectual Property and the Creative Industries	SOLM090	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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Commercialisation of IP	SOLM092	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Intellectual Property Law in China	SOLM095	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Trade Secrets	SOLM096	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Digital Intellectual Property	SOLM097	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Competition and Regulation in EU Healthcare Markets	SOLM106	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Principles of Taxation	SOLM118	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Tax Law	SOLM119	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Tax Law in Practice	SOLM120	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Tax System Design and Policy in Emerging and Developing Economies	SOLM121	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Taxation of Individuals	SOLM122	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
US International Taxation	SOLM123	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
UK Business Taxation	SOLM125	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
EU Tax Law	SOLM127	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Transfer Pricing	SOLM129	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
General Principles of Insurance Law	SOLM138	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Insurance Regulation	SOLM139	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Insurance Contracts	SOLM140	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Charterparties: Law and Practice	SOLM142	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1

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Carriage of Goods	SOLM143	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Marine Insurance Law	SOLM144	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Legal Aspects of Paperless Trade	SOLM148	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs	SOLM153	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Energy Law Principles	SOLM155	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Energy Economics Legal Perspective	SOLM156	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
United States Energy Law, Regulation and Policy	SOLM158	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International and Comparative Petroleum Law and Contracts	SOLM161	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Energy Transactions	SOLM162	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Investment Law	SOLM189	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Foreign Investments and Public Policy	SOLM190	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Legal Aspects of Financing Development	SOLM191	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
WTO Law: Fundamental Principles	SOLM192	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
WTO Law Domestic Regulations and Trade Remedies	SOLM193	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Economic Law	SOLM194	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Law of Economic Crime: Proceeds of Crime	SOLM199	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Law of Economic Crime: Corruption	SOLM200	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
IT Transactions	SOLM206	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1



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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Information Security and the Law	SOLM210	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Cyberspace: Jurisdiction and Dispute Resolution	SOLM211	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Illegal Speech, Censorship and Digital Rights: Social Media vs "Old" Media	SOLM212	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Telecommunications Policy, Law and Regulation	SOLM214	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Media Law: Reputation Management	SOLM216	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
E-Commerce Transactions	SOLM219	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
E-Commerce Regulation	SOLM220	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Compliance Systems in Practice	SOLM224	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Art and Governance	SOLM226	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Derivatives in a Legal Context	SOLM235	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Risk Management in Law	SOLM236	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Globalisation and the Law	SOLM244	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
EU Financial and Monetary Law	SOLM245	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Financial Regulation	SOLM246	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Comparative Corporate Law	SOLM247	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
EU Competition Law	SOLM248	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Merger Control: The Jurisdictions	SOLM249	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Reinsurance Law and International Risk Transfer	SOLM255	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
International Commercial Arbitration	SOLM256	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Economic Law Clinic	SOLM263	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 2 & 3
Media Regulation	SOLM265	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Sustainability and the Corporation	SOLM269	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Comparative Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals	SOLM277	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Energy and Climate Change	SOLM278	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Climate Change Law, Economics and Policy	SOLM279	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
IP Protection in the Software Sector	SOLM280	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Dissertation	SOLM901	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 1-3
Dissertation in Commercial and Corporate Law	SOLM905	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 1-3
Entrepreneurship Law Clinic	SOLM213	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Research Seminar	SOLM266	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Legal Tech	SOLM273	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Public Affairs Advocacy	SOLM274	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Taxation and Trade	SOLM275	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Advocacy in Commercial Disputes	SOLM276	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Seminar on AI Regulation, Rights and Responsibilities	SOLM284	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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Comparative Competition Law	SOLM290 NEW	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Law of Patents	SOLM291 NEW	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
European Law of Patents	SOLM292 NEW	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Competition Law in the Digital Era	SOLM297 NEW	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Tax and Technology	SOLM130	15	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 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 PTES and module evaluations.

### 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

Students can take up to 60 credits outside of their programme within the postgraduate programmes offered by the School of Law.

In order to specialise in Commercial and Corporate Law, LLM students must take at least 120 credits, including their dissertation, in modules on the Commercial and Corporate Law programme.

### 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

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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**Person completing Programme Specification:**

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**Date Programme Specification produced / amended by School / Institute Education Committee:**

December 2022

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