



LLM

# International Business and Commercial Law

## Study mode

Full-time

Part-time

## Duration

12 months

24 months

Apply by: **29 August 2025**

Starts on: **22 September 2025**

## About this course

This course is designed to immerse you in a deep understanding of the global economy and the interconnected legal aspects that shape international business and commerce.

## Introduction

Teaching on our International Business and Commercial Law LLM is research-connected. It allows you to engage in current and cutting-edge research-informed modules led by leading experts in the field.

At the core of this course is the unique module, 'Law, International Business, and Society.' This module will introduce you to International Business and Commercial Law and to our research ethos and expertise in this area. You will delve into the complex relationships between law, business, and society. Exploring three key domains—international economic governance (including sustainable trade and investment regimes), corporate governance and financial regulation, and the legal foundations of the knowledge economy (such as creations, inventions, and technology)—you will analyse how law and social justice intersect in these areas.

This course enables you to tailor your studies based on your interests and professional goals, whether focused on international trade and economic law, corporate law and regulation, or the legal aspects of the knowledge economy, creativity, and technology.

All students are given our specialised Legal Research Training as preparation for writing their dissertation. The module covers advance legal research, legal writing, as well as theoretical perspectives and research methodologies.

Upon completion of this course, you'll emerge a graduate capable of meeting the requirements of an increasingly specialised employment market, both within and outside the legal professions.

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## Who is this course for?

This LLM is suitable for graduates of Law or a relevant degree subject area such as business, economics, political science, history, criminology, sociology, international relations etc.

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## What you'll learn

- Advanced study in a range of subjects within the specialist field of international business and commercial law
- A well-rounded understanding of international business and commercial law within the broader context of global relations, history, economics, politics, social policy, and modern society
- A range of skills required for any professional environment (e.g. communication, problem solving)
- How to apply legal knowledge to a practical situation and draw reasoned conclusions supported by legal authority
- Digital fluency

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# Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

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## Semester one

During the course of this LLM, you will complete 180 credits in total, with 120 credits delivered via taught modules.

In Semester One, you will study one compulsory module and two optional modules.

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<a href="#"><u>LAW, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, AND SOCIETY (LAW528)</u></a>	20

  

Optional modules	Credits
<a href="#"><u>DARK WEB CRIME (LAW516)</u></a>	20
<a href="#"><u>DIGITAL JUSTICE AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES (LAW518)</u></a>	20
<a href="#"><u>INTERNATIONAL LAW AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT (LAW542)</u></a>	20
<a href="#"><u>INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND PUBLIC HEALTH (LAW546)</u></a>	20
<a href="#"><u>LAW OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (LAW526)</u></a>	20
<a href="#"><u>CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW (LAW529)</u></a>	20

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

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## Semester Two

In Semester Two, you will study three optional modules.

### Modules

Optional modules	Credits
<u>COMPETITION LAW (LAW519)</u>	20
<u>CORPORATE RESCUE AND INSOLVENCY (LAW527)</u>	20
<u>INSOLVENCY IN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (LAW544)</u>	20
<u>INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (LAW521)</u>	20
<u>INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CRIME (LAW585)</u>	20
<u>LAW AND REGULATION OF BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCIES (LAW517)</u>	20
<u>CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND DIRECTORS' DUTIES (LAW530)</u>	20

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### Final Project

Your course concludes with a 60-credit supervised research project (dissertation) undertaken following completion of the taught modules.

### Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>DISSERTATION (LAW540)</u>	60

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

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## Teaching and assessment

### How you'll learn

Teaching methods depend upon the module, but most modules are taught via in-person seminars on campus.

Independent study is an important part of your learning at this level, and you'll be expected to prepare in advance through guided reading and independent learning activities.

Your weekly seminars prioritise collaborative discussion and group work based on the reading and learning tasks you'll be asked to complete before the seminar. This allows you to apply your skills, knowledge and understanding, enabling your tutor to provide immediate feedback on the tasks.

### How you're assessed

You will usually study six modules, three modules in each of the first two terms. In the third term, over the Summer, you will complete a dissertation.

The assessment of our LLM courses takes different formats according to the module's learning objectives. This includes research-focused coursework, direct written papers, group presentations and seen examinations. For semester one modules, the formal assessment period is January; for semester two modules, the assessment period is May-June.

Your 12,000-word dissertation will be completed during Semester 3 (July to September). We provide legal research training, and you will have an allocated expert supervisor so you are properly prepared and have support and guidance each step of the way.

## Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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# Careers and employability

Our LLM programme is designed to enhance your academic profile and to ensure that you leave us with highly marketable skills, whatever you decide that market to be.

We offer extra-curricular networking, skills and research events, plus access to our full range of Law Extra events. We will arrange specific visits from professionals and researchers working in the field, and you will also be encouraged to actively participate in the activities of the department's Corporations, Law and Society research unit.

An LLM in International Business and Commercial Law provides rigorous training in legal analysis and promotes critical thinking, independent research and project management skills. As such, it is excellent preparation for pursuing a career in legal practice and developing knowledge and skills in matters of contemporary importance in international business and commercial law.

Graduates will be able to pursue careers in areas of trade, investment, financial, or regulatory legal interest, including international organisations, government, or industry.

For those interested in the political and social dimensions of global economic regulation and responsible business, third-sector organisations such as NGOs or charities. The LLM also serves as an entry into post-doctoral studies.

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## Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

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### Career planning

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### From education to employment

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### Networking events

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# Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

## Tuition fees

### UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £11,700

Part-time place, per year - £5,850

### International fees

Full-time place, per year - £24,100

Part-time place, per year - £12,050

Fees stated are for the 2025-26 academic year.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about paying for your studies](#).

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## Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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# Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

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## Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree should be in Law (BA or LLB) or a closely related subject, including Political Science, Sociology, Philosophy, International Relations, Banking, Management Studies, Humanities, Social Sciences and Economics.

Candidates whose first degree is in a discipline other than Law may be admitted at the discretion of the Programme Director, e.g. if they have relevant work experience (relevant work experience might include work in the legal or corporate sectors) or a degree in a relevant discipline, such as Business, Economics, Political Science, History, Criminology, Sociology, International Relations etc.

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## International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the University of Liverpool International College, means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

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## English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a majority English speaking country.

We accept a variety of international language tests and country-specific qualifications.

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

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### **IELTS**

6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0

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### **TOEFL iBT**

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

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### **Duolingo English Test**

125 overall, with writing not less than 125, speaking and reading not less than 115, and listening not below 110

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### **Pearson PTE Academic**

61 overall, with no component below 59

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### **LanguageCert Academic**

70 overall, with no skill below 65

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### **PSI Skills for English**

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

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### **INDIA Standard XII**

National Curriculum (CBSE/ISC) - 75% and above in English. Accepted State Boards - 80% and above in English.

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### **WAEC**

C6 or above

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## Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

### Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 6.0	6 weeks	On campus
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
6.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.0, and no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus

<b>Your most recent IELTS score</b>	<b>Pre-sessional English course length</b>	<b>On campus or online</b>
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

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If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0, for further details.

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