

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 Public International 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:	Department of Law

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 aim of this programme is to provide students with a comprehensive and advanced training in international law; Specifically it is designed to help students develop a critical perspective on the role of law in the international community. The focus is on both traditional public international law courses as well courses broadly falling within the rubric of transnational law or global public law. Although students will be equipped to have a sound understanding of the substantive law in the areas chosen for study, the programme goes beyond mastery of technical detail. It aims to equip students for the practical challenges posed by an increasingly globalised world.

Aims of the programme

To provide a comprehensive and practical training in international law
To provide students with the professional skills necessary for a career in international law
To allow students to tailor their studies to reflect their specific interests

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What will you be expected to achieve?

Students who successfully complete the Programme will be able to:

- understand and explain in detail a wide range of aspects of the legal framework relating to Public International Law;
- advance sophisticated arguments relating to public international law in a manner that is supported by evidence and demonstrates knowledge of a wide range of relevant sources and of the social and cultural context of legal rules.

Academic Content:

A 1	acquire a thorough and accurate knowledge of public international law.
A 2	develop an understanding of the specificity of the legal methods and processes used in public international law.
A 3	situate international legal developments in their economic, social and political context.

Disciplinary Skills - able to:

B 1	handle and analyse a range of legal materials including read and study primary and secondary sources of public international law, including international treaties and the academic and professional literature.
B 2	adopt a critical and contextual perspective on international legal issues and put forward an informed, reasoned opinion making appropriate use of legal argumentation.
B 3	autonomously plan and successfully conduct a research project in an area of public international law.

Attributes:

C 1	communicate ideas clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
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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 including the compulsory Dissertation in Public International Law SOLM913.
- 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 LLM Programme Coordinator.

Academic Year of Study

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
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
Investment Treaty Arbitration: Foundations, Jurisdiction and Procedure	SOLM047	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Investment Treaty Arbitration: Agreements and Substantive Protection	SOLM048	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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International and Comparative Social Rights	SOLM065	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Human Rights Law: History, Theory and Politics	SOLM069	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Human Rights Law: Law, Practice and Institutions	SOLM070	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Terrorism & Human Rights: Constitutional Perspectives	SOLM071	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Secession and Self-Determination in International Law	SOLM074	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Law of Geographical Indications	SOLM088	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Use of Force in International Law	SOLM112	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Conduct of Hostilities in International Law	SOLM113	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Principles of International Criminal Law	SOLM114	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Enforcement of International Criminal Law	SOLM115	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Fundamental Questions in the Law of Treaties	SOLM116	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Special Areas in the Law of Treaties	SOLM117	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Tax Law	SOLM119	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Tax Law in Practice	SOLM120	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Law of the Sea	SOLM131	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Concepts in Natural Resources Law: Biodiversity, Human Rights and Trade	SOLM133	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Environmental Law	SOLM134	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Climate Change Law	SOLM136	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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Water Law	SOLM137	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Regulation of Shipping	SOLM146	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Law of the Sea: Navigational Freedoms and Practice	SOLM149	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Public International & European Air Transport Law	SOLM151	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Private International & European Air Transport Law	SOLM152	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Energy Law and Ethics	SOLM157	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Refugee Law	SOLM171	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Terrorism, Migration and Human Rights	SOLM175	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Migration and Asylum Law through Practice	SOLM177	30	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
Cybercrime: Substantive Offences	SOLM207	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Cybercrime: Forensic Investigations	SOLM208	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Cyberspace: Jurisdiction and Dispute Resolution	SOLM211	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1

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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights and Migration	SOLM240	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes	SOLM241	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Trade, Climate Change and Energy EU and International Perspectives	SOLM243	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Exploitation of Energy Resources in Disputed Areas	SOLM251	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
International Natural Resources Law	SOLM254	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
State Crime	SOLM261	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Economic Law Clinic	SOLM263	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 2 & 3
International Migration Law	SOLM264	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Research Seminar	SOLM266	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
International Child Law	SOLM270	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Children, Law and Society	SOLM271	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
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
Researching Powerful Organisations	SOLM281	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Human Rights and Public Health	SOLM282	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Minority and Group Rights: International and Comparative Perspectives	SOLM283	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Dissertation in Public International Law	SOLM901	30	7	Elective	1	Semesters 1-3

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Dissertation in Public International Law	SOLM913	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semesters 1-3
International and Comparative Copyright Law	SOLM075	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
The EU and international law: EU external economic relations	SOLM287	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Outer Space Law	SOLM296	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 3
Legal design	SOLM308 NEW	15	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Select Public International Law Issues in Energy	SOLM309 NEW	30	7	Elective	1	Semester 2

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 Public International Law, LLM students must take at least 120 credits, including their dissertation, in modules on the Public International 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:

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Programme Title: Public International Law

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