

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):	
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 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.

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.

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 international and transnational perspectives.
- Provide students with the methodological tools with which to grasp and address legal challenges in the world of commerce,

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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 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

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.
C 2	Students will practice working collaboratively with a diverse team and learn how to make valuable contributions and offer support.

C3	Students will work independently and gain an understanding of how to demonstrate autonomy and self direction when researching and solving complex or unfamiliar problems.
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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
- Students can take 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.

Academic Year of Study

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
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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
International Finance Law Applied	SOLM006	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

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Animal Law, Media and Culture	SOLM026	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
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

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International Merger Control: Special Topics	SOLM053	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Competition Law	SOLM054	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
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
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
Intellectual Property Law in China	SOLM095	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
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
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

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Indirect Taxation	SOLM128	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
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
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
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 Investment Law	SOLM189	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Foreign Investments and Public Policy	SOLM190	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
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
Information Security and the Law	SOLM210	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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Entrepreneurship Law Clinic	SOLM213	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 Transactions	SOLM225	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
US Federal Law: Select Advocacy Issues	SOLM233	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
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
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
International Commercial Arbitration	SOLM256	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Economic Law Clinic	SOLM263	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 2 & 3
Research Seminar	SOLM266	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Sustainability and the Corporation	SOLM269	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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Legal Tech	SOLM273	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Public Affairs Advocacy	SOLM274	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Advocacy in Commercial Disputes	SOLM276	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Comparative Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals	SOLM277	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Climate Change Law, Economics and Policy	SOLM279	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Dissertation	SOLM901	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 1-3
Dissertation in International Business Law	SOLM911	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 1-3
Interactive Entertainment Law	SOLM085	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Energy Law Principles	SOLM155	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Energy Transactions	SOLM162	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Tax and technology	SOLM130	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Taxation and Trade	SOLM275	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Seminar on AI Regulation, Rights and Responsibilities	SOLM284	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Comparative Competition Law	SOLM290	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Law of Patents	SOLM291	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
European Law of Patents	SOLM292	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Competition Law in the Digital Era	SOLM297	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Transfer Pricing	SOLM129	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3

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IP Protection in the Software Sector	SOLM302 NEW	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
EU Digital Copyright Law	SOLM303 NEW	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
The Law of Theatre and the Performing Arts	SOLM304 NEW	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Law of International Financial Institutions	SOLM306 NEW	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Public Legal Education for Start-Ups	SOLM307 NEW	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Legal Design	SOLM308 NEW	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Consumer law for the Digital Age	SOLM311 NEW	15	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 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 International Business Law, LLM students must take at least 120 credits, including their dissertation, in modules on the International Business 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.

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification:

Sue Fitzgerald

Programme Title: International Business Law

Person responsible for management of programme:

Eleni Kaprou and Apostolos Chronopoulos

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

December 2023

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