

Programme Specification

Course record information

Name and level of final award	Master of Laws - Corporate Finance Law Master of Laws - International Commercial Law Master of Laws - International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law The award is Bologna FQ-EHEA second cycle degree or diploma compatible
Name and level of intermediate awards	 Postgraduate Diploma (Pg Dip) - Corporate Finance Law Postgraduate Diploma (Pg Dip) - International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law Postgraduate Diploma (Pg Dip) - International Commercial Law Postgraduate Certificate (Pg Cert) - Corporate Finance Law Postgraduate Certificate (Pg Cert) - International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law Postgraduate Certificate (Pg Cert) - International Commercial Law
Awarding body/institution	University of Westminster
Teaching institution	University of Westminster
Status of awarding body/institution	Recognised Body
Location of delivery	Primary: Central London
Language of delivery and assessment	English
QAA subject benchmarking group(s)	
Professional statutory or regulatory body	
Westminster course title, mode of attendance and standard length	 LLM Corporate Finance Law FT, Full-time, September or January start - 1 year standard length LLM Corporate Finance Law PT, Part-time day, September or January start - 2 years standard length LLM International Commercial Law FT, Full-time, September or January start - 1 year standard length LLM International Commercial Law PT, Part-time day, September or January start - 2 years standard length LLM International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law FT, Full-time, September or January start - 1 year standard length LLM International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law PT, Part-time day, September or January start - 2 years standard length
Valid for cohorts	From 2023/4

Admissions requirements

There are standard minimum entry requirements for all postgraduate courses. Students are advised to check the standard requirements for the most up-to-date information. For most courses a decision will be made on the basis of your application form alone. However, for some courses the selection process may include an interview to demonstrate your strengths in addition to any formal entry requirements. More information can be found here: https://www.westminster.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/how-to-apply.

Aims of the programme

In an increasingly sophisticated and ever-changing global business world, it has become essential to build advanced and specialist legal knowledge which can be applied across borders and professional sectors. Our LLM courses in International Commercial and Corporate Law, Corporate Finance and International and Commercial Dispute Resolution aim to empower you with a transformational learning experience and to equip you with the required skills to work in a variety of industries, from commerce to finance and dispute resolution, across the private sector, international organisations and civil society. Your learning will cover a diverse range of subjects from international trade law to aspects of corporate finance, dispute resolution mechanisms and business and human rights, delivered in a dynamic manner that transcends traditional subject areas.

Our LLM courses bring together classroom teaching with work-based learning in a culturally diverse and multi-national environment provided by an array of academics and practitioners. You will gain analytical skills and develop research methodologies on the specialised subjects of your choice, along with practical skills aimed at problem solving and project management.

Equality, diversity and inclusion are the core values of these LLM courses given their trans-national and international nature and their commitment to empower all student voices, including those from BAME backgrounds, the Global South, women and the LGBTQ+ community, thereby encouraging the development of competencies and access to a career of their choice.

In sum, the LLM courses have been designed to provide you with the opportunities to:

- Acquire advanced knowledge of the foundational concepts, principles and law relating to international commercial and corporate law, corporate finance or dispute resolution;
- Become specialists in international commercial law, international corporate law, the law relating to corporate finance or dispute resolution;
- Develop a critical awareness of the potential and limits of law as it relates to the global business world and/or dispute resolution, being mindful of the impact of law in diverse contexts and locations;
- Attain analytical skills, such as problem-solving, to develop creative and innovative solutions that account for inequalities in the design, operation and practice of law;
- Be part of a collaborative, scholarly postgraduate community, building professional networks and positive
 relationships with others, enabling you to make a meaningful contribution to society, whether in your professional or
 private life.

Employment and further study opportunities

Today's organisations need graduates with both good degrees and skills relevant to the workplace, i.e. employability skills. The University of Westminster is committed to developing employable graduates by ensuring that:

- Career development skills are embedded in all courses
- Opportunities for part-time work, placements and work-related learning activities are widely available to students
- Staff continue to widen and strengthen the University's links with employers in all sectors, involving them in curriculum design and encouraging their participation in other aspects of the University's career education and guidance provision
- Staff are provided with up-to-date data on labour market trends and employers' requirements, which will inform the service delivered to students.

Our LLM courses in International Commercial and Corporate Law, Corporate Finance and International and Commercial Dispute Resolution, are primarily aimed at those who want to further their knowledge and understanding of the law in theory and practice and combine this with relevant empirical insights and professional skills to advance their careers in a specialised legal sector. Our courses equip you with key transferable employability skills, such as: group working, learning resources, self-evaluation, management and information, autonomy, communication and problem-solving, for the global practice of law in a specialised area.

Graduates from our LLM Courses are employed in an array of specialist legal practice, such as commercial and corporate in-house legal work, investment banking and finance, corporate finance, international and commercial conflict and dispute prevention and resolution law and practice. Subject to any necessary professional requirements, graduates from the LLM Courses have progressed to working as qualified lawyers in private and in-house legal practice; compliance and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) officers, practising as barristers; working as company secretaries; sitting as a magistrate and as judges in their own countries; and acting as lawyers for their governments. A number of our graduates continue their academic education by undertaking PhD research degrees at the University of Westminster and beyond.

What will you be expected to achieve?

Course learning outcomes

Learning outcomes are statements on what successful students have achieved as the result of learning.

These are threshold statements of achievement the learning outcomes broadly fall into four categories:

The overall knowledge and understanding you will gain from your course (KU)

Graduate attributes are characteristics that you will have developed during the duration of your course (GA)

Professional and personal practice learning outcomes are specific skills that you will be expected to have gained on successful completion of the course (PPP)

Key transferable skills that you will be expected to have gained on successful completion of the course. (KTS)

How will you learn?

Learning methods

Learning on our LLM courses will be inclusive, accessible and challenging.

You will be an active, independent and collaborative learner in an inclusive environment that celebrates diversity, acquiring and developing knowledge in your field of specialism and the requisite skills for the successful completion of your LLM course. You will do this in the following ways:

- Prepare, whether as an individual or in groups, set guided independent tasks and activities that are directed towards acquisition and development of knowledge and/or skills in a graduated manner; ensuring that you have gained and consolidated key knowledge and skills, before proceeding to enhance knowledge and skills;
- Participate, as an individual or within groups, in seminar activities and exercises which are designed to test, consolidate and advance knowledge and skills, along with critical awareness of how law works in practice;
- Reflect on your learning via peer-to-peer and staff feedback within the seminars (and relative to the assessment criteria) though post-seminar tasks and activities, and through formative assessment
- You are expected to bring this working pattern to your dissertation seminars and individual meetings with supervisors, i.e. prepare, participate and reflect.

Your learning is supported through your participation in various co-curricular initiatives and opportunities, such as our Commercial Law Research Group.

Teaching methods

We will impart knowledge and facilitate the acquisition and development of skills by designing and delivering an inclusive and challenging curriculum that celebrates diversity, centred on weekly three-hour interactive seminars. We will:

- Select reading and source material that is current, relevant and reflects diversity of perspectives and representation of knowledge; enables a balanced workload and is readily accessible; and includes a range of cases;
- Design and deliver appropriate seminar activities and exercises that provide the opportunity to test and consolidate knowledge and to apply knowledge in a variety of contexts requiring analysis, evaluation and synthesis and/or problem solving;
- Provide timely and useful feedback on knowledge and skills during seminars and via formative assessments, referencing assessment criteria thereby facilitating awareness of what is required to successfully complete our modules and encouraging self-reflection on learning;
- Invite guest speakers from other academic institutions and/or from the professional world to give lectures within and across individual modules;
- Use digital technology to enhance acquisition of knowledge and development of skills where appropriate to the module learning outcomes.

Assessment methods

To reflect the emphasis of our LLM courses in International Commercial and Corporate Law, Corporate Finance and International and Commercial Dispute Resolution, on the development of advanced and specialist knowledge of law in the relevant fields and the acquisition of transferrable skills, a range of assessment methods are adopted across the modules. These inclusive assessments span the spectrum of research essays, research projects, including legal briefs, policy papers and case studies, showcasing key analytical skills and effective written communication, while those modules assessed by presentation, demonstrate effective oral communication skills.

Many modules across our LLMs are assessed by a combination of assessments, such as research essay and problem based questions or research project and presentation. Details of the assessment(s) for each module is given in the module handbook and module leaders will explain the assessment for their modules, including the criteria upon which your work is assessed, such as:

- · Ability to identify and critically analyse the legal issues/concepts
- Use of a range of sources with appropriate methodologies to build critical arguments
- Production of a coherent body of work in good English with proper referencing

In preparation for your assessments, you will draw on the weekly feedback on tasks and activities as well as the feedback on your formative assessment. Formative assessment is an intrinsic part of your preparation for the summative assessment.

The Graduate Attributes are the following:

- Critical and creative thinker
- · Literate and effective communicator
- Entrepreneurial
- Global in outlook and engaged in communities
- · Socially, ethically and environmentally aware

Graduate Attribute	Evident in Course Outcome
Critical and creative thinker	CL01, CL02, CL03, CL04, CL05, CL06, CL07
Literate and effective communicator	CL02, CL05, CL06, CL07
Entrepreneurial	CL06
Global in outlook and engaged in communities	CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CL04, CL06
Socially, ethically and environmentally aware	CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4, CLO5, CLO6

LLM Corporate Finance Law

The world of corporate finance is increasingly complex and multi-faceted, demanding an advanced and systematic knowledge of the law relating to corporate finance, its role and operation. With its practical focus, our LLM in Corporate Finance is designed to provide you with opportunities to develop this knowledge, enabling you to become specialists in the legal regulation of corporate finance, while developing the skills required for your chosen career. You do this in an inclusive and transformative learning environment, being part of a collaborative and scholarly postgraduate community, drawing on the expertise of our academic and practitioner teaching team.

Course learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of Level 7 you will be able to:

- CL01 demonstrate an advanced and systematic knowledge of foundational legal principles, rules and concepts in the field of corporate finance, as well as a critical awareness of the role and operation of law in the field of corporate finance(KU SS CS)
- CL02 explain, interpret and employ primary sources of law in the field of corporate finance, identifying conceptual. doctrinal and practical problems, whether at the local, regional, cross-border/transnational or international levels(KU SS CS)
- CL03 critically engage with advanced scholarship, ideas and practices, to evaluate and critique knowledge of the
 field of corporate finance, identifying emerging trends and controversies, including perspectives from different
 continents and cultures, reaching well-reasoned conclusions and solutions (KU KTS CS)
- CL04 investigate real-world challenges, issues and debates in relation to corporate finance to appraise the role and operation of law in the field of corporate finance(KU KTS CS)
- CL05 identify, evaluate and synthesise competing perspectives on the law, policy and practice in relation to corporate finance and, where appropriate, propose solutions and/or new lines of inquiry(KU KTS SS CS)
- CL06 demonstrate originality, self-direction and independence in the application and appraisal of knowledge, when
 designing and undertaking advanced legal research, selecting and employing appropriate research
 methodologies, and exercising critical and inclusive reflection on learning(KU KTS SS CS)
- CL07 develop and apply effective communication skills to convey ideas, arguments, and knowledge in relation to corporate finance, in a coherent and logical manner, whether orally or in writing, while adhering to academic conventions(KU KTS SS)

Course Structure

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Level 7

Full-time students may take a maximum of one elective per semester of study from another LLM programme.

Part-time students may take a maximum of two electives from another LLM programme during their programme of study.

The available elective modules are listed in the Course Handbook.

Module Code	Module Title	Status	PT Year (where applicable)	UK credit	ECTS
7LLAW026W	Investment Banking Principles and Practice	Core	1	20	10
7LLAW031W	Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance	Core	1	20	10
7LLAW043W	Postgraduate Dissertation in Corporate Finance	Core	2	60	30
7LLAW008W	Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration	Option	Various	20	10

Module Code	Module Title	Status	PT Year (where applicable)	UK credit	ECTS
7LLAW014W	International Banking Law and Regulation	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW024W	International Project Finance Law	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW025W	International Tax Law	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW035W	Money Laundering and Corporate Fraud	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW036W	Multinational Corporate Entities and Foreign Investment	Option	Various	20	10
		Elective	Various	40	20

Please note: Not all option modules will necessarily be offered in any one year. In addition, timetabling and limited spaces may mean you cannot register for your first choice of option modules.

LLM International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law

How to prevent, manage and resolve disputes and conflicts is of importance in the world of business and commerce, and is key to a peaceful world. Our LLM in International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law provides you with opportunities to acquire advanced, systematic knowledge of the processes of negotiation, mediation (and other alternative dispute resolution processes), litigation and arbitration, becoming a specialist in the resolution of conflicts and disputes, whether commercial or international in nature and developing the skills for your chosen career. You do this in an inclusive and transformative learning environment, being part of a collaborative and scholarly postgraduate community, drawing on the expertise of our academic and practitioner teaching team.

Course learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of Level 7 you will be able to:

- CL01 demonstrate an advanced and systematic knowledge of foundational legal principles, rules and concepts in
 the field of international and commercial dispute resolution, as well as a critical awareness of the role and operation
 of law in preventing and resolving disputes of an international and/or commercial nature(KU SS CS)
- CL02 explain, interpret and employ primary sources of law in the field of international and commercial dispute resolution, identifying conceptual. doctrinal and practical problems, whether at the local, regional, crossborder/transnational or international levels(KU SS CS)
- CL03 critically engage with advanced scholarship, ideas and practices, to evaluate and critique knowledge of the
 field of international and commercial dispute resolution, identifying emerging trends and controversies, including
 perspectives from different continents and cultures, reaching well-reasoned conclusions and solutions (KU KTS CS)
- CL04 investigate real-world challenges, issues and debates in relation to international and commercial dispute
 resolution to appraise the role and operation of law in the prevention and resolution of disputes of an international
 and/or commercial nature(KU KTS CS)
- CL05 identify, evaluate and synthesise competing perspectives on the law, policy and practice in relation to
 international and commercial dispute resolution and, where appropriate, propose solutions and/or new lines of
 inquiry(KU KTS SS CS)
- CL06 demonstrate originality, self-direction and independence in the application and appraisal of knowledge, when
 designing and undertaking advanced legal research, selecting and employing appropriate research
 methodologies, and exercising critical and inclusive reflection on learning(KU KTS SS CS)
- CL07 develop and apply effective communication skills to convey ideas, arguments, and knowledge in relation to international and commercial dispute resolution, in a coherent and logical manner, whether orally or in writing, while adhering to academic conventions(KU KTS SS)

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7LLAW039W	Perspectives on Peace, Conflicts and Disputes	Core	1	20	10

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7LLAW040W	Postgraduate Dissertation in International and Commercial Dispute Resolution	Core	2	60	30
7LLAW002W	Comparative Commercial Arbitration: Law and Practice	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW008W	Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW067W	International and Transnational Dispute Processes	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW015W	International Commercial Arbitration	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW033W	Mediation: Concepts, Evolution and Practice	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW036W	Multinational Corporate Entities and Foreign Investment	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW037W	Negotiation: Theory, Contexts and Practice	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW072W	Peace Processes and Law	Option	Various	20	10
		Elective	Various	40	20

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LLM International Commercial Law

In an interconnected world that relies on trade across borders, knowledge of the complexities and intricacies of international commercial and corporate law is essential. Our LLM in International Commercial and Corporate Law provides you with opportunities to develop an advanced and systematic knowledge of the general framework within which international commercial and corporate law operates, along with specialised areas within these fields. You will develop the skills to further your choosen career pathway in a vibrant and stimulating learning environment, guided by our teaching team of academics and practitioners.

Course learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of Level 7 you will be able to:

- CLO1 demonstrate an advanced and systematic knowledge of foundational legal principles, rules and concepts in the field of international commercial and corporate law, as well as a critical awareness of the role and operation of law in commercial and corporate fields (KUSSCS)
- CLO2 explain, interpret and employ primary sources of law in the field of international commercial and corporate law, identifying conceptual. doctrinal and practical problems, whether at the local, regional, crossborder/transnational and international levels(KU SS CS)
- CLO3 critically engage with advanced scholarship, ideas and practices, to evaluate and critique knowledge of the
 field of international commercial and corporate law, identifying emerging trends and controversies, including
 perspectives from different continents and cultures, reaching well-reasoned conclusions and solutions (KU KTS CS
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- CLO4 investigate real-world challenges, issues and debates in relation to international commercial and corporate law to appraise the role and operation of law in the commercial and corporate fields(KU KTS CS)
- CLO5 identify, evaluate and synthesise competing perspectives on the law, policy and practice in relation to
 international commercial and corporate law and, where appropriate, propose solutions and/or new lines of inquiry(
 KU KTS SS CS)
- CLO6 demonstrate originality, self-direction and independence in the application and appraisal of knowledge, when designing and undertaking advanced legal research, selecting and employing appropriate research methodologies, and exercising critical and inclusive reflection on learning(KU KTS SS CS)
- CLO7 develop and apply effective communication skills to convey ideas, arguments, and knowledge in relation to international commercial and corporate law, in a coherent and logical manner, whether orally or in writing, while adhering to academic conventions(KU KTS SS)

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7LLAW009W	Foundations in International Commercial Law	Core	1	20	10
7LLAW103W	Foundations in International Corporate Law	Core	1	20	10
7LLAW006W	Post Graduate Dissertation in International Commercial and Corporate Law	Core	2	60	30

Module Code	Module Title	Status	PT Year (where applicable)	UK credit	ECTS
7LLAW104W	Business and Human Rights	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW001W	Carriage of Goods	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW002W	Comparative Commercial Arbitration: Law and Practice	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW008W	Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW059W	Intellectual Property	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW014W	International Banking Law and Regulation	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW015W	International Commercial Arbitration	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW025W	International Tax Law	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW028W	Law of International Sales	Option	Various	20	10
7LLAW036W	Multinational Corporate Entities and Foreign Investment	Option	Various	20	10
		Elective	Various	40	20

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Professional body accreditation or other external references

N/A

Course management

Academic regulations

The current Handbook of Academic Regulations is available at westminster.ac.uk/academic-regulations.

Course specific regulations apply to some courses.

Academic Support

Upon arrival, an induction programme will introduce you to the staff responsible for the course, the campus on which you will be studying, the Library and IT facilities, additional support available and to your Campus Registry. You will be provided with the Course Handbook, which provides detailed information about the course. Each course has a course leader or Director of Studies. All students enrolled on a full-time course and part time students registered for more than 60 credits a year have a personal tutor, who provides advice and guidance on academic matters. The University uses a Virtual Learning Environment called Blackboard where students access their course materials, and can communicate and collaborate with staff and other students. Further information on Blackboard can be found at https://www.westminster.ac.uk/current-students/studies/your-student-journey/when-you-arrive/blackboard

The Academic Learning Development Centre supports students in developing the skills required for higher education. As well as online resources in Blackboard, students have the opportunity to attend Study Skills workshops and one to one appointments. Further information on the Academic Learning Development Centre can be found at westminster.ac.uk/academic-learning-development.

Learning support includes four libraries, each holding a collection of resources related to the subjects taught at that site. Students1 can search the entire library collection online through the Library Search service to find and reserve printed books, and access electronic resources (databases, e-journals, e-books). Students can choose to study in the libraries, which have areas for silent and group study, desktop computers, laptops for loan, photocopying and printing services. They can also choose from several computer rooms at each campus where desktop computers are available with the general and specialist software that supports the courses taught in their College. Students can also securely connect their own laptops and mobile devices to the University wireless network.

Support Services

The University of Westminster Student and Academic Services department provide advice and guidance on accommodation, financial and legal matters, personal counselling, health and disability issues, careers, specialist advice for international students and the chaplaincy providing multi-faith guidance. Further information on the advice available to students can be found at https://www.westminster.ac.uk/student-advice

The University of Westminster Students' Union also provides a range of facilities to support students during their time at the University. Further information on UWSU can be found at https://www.westminster.ac.uk/students-union

How do we ensure the quality of our courses and continuous improvement?

The course was initially approved by a University Validation Panel. University Panels normally include internal peers from the University, academic(s) from another university, a representative from industry and a Student Advisor.

The course is also monitored each year by the College to ensure it is running effectively and that issues which might affect the student experience have been appropriately addressed. Staff will consider evidence about the course, including the evidence of student surveys, student progression and achievement and reports from external examiners, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the course and make changes where necessary.

A Course revalidation takes place periodically to ensure that the curriculum is up-to-date and that the skills gained on the course continue to be relevant to employers. Students meet with revalidation panels to provide feedback on their experiences. Student feedback from previous years is also part of the evidence used to assess how the course has been running.

How do we act on student feedback?

Student feedback is important to the University and student views are taken seriously. Student feedback is gathered in a variety of ways.

- Through student engagement activities at Course/Module level, students have the opportunity to express their voice in the running of their course. Course representatives are elected to expressly represent the views of their peers. The University and the Students' Union work together to provide a full induction to the role of the course representatives.
- There are also School Representatives appointed jointly by the University and the Students' Union who meet with senior School staff to discuss wider issues affecting student experience across the School. Student representatives are also represented on key College and University committees.;
- All students are invited to complete a questionnaire before the end of each module. The feedback from this will inform the module leader on the effectiveness of the module and highlight areas that could be enhanced.
- Final year Undergraduate students will be asked to complete the National Student Survey which helps to inform the national university league tables.

This programme specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the course and the learning outcomes that a student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate, if they take full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. This specification is supplemented by the Course Handbook, Module proforma and Module Handbooks provided to students. Copyright in this document belongs to the University of Westminster. All rights are reserved. This document is for personal use only and may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the University of Westminster. All copies of this document must incorporate this Copyright Notice – 2022©