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## WELCOME

Westminster Law School offers a broad and innovative range of postgraduate academic and professional courses. The School has an extremely strong suite of Masters courses aligned to our research strengths, which include business, finance, international, human rights, mediation and entertainment. All of our postgraduate Masters courses are orientated to the real world and legal practice. Many, like the Corporate Finance Law LLM, have substantial input from experts in industry, based in world centres of excellence such as the City of London. All our taught academic postgraduate courses are linked to one of the School's research centres and you will be taught by academic staff who are not only qualified educationalists but active researchers passionate about their subject area. For example, the International Law LLM is linked with the International Law at Westminster Research Group, and the Entertainment Law LLM is linked with the Centre for Law, Society and Popular Culture.

All students are encouraged to be involved with one or more research centres.

Our substantial cohort of PhD research students work closely with our internationally recognised research staff. Research students have their own research methods training programme and attend weekly staff research seminars in term time. Postgraduate students on our LPC and Masters courses have areas of the Westminster Law School building set aside for their exclusive use, and PhD students are located next door in their own office suite in Great Portland Street. This high level of activity and interaction lends intellectual vibrancy to postgraduate study at Westminster Law School.

**Liz Duff**  
Head of Westminster Law School



## KEY STAFF



**Liz Duff**  
**Head of Westminster Law School**  
**LLB Honours (Business Law), MSc (City) LSF Cert Ed**

Liz was on secondment to the Vice-Chancellor's Student Experience project from 2006-8

and was the Senior Project Director liaising with all branches of the University to assist in the Vice-Chancellor's strategic development.

Liz has taught on undergraduate and postgraduate courses offered by Westminster Law School, principally contracts and torts, legal skills, the English legal system and research methods. She is also involved in academic management, teaching, learning and assessment policy in the Law School, as well as curriculum design and quality assurance. She has been a consultant to the UKCLE on matters of LLB curriculum and widening participation, and has advised a number of universities on this area. Liz was also one of the founders of the Law and Diversity programme at the University of Westminster School of Law.

Liz has carried out funded empirical research for a number of organisations including the Law Society of England and Wales. She also undertakes consultancy work. Liz has given or contributed to a number of conference papers including at the Law and Society Association/Canadian Law and Society Association; Socio-Legal Studies Association; and the International Legal Ethics Conference.



**Richard Earle**  
**Senior Lecturer**  
**Course Leader, Conflict Prevention, Dispute Resolution MA**  
**Course Leader, International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law LLM**

Richard is formerly a practising solicitor, and is the creator and course leader of the LLM in International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law, and the Conflict Prevention, Dispute Resolution MA. He teaches several modules on the Masters degree programme.

His academic focus is on legal and other aspects of conflicts and disputes; international and commercial prevention and resolution processes; corporate foreign direct investment and arbitration; and international tax and taxation. He has previously published on issues in international commercial arbitration and international tax law.



**Chris Ellins**  
**Senior Lecturer**  
**Course Leader, Entertainment Law LLM**

Chris has been the Course Leader of the Entertainment Law LLM since 2007 and has taught on the programme since its inception in 1999. He specialises in Intellectual Property Law and European Union Law and has research interests in these areas. Chris has been in legal education since 1993. He established and teaches the modules Intellectual Property and Merchandising in the Entertainment Business. He also lectures in general Intellectual Property Law and European Union Law. He is a former practising solicitor.



**Hélène Lambert**  
**Professor**  
**Director of Research and Co-Director International Law LLM**

Hélène has a PhD from the University of Exeter, and Licence en Droit and Maitrise de Droit

Public from the University of Strasbourg. She is Professor of International Law at Westminster Law School. Hélène was previously a Reader at Westminster (2007-2010), a Senior Lecturer at Brunel University (2006-2007), and a Lecturer at the University of Exeter (1993-2005) and the University of the West of England, Bristol (1991-1993). In 1996, she worked as a Protection (Legal) Officer for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). She was also a stagiaire ad hoc at the Council of Europe (1997) and a visiting fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford (1999) and and Dyason research fellow at the University of Melbourne (2015).

Hélène was also a consultant for UNHCR, the Council of Europe, and the European Commission. In this capacity, she wrote the study that formed the basis of Recommendation 99(23) adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe, and advised the Governments of Moldova, Ukraine and Serbia-Montenegro on their draft asylum legislation. She also participated in the training of officials on behalf of the Council of Europe and UNHCR in Poland, Slovenia, Moldova, Romania and Serbia-Montenegro. She has acted as a consultant for the Swedish Ministry of Justice and trained judges and legal advisors in the Swedish immigration courts and foreign office; she is currently undertaking a project for the UNHCR, seeking to develop doctrinal guidance on issues of nationality and statelessness.

Hélène is a panel member of the Editorial Board, *International Refugee Law Book Series*, published by Martinus Nijhoff; a Senior Research Associate at the Refugee Law Initiative, School of Advanced Studies, University of London; and a member of the Editorial Board of the *Refugee Law Reader*, published by the Hungarian Helsinki Committee. She was the Convenor for the Migration Section of the SLS (2004-2007). She is Research Director for Westminster Law School and Deputy Director for the LLM in International Law.



**Derek Lavery**  
**Senior Lecturer**  
**Course Director, Graduate Diploma in Law (CPE)**

Derek is a former practising solicitor, working in private practice until 1999, his principal areas of practice

being civil litigation, personal injury and employment law.

Derek joined the School of Law in 1999 as a member of the LPC team. He became Leader of the part-time Graduate Diploma in Law in 2004, and is now the overall Course Director of the GDL programme. Derek's areas of teaching include Contract Law on the GDL, and Civil and Commercial Litigation on the LPC; he also teaches Solicitors' Accounts and Advocacy.

Derek's other current duties include that of Learning, Teaching and Quality Representative on the University's Course Validation and Review Panel and a School of Law Staff Appraiser. He has been involved in validation and monitoring of a number of external law courses, and is currently an LPC External Examiner.



**Dr Simon Newman**  
Senior Lecturer  
Postgraduate Law Programme  
Leader, Course Leader  
International Commercial  
Law LLM

Simon took his undergraduate degree in Law at University College, Oxford in 1994, and completed his PhD (awarded May 2000) at the University of Sheffield, on 'The European Community and the Philosophical Basis of Copyright Law: Author's Rights, Freedom of Contract, and the Information Society'. From 2000 he was Research Assistant then Research Fellow in Information Technology Law at Queen Mary, University of London. In 2004 he joined the University of Westminster as a Senior Lecturer.

His primary teaching areas include e-commerce law, industrial and intellectual property rights, and contract. He also researches in these areas, with a particular focus on the philosophical basis for – and arguments against – current IP laws. Recent research publications include *The Development of Copyright and Moral Rights in the European Legal Systems*, and *Human Rights and Copyrights: A Look at Practical Jurisprudence with Reference to Authors' Rights*.



**Catherine Pedamon**  
Senior Lecturer  
Deputy Director, International  
Commercial Law LLM

Catherine joined the University of Westminster in 2010 and currently teaches on a number of LLB and LLM courses, including teaching modules in Law of International Sales, Law of International Trade, Corporate Social Responsibility Issues and Comparative Law. She is a graduate of the University of Paris II – Pantheon-Assas. She holds a Masters from Harvard Law School where she was a Fulbright Scholar, in addition to her Masters degree from the University of Paris II. She is admitted to the New York and Paris bars and has practised internationally in New York, Paris and London with leading law firms.

Before joining the University of Westminster, she set up the LLM in International Business Law with Professor Barry Rider at BPP Law School. She started her academic career at the University of Texas at Austin teaching comparative finance and corporate law. She was research assistant to Professor von Mehren at Harvard Law School working on comparative law. Her fields of interest include international trade law, corporate social responsibility and comparative law. She has written articles on corporate social responsibility, the harmonisation of practices in international project finance and arbitration.



**Professor Marco Roscini**  
Director  
International Law LLM

Marco holds a PhD from the University of Rome 'La Sapienza'. He specialises in the international law of armed conflict, nuclear non-proliferation

law and international cyber security law. His scholarship has appeared, or is forthcoming, in important peer-reviewed journals. His books and articles have been widely cited in legal literature and judicial decisions.

Professor Roscini is a member of the International Law Association's Committee on Nuclear Weapons, Non-proliferation and Contemporary International Law and of the European Union Non-proliferation Consortium. He is on the Editorial Board of several scientific journals. His current research interests include cyber warfare, nuclear non-proliferation law, the use of force in international law, and the history of international law.



**Dr Martin J Skirrow**  
Director of Legal Practice  
Director of the full- and  
part-time LPC

Martin has overriding responsibility for the Legal Practice Course (as validated by the Solicitors Regulation

Authority). He was awarded his Doctorate in 1988 for research in the field of corporate insolvency and subsequently qualified as a solicitor in 1991, with a leading City practice. Martin has been in legal education since 1995, teaching at Middlesex University and the University of North London before joining Westminster in November 2000. Martin became Director of Legal Practice in September 2006. He now teaches exclusively on the LPC, focusing on Business Law and Practice, Business Accounts, Taxation and Drafting. He also leads the LPC Stage Two Entertainment and Media elective and is responsible for the delivery of the LPC Immigration Law elective including the Exemption from Level One Accreditation scheme.



**Professor Joseph Tanega**  
**Reader in International**  
**Financial Law**  
**Course Leader, Corporate**  
**Finance Law LLM**

Professor/Reader Joseph  
Tanega, BA Philosophy  
Princeton University, M.Phil

Oxon Oxford University Social Anthropology, Juris Doctor University of San Diego School of Law, and is the Reader of International Finance Law, and is a qualified US lawyer, former investment banker with Nomura Securities and Kleinwort Benson Securities, former Director of Business Risk Consulting for Ernst & Young, London, where he was in charge of thought leadership for financial institutions and capital markets, and Deputy Attorney General of the Department of Social Services and Housing in Hawaii where he led Federal and State litigation on behalf of the State of Hawaii on matters concerning social welfare and housing rights. He has provided legal and financial consulting in 24 countries for a wide range of public and private organisations, including major financial institutions in the UK, US and Europe, and the European Commission where he was the lead project finance consultant to the Russian Nuclear Ministry, and as a Senior Legal Consultant to the International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group.

He is the author of 80 publications, 18 books in the areas of securities regulations, risk management, finance, regulatory reform, ethical financial instruments and category theory of law and finance, and over 62 major articles and chapters in prestigious journals and books.

Joseph's research interests include the philosophical and mathematical foundations of law and finance, risk management, ethics and governance.

Joseph is also Visiting Professor of Regulation and Supervision of Retail Banking, University of Bologna, Alma Graduate School, Adjunct Professor of Law and Finance, Grenoble Graduate School of Management, and Professor of Law, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

For further information about his publications and PhD candidate supervision, please visit his academic profile at [westminster.ac.uk/about-us/our-people/directory/tanega-joseph](http://westminster.ac.uk/about-us/our-people/directory/tanega-joseph)





## ALUMNI PROFILES: IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“When I was looking for a Masters course I was after specific modules that I wanted to study – international human rights law, and humanitarian law – and when I was comparing universities in London, Westminster was the only one which offered both of these modules on the one course, so it was the best option for me.

It was my first time studying in the UK, and both the location and the University really lived up to my expectations. Because the University is based in central London it’s easy to get to know the city. And everyone is really helpful at Westminster – starting from the School registry to the professors and the staff, everyone is there to help you out.

The way we were taught, and the way we were able to study, was one of the highlights of the course for me. At Westminster it was all about research and original coursework. It definitely taught me how to think, rather than what to think. The people on the course also helped to make it an amazing experience.

I learned so much, and I loved being at Westminster; I had really wanted to study in London for years, so this was a dream come true for me.”

**Emina Zahirovic**  
International Law LLM



“BOTH THE LOCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY REALLY LIVED UP TO MY EXPECTATIONS.”

"I chose Westminster for my postgraduate programme for many reasons. It offers an array of topical and internationally relevant courses and academic programmes. I particularly wanted to major in international and commercial dispute resolution in order to work for the UN or ECOWAS and not surprisingly, only the University of Westminster ran a full LLM in this field.

On getting to Westminster Law School, I found the environment exciting and interesting. The academic and supporting staff were friendly and highly professional in their relationship with us. From the uncertainties of the introduction and induction weeks, to the emotional outbursts and farewell hugs of the graduation days, the whole experience at Westminster was a rollercoaster of memorable and tremendous events for me. However, meeting friends of diverse backgrounds and cultures, unreservedly integrating together in an environment that promotes academic excellence was what I found most interesting.

Academic freedom is also unprecedented at Westminster. To have completely disagreed on points and principles with my supervisor from start to finish and to still end up with a distinction in my dissertation was most extraordinary and unforgettable for me.

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The Law School is in the heart of central London, which provides an assortment of social activities. From shopping to sightseeing, tourism to simply socialising, the list is endless. The School is close to historical monuments and sites like Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, the British Museum, Tate Modern, Oxford Circus, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, the London Eye and the River Thames, which is simply amazing.

The opportunities now open to my career are limitless and interesting. I have widely travelled and worked in collaboration with, and as consultant to, several international organisations, state and non-state parties alike. I currently work as a Senior Legal Officer at the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation and have so far had a successful career in law, conducting litigation, legal research and consultation.

I would advise anyone looking to study law in the UK to enrol at the University of Westminster and get a head start with their career, while benefiting from a rich socio-cultural environment that pervades academic and professional excellence. Thank you, Westminster."

**Yahaya Usman-Wowo**  
International and Commercial Dispute  
Resolution Law LLM

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# CONFLICT PREVENTION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION MA

## Length of course

One year full-time or two years part-time. January start available

## Location

Central London (Regent)

## Course fees and funding

See [westminster.ac.uk/fees](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees)

## Course Leader

Richard Earle  
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This course embraces a wide range of public, private and domestic issues relevant to the prevention and resolution of conflicts and disputes, including the roles of laws, decisions, risks, and justice. The course includes (but is not restricted to) negotiation and arbitration, and also the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes such as mediation and conciliation.

You will be able to mix with students on other Masters courses in Westminster Law School. Classes are usually small, allowing for an interactive approach to learning. The course combines academic and practical approaches to teaching and learning.



## COURSE CONTENT

The course aims to provide an opportunity for in-depth study of the issues and the practices involved in the field of conflict prevention and dispute resolution, including the mechanisms of prevention, emergence, avoidance, management, resolution and regulation.

The course content is not explicitly concerned with 'peace studies', but the processes of prevention and the processes of resolution embrace the concepts of securing and maintaining peaceful cooperation.

## CORE MODULES

### Perspectives on Conflicts and Disputes

You will be introduced to the field of conflict and dispute prevention and resolution. You will cover domestic, commercial, municipal and international aspects of the subject, and the main processes involved in conflict and dispute prevention and resolution.

### Postgraduate Dissertation

This module allows you to develop a knowledge and understanding of a specialist portion of the field of conflict and dispute prevention and resolution. You will have the support of a supervisor for this independent research and writing work. You must agree the topic with the module leader. The topic must not replicate your own prior work or anyone else's work. Your work for this module should provide you with advanced research skills, and advanced skills of analysis, evaluation, synthesis, application and writing, all of which should stand you in good stead for any subsequent academic, practitioner, government, or business career.

### Research Theory and Practice

This module introduces you to the general concepts of legal and social scientific (empirical) methods of research, and gives you a greater understanding of the principles of advanced research. You will consider the relevance of these methods for the study of law, which will enhance your understanding

of the legal, social scientific and philosophical debates on methodology and practice. It will also enable you to evaluate your own work and that of other researchers and authors.

This is an independent module with its own rationale and assessment; but it is also necessarily linked to the dissertation module.

## OPTION MODULES

### Conflict Resolution: Negotiation

You will examine the theoretical and practical approaches to conflict and conflict resolution, and you will study the structure of conflict within and between organisations. You will also evaluate the ways in which negotiations are formed, and what processes may be applied to enable or disable the negotiation process. The module will develop your understanding of cultural differences within the area of negotiation and associated inter-personal priorities.

### International Commercial Arbitration

You will be introduced to the study of international commercial arbitration, from the perspective of the English jurisdiction (London seat). The aim is to study four pairs of overlapping relationships: between parties and tribunals; between parties and courts; between tribunals and courts; and between England and foreign fora. There will be focus, *inter alia*, on the ICC (institutional arbitration) and the New York Convention.

### International Human Rights Law

The module introduces you to the protection of human rights in international law. You will gain an overview of the historical and philosophical background of human rights, and a greater understanding of the protection of human rights at the international level through the UN and regional systems (with particular emphasis on Europe). You will also study contemporary issues in international human rights law, such as refugees, humanitarian intervention, responsibility to protect, and terrorism and torture.

"The teaching staff here are absolutely amazing. They let you go out and do the work and research and really make you think for yourself."

**Uma Mohammad**

Conflict Prevention, Dispute Resolution MA

### International Law and Development

You will study law and policy relating to international development, including the right to development in international law, international development assistance and poverty alleviation, and law and policy relating to overseas development assistance in the UK and the EU. The module will give you a greater understanding of the global challenges for development, and will give you the skills to undertake informed policy and advocacy work internationally.

### Mediation: Concepts, Evolution and Practice

This module introduces you to the modes and culture of mediation as a dispute resolution process in a range of contexts, with a detailed analysis of the growth of mediation practice and theory, as well as current and possible future trends. You will become familiar with the conceptual, legal and practical frameworks of mediation, and how it is used in the UK and internationally. You will also develop basic mediation skills, learn to appreciate the roles of those taking part in the mediation processes, and acquire communication and other skills which are particularly useful in the mediation context.

### Negotiation: Theory, Contexts and Practice

The aim of this module is to introduce the study and practice of negotiation in the contexts of international and municipal commerce, and international affairs and international law, examining *inter alia* issues arising out of conflicts and disputes in those contexts. Among the areas covered are the relationships between pairs of negotiators; negotiators and the law; negotiators and ambient cultures; and theories and practices of negotiation.



### Restorative Justice: Cultures, Integration and Law

This module provides an introduction to the field of restorative justice, covering international, domestic and public aspects of the field, and the main processes involved in dispute prevention and resolution. The module includes consideration of conflicts within and between groups, and victim-offender mediation and other processes within the field, including reconciliation after civil disturbances.

Other approved modules, such as Private International Law, might be made available depending on demand and the Head of Westminster Law School's approval.

## RELATED COURSE

- International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law LLM

## ASSOCIATED CAREERS

This course is designed to benefit a wide range of individuals, including graduates progressing towards a PhD programme, practising lawyers wanting to further their knowledge and skills, other graduates and practitioners (such as arbitrators, civil servants, insurers, journalists, judges, linguists and mediators), and anyone managing people and risks. The course is also ideal if you are on a gap year between career stages, and for those from the European Union and other countries who want to improve their English for personal and career purposes.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You are expected to have a good UK Honours degree in Law or a non-Law subject (such as – but not limited to – Politics, Psychology, and Management) or the equivalent from a non-UK university, and satisfactory references. Other qualifications or experiential routes can sometimes be agreed. If your first language is not English, you will normally need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent in each of the elements. Pre-sessional summer programmes are not normally appropriate for this course.

# CORPORATE FINANCE LAW LLM\*

## Length of course

One year full-time or two years part-time. January start available

## Location

Central London (Regent)

## Course fees and funding

See [westminster.ac.uk/fees](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees)

## Course Leader

Joe Tanega

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Knowledge of corporate finance law is essential for lawyers, bankers and financiers who are keen to develop professional skills in corporate fundraising, deal structures and transactional management. This course offers an enhanced qualification for professionals working or planning to work in a technically demanding and dynamic global industry. It will appeal to both recent graduates and practitioners considering various fields of work, including law, investment banking, corporate finance, private equity, securities, investments, financial regulation, government agencies and international financial authorities.

You will focus on learning how the financial markets work, from the primary markets involving the issuance of equity, debt and derivatives, to the secondary markets involving trading and investments, as well as very large financial transactions in the international capital markets. Importantly, you will also learn how to take account of legal and regulatory risks facing financiers and bankers, and structure financial instruments to suit commercial priorities and social welfare policies.

\*Subject to approval



## COURSE CONTENT

This course aims to give you a comprehensive understanding of the practical processes and innovative products of the international corporate finance market, including equity and debt capital, derivatives, structured finance, risk management and investment portfolio products. It also develops the soft skills you will need in this area of practice, including negotiations and network building, with meetings with senior lawyers and directors of major companies.

## CORE MODULES

### Dissertation or Project

The Dissertation module allows you to extend your research into a topic of your choice within the broad field of corporate finance law. You will need to agree the topic with the module leader, and it must not replicate materials covered in other areas of your coursework. The Project module enables you to independently explore research and analyse a given topic or question. It will draw from the areas of general corporate finance law and will be of an applied nature.

### Investment Banking Principles and Practices

This module covers the key investment banking principles and practices. You will develop the skills you need to examine, assess and prepare professional-level business plans, private placement memoranda and prospectuses. You will also study confidentiality agreements, fundraising from the investment banking perspective, initial public offerings, and stock exchange trends and market requirements.

### Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance

You will develop a broad and deep understanding of the legal issues concerning corporate financial transactions, including the interaction of corporate law and finance, and the legal mechanisms for fundraising in the financial markets. There is a special emphasis on the regulations, customary rules and practices of the venture capital market. The areas you will cover include basic accounting, basic drafting, corporate structure, exit routes, finance contracts, regulatory issues, sources and types of investment, tax, and transfer of shares.

## OPTION MODULES

These modules are recommended if you are looking to specialise in the financial industry. If you opt for the Dissertation you must select four option modules. If you opt for the Project you must choose five option modules.

### Derivatives and Structured Finance: Law and Practice

You will examine the law and practice relating to structuring, documenting and executing structured derivatives, capital markets and finance transactions. It will enable you to identify, analyse and mitigate the legal and reputational risks inherent in structured finance transactions. The module will give you the tools to analyse, as lawyers, the complexity of international financial transactions relating to derivatives and structured finance, and the skills to examine and critically assess financial products and techniques that constitute the building blocks of modern structured finance.

### International Corporate Governance

Corporate governance is increasingly regarded as vitally important to individual companies, the wider market and the economy as a whole. In this module you will examine the legal risks of directors of corporations and stakeholders, and analyse their ethical duties in varying contexts of corporate culture. You will also investigate how decision makers make judgements in an increasingly information-rich and complex world, consider the impact of corporate cultures and values on managers' strategic financial decision making, and examine the impact of global risks, ethical duties and socio-cultural values in financial and corporate capital decision making.

### International Corporate Governance, Managing Global Risks and Ethics

You will gain a comprehensive understanding of corporate governance issues at the board level, relating to major financial transactions, risk management and compliance under US and EU securities regulations and investment law. You will be able to advise on financial regulatory reforms issues, risk management and ethics from practical legal and long-term philosophical perspectives, and to advise on the design of financial products that meet broad social needs.

### International Energy Finance Law

Focusing on large-scale, capital-intensive projects throughout the world, including oil and gas projects, LNG projects, power generation, renewable energy, and energy infrastructure, you will examine the key stages of the energy finance process, and assesses the major legal models used in international energy transactions. You will learn to address risk allocation and risk mitigation, and analyse and construct legal documentation concerning financing sources, environmental issues, bilateral and multilateral credit support, loans, collateral, and permits.

### International Project Finance Law

This module focuses on large-scale, capital-intensive projects throughout the world, including power generation, energy, infrastructure and urban regeneration. Project finance lawyers/consultants predict and resolve a large number of potential risks involving political, commercial, credit quality, insurance, default and bankruptcy issues. They draw up documents which capture a 'mini legal system' reflecting the entire legal process for a wide range of project participants. You will learn to address risk allocation and risk mitigation, and to analyse and construct legal documentation concerning financing sources, environmental issues, bilateral and multilateral credit support, loans, collateral and permits.

### Islamic Finance and Securitisation Law

This module will give you a full understanding of the practical and theoretical aspects of Islamic finance and banking, and the essential principles underlying Islamic finance. You will review and assess the modes and legal structures of major financial transactions by Islamic finance institutions, and their corporate governance structures. You will also undertake a legal and financial analysis of securitisation structures in Islamic finance.



"Studying at a world-renowned institution such as the University of Westminster enabled me to access the corporate world with confidence, develop knowledge of my industry and gain a practical foundation that money cannot buy. It opened doors for me and my career progressed from being a solicitor to CEO of a corporate law consultancy firm in South Africa. It also provided me with a stepping stone to be able to compete internationally and be taken seriously."

The Corporate Finance Law Masters degree is truly exceptional. Being taught by directors from the London Stock Exchange, Credit Suisse and Barclays Capital to mention but a few, made the course stand out from its competitors. Not only did the course cement my corporate future, but it also provided me with a network of alumni and friends that will last a lifetime."

**Dewald Edward Janse Van Rensburg**  
Corporate Finance Law LLM

### Legal Aspects of International Finance

International finance is increasingly transforming itself into a borderless activity, frequently sourcing capital and undertaking investment transactions throughout the United States, Europe, Japan, China and other jurisdictions around the world. During this module you will examine the dominant legal models influencing international financial and investment transactions, especially in light of risk management practice and theory. You will learn to use relevant legal components to analyse and construct innovative financial products.

### Money Laundering and Corporate Fraud

You will examine the risks from and remedies for white-collar crime, and evaluate national legislation and international conventions dealing with white-collar crime. You will also be able to identify types of criminal behaviour, determine the liability of those participating in that behaviour, analyse and apply the defences available for defendants, and identify the importance and use of computers and the internet in white-collar crime.

Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules will be offered in the same academic year.

### ASSOCIATED CAREERS

This course will be of benefit if you are seeking to work in any of the range of disciplines involved in corporate finance law, including accountancy, corporate banking, corporate finance, corporate law, investment banking, private equity and venture capital, as well as in related fields.



"I chose the University of Westminster because of the uniqueness of its LLM in Corporate Finance Law programme and the number of scholarships available for foreign students. Lecturers were very interesting, knowledgeable and professional; the library was incredibly extensive and the sports facilities were great. The location of the University in the heart of London added much to the whole experience of studying in one of the most exciting cities in the world."

After graduation, I came back to Argentina and I am currently working at a top city law firm in Buenos Aires. The LLM boosted my career and provided me with the necessary tools and experience to deal with international clients on a daily basis."

**Gonzalo Oliva-Beltran**  
Corporate Finance Law LLM

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to hold a good Second Class Honours degree (or non-UK equivalent) with an average of 55 per cent or above in Law or a related subject. We will also consider applicants who lack standard qualifications but have significant professional or managerial experience in a relevant field. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.

# ENTERTAINMENT LAW LLM\*

## Length of course

One year full-time or two years part-time.

## Location

Central London (Regent)

## Course fees and funding

See [westminster.ac.uk/fees](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees)

## Course Leader

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Entertainment is a large part of life globally in many forms such as music, film, media, sports and the arts. It is a combination of society, popular culture and commerce, and the interaction of these with law produces an exciting contemporary commercial subject with eclectic outcomes. It is an area deeply affected by technological progress as well as business adaptation. This course combines academic analysis and commercial practice elements of entertainment law in an international perspective. The diverse nature of entertainment law will enable you to follow a number of relevant specialisms, all of which are underpinned by issues of contract and intellectual property.

The course will suit graduates from a law background, or those from a non-law background who have significant relevant experience. There have been many successful international graduates on the course from all over the world. It will give you the opportunity to explore new ideas, thoughts and academic experiences within a supportive environment.

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## COURSE CONTENT

The course aims to develop your understanding of how key fields within the entertainment business operate, to assess the impact of the law upon them, and give you the practical skills necessary to succeed in a career in entertainment and media law.

## CORE MODULES

### Intellectual Property in the Entertainment Business

You will study the protection provided to creative works by intellectual property law. You will also examine essential legal issues in the context of the entertainment business, such as copyright (creation, infringement, ownership and control), privacy for entertainment personalities, protection of ideas, the role and relevance of trade marks and performers rights together with issues of enforcement.

### Postgraduate Dissertation in Law

The Dissertation module allows you to extend your research skills and develop an analytical understanding of a specialist topic of your choice within the broad field of entertainment law, with supervision for your independent research. You will need to agree the topic with the module leader, and it must not replicate materials covered in other areas of your coursework.

### Research Theory and Practice

This module introduces you to the research methodology including general concepts of legal and social scientific (empirical) research, and gives you a deeper understanding of the principles of advanced research. It will enable you to consider the relevance of these methods for the study of law. It will also enable you to evaluate your own work and that of other researchers and authors.

### The Regulation of Relationships in the Entertainment Business

You will cover the formation and content of a number of relationships within the entertainment business. Focusing on contract and contractual theory as well as the broader context of relationships within entertainment, you will examine the negotiation process involved in music business, sports contracts and other media contracts. You will also study the role of professional organisations in the development of contractual terms, and analyse deficiencies in contractual bargaining and term formation that have led to legal intervention by the courts.

### OPTION MODULES

#### Merchandising in the Entertainment Business

This module considers the creation, protection and merchandising of entertainment brands and products. It examines legal issues of brand development in the entertainment business in particular in relation to the use of trademarks, passing off (unfair competition) and design law, including the relationship of copyright law, and associated contract law use.

Areas include personality rights, character merchandising, sports merchandising, sponsorship, online and off-line brand creation and protection, ambush marketing, as well as fashion and design protection.

#### Law and Media: Content and Control

This module will analyse the legal regulation of content and control of the media. You will examine contemporary policy and regulatory frameworks for public and commercial media set in the light of technological advancement. You will develop awareness of legal and regulatory issues in operating the media such as censorship and advertising.

### Law of Digital Entertainment and Social Media

Considers how law and technology has created and influences law in relation to the digital entertainment business including the creation and distribution of products, examines how technological advances have affected relationships and rights within the digital entertainment business. It analyses ways that law has responded to the digital environment and technological change and examines legal issues arising from the development and use of social media for business and personal purposes.

### ASSOCIATED CAREERS

As an entertainment law graduate you will be able to develop a career in a whole range of legal and non-legal professions within the entertainment industry. This is a contemporary commercial law subject giving a modern edge to traditional law subjects and is well respected by employers. Among other careers, graduates have worked as entertainment lawyers, in roles in management agencies, music, media, film, sports or publishing companies, and collecting societies.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should hold an Honours degree (Upper or Lower Second Class Honours degree, with average of 55 per cent or above) in Law, or a degree with a skills profile which shows an aptitude for legal study, but we will consider mature applicants without standard qualifications who have significant professional experience in the relevant field. Please contact us for an informal discussion if you fall outside the standard category. This course has been very successfully completed by a wide variety of non-law graduates. If Law is not the subject of your first degree, evidence of Law-based modules or relevant experience should be supplied. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.



# GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW (CPE)

## Length of course

One year full-time or two years part-time (two evenings per week)

## Location

Central London (Regent)

## Course fees and funding

See [westminster.ac.uk/fees](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees)

## Course Leader

Derek Lavery  
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This intensive conversion course is designed for non-law graduates of any discipline, or overseas law graduates who wish to qualify as either barristers or solicitors. The course begins with a two-week introduction to the English legal system and the legal profession. You will then study the seven foundation subjects.

If you successfully complete the course you will be eligible for entry on to the Legal Practice Course (LPC) or the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC).

We have been successfully running this conversion course since 1977 and our students have taken a variety of first degrees at a wide range of universities. Our teaching team contains a rich mix of those who are professionally qualified and others who are active researchers. The course therefore provides a stimulating learning experience. This is reinforced by our small class sizes and the supportive atmosphere within Westminster Law School.



## COURSE CONTENT

The Graduate Diploma in Law will enable you to develop your knowledge and understanding of basic legal principles, their application to the formulation and resolution of legal problems, and an enquiring, logical and critical approach to legal analysis. It builds upon the academic and professional expertise previously acquired by graduate students and develops the relevant skills needed to demonstrate competence in legal practice.

By the end of the course, you will have a greater understanding of the areas of law studied, of the legal process and the interrelationship between different areas of law in a national and European context. You will also be able to identify, find and use a range of sources of legal information to assist in legal research, analyse legal information and apply it to the solution of problems.

## FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

### Contract Law

This will introduce you to modern English contract law as part of the wider law of obligations. The course examines formation of a binding contract through agreement, the scope of both positive and negative contractual obligations, factors which affect an otherwise enforceable contract, and remedies available for breach of contract. In addition, the course considers special rules applying to particular types of contract.

### Criminal Law

You will develop your understanding of criminal liability, and be able to analyse criminal law, as well as appreciating its nature, scope and purpose. The course covers the general principles of criminal law, including the definition of a crime, elements of criminal liability, defences, inchoate offences, and complicity. You will also focus on a number of specific offences, including fatal and non-fatal offences against the person, theft and criminal damage.



"I had heard horror stories about how tough the GDL was but the lecturers were brilliant at structuring the course in a way that was easy to process and they offered assistance whenever it was needed.

Unlike a number of other providers, Westminster also delivers the majority of lecturers live, which I found particularly helpful as it gave me the opportunity to interact and ask questions when it was needed."

### Kate Sills

Graduate Diploma in Law

### Equity and Trusts

You will consider the historical development of equity and the concept of the trust, and the rules on creation of express trusts. The module compares public and private trusts, and trusts for non-profit making associations. It also focuses on the principles of resulting and constructive trusts, trustees' powers and duties, and issues relating to liability for breach of trust. Equitable remedies are examined and, where appropriate, compared with common law remedies. The impact of the Human Rights Act 1998 is also considered.

### Land Law

This subject opens with an introduction to land ownership, before considering three main areas of land acquisition – adverse possession, the formalities associated with s.2 of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1989, and an outline of the conveyancing process. You will also look at the landlord and tenant relationship, lease/licence distinctions and leasehold covenants. Other areas covered include the rules relating to notice in registered and unregistered land, overriding interests, freehold covenants, easements and profits, and co-ownership. The module concludes by studying licences and estoppel, and mortgages.



### Law of the European Union

You will develop your understanding of the legislative and judicial structure and functioning of EU institutions, the fundamental characteristics of EU law, its methods and procedures, and its relationship to national law. You will then apply this knowledge to substantive areas of law, such as the economic and social law of the internal market, social policy and competition law. The module shows how EU law has been influenced by its historical, political, economic and social contexts.

### Law of Tort

You will consider the key areas in the modern law of tort such as negligence, defamation and trespass, and discuss the legal rules, concepts and policies involved in relevant case law and statute. The course also examines the wider social and economic issues raised by particular areas of tort, and the operation of the tort system.

### Legal Skills

In addition to the legal skills that you learn as part of the course we aim to provide a series of extra curricula activities such as mooting and Pro Bono/clinical work. These help to put your legal knowledge into a practical context.

### Public Law

This module looks at the structure and principal characteristics of the constitution of the UK, comparing it with other constitutions, and analysing how it affects the exercise of governmental power and the protection of fundamental rights. You will gain a greater understanding of the role of the organs of government and their relations with each other, and the doctrine of Parliamentary supremacy. You will also examine the impact of membership of the European Community on the UK's constitution, the extent of prerogative powers, mechanisms for the protection of fundamental rights, and the role of judicial review and its relationship with the rule of law.

### Project in an Additional Area of Law

You will be required to write a 4,000-word essay, from a choice of titles covering areas such as employment law, human rights and intellectual property.

### RELATED COURSES

- Legal Practice LLM (LPC)

### ASSOCIATED CAREERS

The course is designed for those graduates who wish to qualify as a solicitor or barrister. The full-time course also enables overseas students to gain an English law qualification in one year.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need a minimum of a Lower Second Class Honours degree in a non-Law subject, or equivalent postgraduate degree. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.

Applications for the full-time Graduate Diploma in Law course must be made online at [lawcabs.ac.uk](http://lawcabs.ac.uk). Applications for the part-time Graduate Diploma in Law course must be made via [ukpass.ac.uk](http://ukpass.ac.uk)





# INTERNATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION LAW LLM

## Length of course

One year full-time or two years part-time (January start available)

## Location

Central London (Regent)

## Course fees and funding

See [westminster.ac.uk/fees](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees)

## Course Leader

Richard Earle

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The course is intended for anyone wishing to demonstrate a commitment to contentious law in public and private international and commercial legal contexts. The taught part of the programme includes modules which reflect the three main forms of dispute resolution process, namely adjudication (litigation and arbitration), alternative dispute resolution (ADR – principally mediation), and negotiation.

This course should be distinguished from the International Commercial Law LLM course (see page 32) which is primarily concerned with non-contentious aspects of commerce (modules include competition law, trade, and insurance).

Class sizes are, in general, quite small, and you will be able to mix with students on other Masters courses in Westminster Law School.



## COURSE CONTENT

The course provides an opportunity for in-depth study of the substantive and procedural issues involved in the field, and also the acquisition of skills involved in some of the processes. It is centrally concerned with law and other rules (international and commercial) which are applicable in adjudication and also in the other dispute resolution processes.

In addition to taught modules, there is also the Dissertation module which provides an opportunity for developing a specialist knowledge of a small area of the field, which might lead to a publishable article.

## CORE MODULES

### Perspectives on Conflicts and Disputes

This taught module introduces some of the essential elements of dispute resolution, and is designed to enable anyone to develop insights into the nature of international and commercial disputes and how they might best be resolved effectively.

### Postgraduate Dissertation

This module allows you to develop a knowledge and understanding of a specialist portion of the field of international and commercial dispute resolution. You will have the support of a supervisor for this independent research and writing process. You must agree the topic with the module leader. The topic must not replicate your own prior work or anyone else's work. Your work for this module should provide you with advanced skills in research, analysis, evaluation, and writing, all of which should stand you in good stead for any subsequent academic, practitioner, government, or business career.

### Research Theory and Practice

This module introduces you to the general concepts of legal and social scientific (empirical) methods of research, and gives you a greater understanding of the principles of advanced research. You will consider the relevance of these methods for the study of law, which will enhance your understanding of the legal, social scientific and philosophical debates on methodology and practice. It will also enable you to evaluate your own work and that of other researchers and authors.

## OPTION MODULES

### ARBITRATION

#### Comparative Commercial Arbitration: Law and Practice

You will be introduced to the study of comparative international commercial arbitration (excluding international arbitration between sovereign states and non-sovereign entities in the context of cross-border direct investment). You will examine the law and practice of international arbitration in the major arbitration centres of the world, and explore how different legal systems, and arbitrators from different legal cultures, interact in the course of resolution of commercial disputes by arbitration.

#### Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration

This module introduces you to the study of public international arbitration between sovereign states and non-sovereign entities, such as companies, in the context of cross-border direct investment. You will examine the investment and disinvestment relationships between disputing parties (state and private) and the nature, function and interpretation of foreign investment instruments. You will also explore the relationship between international law and municipal investment laws, and tribunals and awards.



### International Commercial Arbitration

You will be introduced to the study of international commercial arbitration from the perspective of the English jurisdiction (London seat). The aim is to include four pairs of overlapping relationships: between parties and tribunals; between parties and courts; between tribunals and courts; and between England and foreign fora. There will be focus, *inter alia*, on the ICC (institutional arbitration) and the New York Convention.

### MEDIATION

#### Mediation: Concepts, Evolution and Practice

This module introduces you to the modes and culture of mediation as a dispute resolution process in a range of contexts, with a detailed analysis of the growth of mediation practice and theory, as well as current and possible future trends. You will become familiar with the conceptual, legal and practical frameworks for mediation, and how it is used in the UK and internationally. You will also develop basic mediation skills, learn to appreciate the roles of those taking part in the mediation processes, and acquire communication and other skills which are particularly useful in the mediation context.

### Restorative Justice: Cultures, Integration and Law

This module provides an introduction to the field of restorative justice, covering international, domestic and public aspects of the field, and the main processes involved in dispute prevention and resolution. The module includes consideration of conflicts within and between groups, and victim-offender mediation and other processes within the field.

### NEGOTIATION

#### Negotiation: Theory, Contexts and Practice

The aim of this module is to introduce the study and practice of negotiation in the contexts of international and municipal commerce, international affairs and international law, examining *inter alia* issues arising out of conflicts and disputes in those contexts. Among the areas covered are the relationships between pairs of negotiators; negotiators and the law; negotiators and ambient cultures; and theories and practices of negotiation.

“On getting to the School of Law, I found the environment exciting and interesting. The academic and supporting staff were friendly and highly professional in their relationship with us.”

#### Yahaya Usman-Wowo

International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law LLM

### PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL

#### International Human Rights Law

This module introduces you to the protection of human rights in international law. You will gain an overview of the historical and philosophical background of human rights, and a greater understanding of the protection of human rights at the international level through the UN and regional systems (with particular emphasis on Europe). You will also study contemporary issues in international human rights law, such as refugees, humanitarian intervention, responsibility to protect, and terrorism and torture.

#### Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

This module will introduce you to the various techniques and institutions available in international law for resolving disputes between States. You will examine diplomatic means of dispute settlement, including negotiation and mediation, and legal means of dispute settlement – arbitration and litigation. You will also consider the availability of alternative mechanisms for the resolution of inter-state disputes, and the range of international courts and tribunals that now exist. The module refers to specific past and pending cases and disputes, and there will be a special emphasis on the law, practice and procedure of the International Court of Justice.

Other approved modules such as International Commercial Litigation and Private International Law might be made available depending on demand and the Head of Westminster Law School's approval.

### ASSOCIATED CAREERS

The course is designed to benefit a wide range of individuals who are committed to developing their knowledge, skills and insights into contentious international and commercial dispute resolution. The range of individuals who can benefit include: more experienced practitioners such as potential judges, arbitrators, and mediators; other professionals who need to have advanced appreciation of international and commercial law, such as civil servants, diplomats, directors, insurers, journalists, linguists, and managers; and paralegals and newly qualified practitioners who need to fill in the gaps left by their existing qualifications and experience to date.

The course is also ideal if you want to progress towards a PhD programme. The course will also be beneficial for you if you are taking a gap year between career stages, and if you are from continental European Union or other countries and want to improve your English for career purposes.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should have a good Honours degree in Law or any non-law subject from a UK university, or the equivalent from a non-UK university, and satisfactory references. Other qualifications or experiential routes can sometimes be agreed. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent in each of the elements. Pre-sessional summer programmes are not normally appropriate for this course.

### RELATED COURSES

- Conflict Prevention, Dispute Resolution MA
- International Commercial Law LLM

# INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW LLM\*

## Length of course

One year full-time or two years part-time (January start available)

## Location

Central London (Regent)

## Course fees and funding

See [westminster.ac.uk/fees](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees)

## Course Leader

Simon Newman

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This course balances the best of a rigorous, traditional legal education with a contemporary perspective. Our areas of specialisation address today's most important business and legal challenges, including the study of commercial relationships in the international arena, the role and impact of electronic commerce, and the gradual harmonisation of international commercial law.

This Masters is not merely about what you learn in the classroom, it is also about actual practice in today's world of globalisation and international commerce. That is why the LLM provides, in addition to a strong academic dimension, a concentrated, real-world-oriented legal education.

The course offers you the opportunity to develop strong academic and practical skills in a highly competitive and intellectually satisfying area of law. It is ideally suited to those who come from a commercial law, international business, management, or economics background. You will have the opportunity to explore your own ideas, gain knowledge and enhance transferable skills in a supportive environment. You will benefit from a strong programme of visiting speakers, excellent online materials and learning resources, top-quality instruction and a professional and practical focus in a department with a strong research profile.

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## CORE MODULES

### Dissertation

The Dissertation module allows you to extend your research into a topic of your choice within the broad field of international commercial law. You will need to agree the topic with the module leader, and it must not replicate materials covered in other areas of your coursework, other than any Dissertation Proposal written as part of the Research Methods and Theory module.

### Foundations of International Commercial Law

This module enables you to analyse the key principles for the application of international commercial law, and the context within which it operates. You will develop your understanding of the legal rules affecting the international sale of goods contract, and high-level research skills in this subject and its related fields.

## OPTION MODULES

### Carriage of Goods

You will explore the contractual and legal relationships of persons involved in a carriage of goods arrangement. This module covers the international carriage of goods by sea, air, road and rail, with sea carriage as the main focus. The module deals with the two principal forms of contracts used for the carriage of goods by sea, the charter party, and the contract of affreightment. The emphasis of the module is to examine legal principles against the backdrop of current shipping practice and documentation.

### Corporate Social Responsibility Issues in Business and Law

This module looks at the tension for corporate entities between their business goals and their social responsibilities. It draws a distinction between the legal and ethical demands on business in relation to corporate social responsibility and studies the ways in which the two intersect. It analyses the domestic and international frameworks, together with key industry initiatives, in the field. You will be exposed to a range of methods and best practices followed in the business environment to meet CSR needs.

### International Tax Law

You will analyse the nature of tax, taxation and tax bases in the law, giving you the opportunity to survey the legal and non-legal implications of cross-border taxation. You will also study the interaction between states and taxpayers, treaty law and tax conventions, and the role of international bodies such as the OECD.

### Law of the Internal Market of The European Union

This module explores the key elements of the EU's internal market. You will start with the evolution of economic integration between the member states, and follow this with an in-depth analysis of the main elements of the internal market. This includes free movement of goods, free movement of persons, right of establishment and free movement of services. In order to present the internal market from a broader perspective two lectures are devoted to recognition of diplomas and public procurement. There will also be an emphasis on free movement of capital and payments.

### Law of International Sales

This module will give you the opportunity to evaluate and critically examine the law governing the international sale contract. You will be introduced to the intricacies of international sale transactions, especially the content of the contract of international sale, the use of standard trade terms (such as the INCOTERMS 2010), and the rights and remedies available to sellers and buyers. You will also examine the role of documentation in international sales, and will have the chance to discuss the role of the Vienna Convention on the international sale of goods.

### Law Relating to Payment and Trade Finance

This module introduces you to how the international sale of goods is paid and financed. We examine the law which applies to the payment and finance of international sales, and the practical commercial issues this specialised field entails. Areas covered include the fundamental principles relating to documentary credits, the operation and legal effect of the different types of documentary credit, their relationship with the sale contract, and the use of performance guarantees.

“The University and the course definitely lived up to my expectations. The way that lectures and seminars were delivered, the interactive classes, the wealth of social and educational activities, the support for international students, classmates from all over the world, teachers who were very enthusiastic about what they did and brought that enthusiasm into the classroom – all these experiences made my University days exciting, both in terms of the knowledge I gained and the people I met.”

**Lana Rukavina**  
International Commercial Law LLM

### Legal Aspects of Electronic Commerce

You will examine the legal and commercial framework for electronic commerce, and the key aspects of the law of contract in that context. You will also study relevant English and EU legal provisions on aspects of electronic commerce, including online data transmission, online marketing, electronic payments, copyright and domain name disputes. The module also looks at how current law could be applied to resolve difficulties thrown up by electronic commerce and IT.

### Multinational Corporate Entities

This module will introduce you to the study of several facets of multinational corporate entities. These include the role and effect of multinational corporate entities in cross-border trade and investment, the power balance between multinationals and sovereign states, and international and national approaches to control of multinationals. You will also consider the international and national consequences of incorporation of businesses, and the accountability of the multinational personnel.

### Protection of Commercial Industrial Property Rights (Intellectual Property)

You will develop your knowledge of commercial industrial property/intellectual property law, combined with an appreciation of how modern intellectual property rights (IPR) operate in the international online environment. The module analyses commercial property rights in an international context, with a particular focus on challenges to IP in the new online environment. Topics covered include copyright and fair use, trademarks and domain names, patents and design rights, and confidentiality rights.

### Research Theory and Practice

This module is designed to prepare students for LLM Dissertation work. It introduces you to the general concepts of legal and social scientific (empirical) methods of research, and develops your understanding of the principles of advanced research. You will consider the relevance of these methods for the study of law, as well as giving you an understanding of the legal, social scientific and philosophical debates on methodology. It will also enable you to evaluate your own work and that of other researchers. Finally you will work on your Dissertation Proposal.

International Commercial Law students may also take up to three of the following taught modules from other LLM courses:

- Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration
- International Banking Law and Regulation
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Energy and Climate Change Law
- International Law of the Sea
- Private International Law – Substantive Commercial
- One free choice LLM module from any other course.

Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules may be offered in any one academic year.



“The lecturers were very helpful and cooperative, they patiently and thoroughly provided explanations of any contentious issues we raised. We all felt we were part of a family where everyone was treated equally and our lecturers shared experiences gained through both academic and legal practice which I found priceless for my understanding of commercial law in both common and civil systems.”

**Oksana Polishchuk LLM**  
International Commercial Law 2015

## ASSOCIATED CAREERS

Former students have found employment in accountancy, banking and finance, commodities, corporate and commercial law, export-import, insurance, international and national trade and marketing bodies, international organisations, IT, shipping and freight, tax, and the public sector.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will typically be expected to have a minimum of a Second Class Honours (or equivalent) degree in Law or an equivalent non-law degree and significant legal experience. You will also be considered without standard qualifications provided you can show you are sufficiently motivated to study effectively on a Masters programme and/or have had a significant amount of relevant experience. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 (including 6.0 in writing) or equivalent. If your IELTS score or equivalent is below 6.5 in one or more areas you may be asked to take a pre-sessional English programme at Westminster before starting your course.

## RELATED COURSES

- Corporate Finance Law LLM
- International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law LLM

# INTERNATIONAL LAW LLM\*

## Length of course

One year full-time or two years part-time, September and January starts

## Location

Central London (Regent)

## Course fees and funding

See [westminster.ac.uk/fees](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees)

## Course Leader

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This specialist international law course provides an innovative focus on contemporary legal and political issues in the international community. With globalisation, international law is becoming increasingly important and this course prepares you for your future career in the international arena. Our LLM attracts students from every nationality and background, not only those who have previously studied law, but also those with a degree in political science, international relations, economics or other relevant discipline. This creates a uniquely vibrant and stimulating learning environment in which to study international law. The LLM International Law is linked to the International Law at Westminster Research Group. For more information, please see [westminster.ac.uk/international-law](http://westminster.ac.uk/international-law)

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## COURSE CONTENT

The course will enhance your understanding of the key principles of public international law, the main developments within the public international law framework and the process of globalisation and its significance for international law.

## CORE MODULES

### Dissertation

The Dissertation module enables you to gain a deep knowledge of the concepts and principles of international law. You will need to agree the topic with the module leader, and it must not replicate materials covered in other areas of your coursework, or comprise work submitted for any other award. The Dissertation will help you to develop your powers of analysis, synthesis, application and evaluation, and your advanced research skills. It will also introduce you to legal practical research skills and the range of specialist resources available for studying your chosen area.

### Public International Law

You will analyse the sources and subjects of international law, state responsibility, and the implementation of international law into municipal law, and gain an overview of the defining legal principles of international relations. You will also focus on the settlement of international disputes and the enforcement of international law. The module will help to develop your general transferable skills, including oral and written communication, independent study, time management, research, and problem solving.

## OPTION MODULES

### International and European Refugee Law

This module focuses on the root causes of forced migration, the changing meaning of the term 'refugee', and its legal definition. You will examine the protection afforded to refugees in international law, the role of the UNHCR, and regional refugee protection regimes.

"I'm so pleased I completed my course at Westminster; the teaching quality was excellent, the teaching staff were leading professionals in their field and dedicated to bringing out the best in the students, and the course content was well designed and encouraged students to 'think outside the box'."

**Claudia Scheufler**

International Law LLM

### International Energy and Climate Change Law

This module will introduce you to the principles of international law relevant to the development and use of energy resources. You will examine the principles relating to permanent sovereignty over natural resources, 'shared' resources and resources outside areas of national jurisdiction. You will also consider the impact of other principles of international law on the energy sector, such as international environmental law, foreign investment and trade law, and human rights. The module has a strong focus on the evolving international legal framework on the mitigation of climate change, and its impact on international energy law and policy.

### International Human Rights Law

The module introduces you to the protection of human rights in international law. You will gain an overview of the historical and philosophical background of human rights, and a greater understanding of the protection of human rights at the international level through the UN and regional systems (with particular emphasis on Europe). You will also study contemporary issues in international human rights law, such as humanitarian intervention, responsibility to protect, terrorism and torture.

### International Humanitarian Law

This module covers the regulation of the rules and customs of war, including the status and protection of prisoners of war, the protection of civilian populations, the use of certain weapons, the status of combatants and belligerents, and the criminal consequences of the violations of the laws of armed conflict. You will gain a deep knowledge of international humanitarian law, and a thorough understanding of practice and law relating to key concepts, such as prisoners of war, combatants, protected persons, neutrality and war crimes. New forms of warfare, such as cyber warfare and drones, are also addressed.

### International Law and Development

You will study law and policy relating to international development, including the right to development in international law, international development assistance and poverty alleviation, and law and policy relating to overseas development assistance in the UK and the EU. The module will give you a greater understanding of the global challenges for development, and will give you the skills to undertake informed policy and advocacy work internationally.

### International Law of the Sea

This module will introduce you to the comprehensive legal framework of the international law of the sea. You will examine the various maritime jurisdictional zones recognised in international law, including principles relating to the territorial sea, archipelagic waters, international straits, contiguous zone, continental shelf, exclusive economic zone, high seas, and deep seabed. The module also considers the resolution of competing claims to maritime areas and resources, and focuses on concerns arising from human use of the oceans, such as maritime security and piracy, exploitation of offshore resources, fisheries management, the conservation of marine biodiversity, and marine pollution.

“Coming from a background in languages, and working in the management consulting field, I had worried about my inadequacy in this new field and my adaptability in class. However, when classes commenced these worries quickly went out the window. I found that the course structure, lecturers, teaching styles and student body provided for a truly invigorating and advanced learning atmosphere. The classes were very international, comprising students from all over the world and equipped us with our very own United Nations. We were all given an opportunity and encouraged to learn, share, participate and progress throughout the course, practicing the cardinal rule of sovereign equality of all class members.”

#### Chichi Umesi

International Law LLM

### Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

You will be introduced to the various techniques and institutions available in international law for resolving disputes between states. This module examines diplomatic means of dispute settlement, including negotiation and mediation, and legal means of dispute settlement – arbitration and adjudication. You will also consider the availability of alternative mechanisms for the resolution of inter-state disputes, and the range of international courts and tribunals that now exist. The module refers to specific past and pending cases and disputes, and there will be a special emphasis on the law, practice and procedure of the International Court of Justice.

### Research Theory and Practice

This module introduces you to the general concepts of legal and social scientific (empirical) methods of research, and develops your understanding of the principles of advanced research. You will consider the relevance of these methods for the study of law, as well as giving you an understanding of the legal, social scientific and philosophical debates on methodology. It will also enable you to evaluate your own work and that of other researchers.



### United Nations Law

This module covers the institutional and legal aspects of the United Nations. In particular, you will focus on: the composition and functioning of its main organs (Security Council, General Assembly, Secretariat, International Court of Justice, Economic and Social Council, Human Rights Council); membership of the UN; the provisions of the Charter dealing with the use of armed force; the collective security system; and peacekeeping operations.

Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules will be offered in the same academic year.

### ASSOCIATED CAREERS

On completion of the course, you will be able to specialise in a wide range of careers or academia. Our graduates have worked for institutions such as the United Nations, non-governmental organisations (for instance, Amnesty International), the legal departments of governmental institutions, law firms, and professional services firms. There are also opportunities for further research or teaching.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should hold a good Second Class Honours degree (or equivalent from a non-UK institution), with an average of 55 per cent or above in law, social science, international relations or a related subject. Applicants who lack standard qualifications but have significant professional experience in the relevant field or related professional qualifications may be considered. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. Please visit the International Law LLM course page on our website for more information on the specific IELTS requirements [westminster.ac.uk/law](http://westminster.ac.uk/law). The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.

# LEGAL PRACTICE LLM (LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE)

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## Length of course

One year full-time or two years part-time (evening)

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## Location

Central London (Regent)

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## Course fees and funding

See [westminster.ac.uk/fees](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees)

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## Course Leader

Martin Skirrow  
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The Legal Practice Course (LPC) is regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) and is the compulsory vocational course for anyone intending to practise law as a solicitor.

We have offered the LPC since its introduction in 1993 and have established a reputation for the quality of our teaching and assessment, administration and individual attention that has been valued by both students and examiners alike.

Based on our equally strong reputation for practitioner-oriented research, we are now excited to be offering you the opportunity to study both the LPC and a Masters Degree, an LLM in Legal Practice, as part of one award. There is also the option to take the LPC without the LLM should you wish to do this.

In order to be eligible for the award of the LLM, you will need to complete an 8,000 word dissertation by way of addition to all of the LPC Stage One subjects and skills and three Stage Two electives as currently required by the SRA. If you wish to progress to the dissertation you must demonstrate satisfactory progress on Stage One of the LPC in accordance with the Assessment Regulations and also pay the University top-up fee.



## COURSE CONTENT

### Full-time

The full-time course begins with an intensive foundation period which will introduce you to the underlying areas of law and practice such as Professional Conduct and Regulation, Taxation, Financial Services, and Solicitors' Accounts. It also covers the course skills of Writing, Drafting, Advocacy, Interviewing and Advising, and Practical Legal Research. You will go on to study the three Stage One LPC core practice areas – Business Law and Practice, Property Law and Practice, and Civil and Criminal Litigation – together with Wills and Administration of Estates. Stage Two of the course involves completing three options (subject to availability) from the options subjects list below.

### Part-time

The part-time (evening) course mirrors the full-time course in content and provides a convenient and affordable route to becoming a solicitor. You study Property Law and Practice and Civil and Criminal Litigation in Year One (as part of Stage One of the course), together with one Stage Two option. You complete both Stages One and Two of the course in Year Two by studying Business Law and Practice, and Wills and Administration of Estates, together with two further option modules.

## OPTION MODULES

### Clinical

This module gives you the opportunity to undertake real client legal work under the supervision of tutors working in the Westminster Law School Student Law Clinic. You can choose to specialise in one of three 'streams' of work – either housing, family or property. The focus is on experiential learning through reflection, analysis and planning. You will discuss your learning experiences which will then be recorded in experiential learning log sheets and your work will also be subject to file review, which will measure the quality of work you are undertaking. The aim of the module is to improve the substantive quality of legal casework undertaken and to engender experiential professional learning within and beyond this course.

### Commercial Law

This module will give you a broad working knowledge of the law and practice in this area, which relates to City practice and commercial law practice in high street firms. It builds on the commercial aspects of the Business Law and Practice course, providing an additional range of knowledge about commercial law (including intellectual property). The practice of commercial law exists in an international and European Union (EU) context, and this is an area which is directed and changed, often rapidly, under EU and international influences. Increasingly, commercial clients (whether selling electronically or by traditional marketing methods) see their home market as being the EU.

### Commercial Litigation

You will focus on civil litigation within a commercial context, with an introduction to the subject and a study of alternatives to litigation. Other issues covered during the module include arbitration, freezing injunctions, interim injunctions, search orders, security for costs, and specialist courts. You will also examine the foreign element of commercial litigation, looking specifically at EU countries and EU judgements regulation.

### Commercial Property

Commercial property is a vitally important subject for students wishing to join firms that conduct property work and act for commercial clients. This module builds on your previous study of Property Law and Practice, focusing on the disposal of interests in land in a commercial context, the main contents of a typical commercial lease, and landlord and tenant law. You will also study the key principles of acquiring greenfield sites for development, the secured lending principles when acting for a prospective mortgage of development land, and the main issues when acting for property dealers who buy and sell reversions occupied by business tenants.

“Westminster is a very forward-thinking university which, on top of the outstanding teaching, offers numerous law fairs, career events, and student advisors to help with networking and applications. You are genuinely treated as an individual and given the time and attention that you need to help you to succeed, both whilst at university and in the future.”

**Katie Sills**

Legal Practice Postgraduate Diploma (LPC), 2012

**Internet and Social Media**

This module concentrates on the legal issues arising from web presence and online trading. You will consider a range of topics, including the legal status of websites, the information websites must give to customers, who owns the rights to websites, and where e-traders can be sued. You will look at and apply the relevant law to real-life situations on live websites. The small group sessions are case-study based, and in many cases students access and view trading websites during sessions and for private study in order to advise the client.

**Employment**

You will study contentious and non-contentious employment law, and examine individual employment rights from the perspective of both employees and employers. Following an introduction to the key elements of employment law, you will look at a range of topics including discrimination, employment contracts, maternity and parental rights, redundancy, termination of employment, transfer of undertakings, tribunal practice and procedure, and unfair dismissal.

**Entertainment and Media**

The entertainment and media module entails the study of law, contracts and practice across a series of diverse industry sectors – advertising, film, music, publishing and sport. You will look at the exploitation of relevant IP – particularly copyright – through the creative industry sectors and will consider the impact of undue influence, restraint of trade and the rules for contracting with minors. The module also focuses on relevant media law – defamation, privacy and contempt. Subject to availability, local entertainment and media practitioners may also contribute to some of the teaching.

**Family Law and Practice**

Family is a special area of law and people need particular skills to work in this field. You will learn about the role of the solicitor in working with parties who may have an important continuing relationship. You may work with very different types of firms depending on your interests – such as high asset divorce, the high street mixture of divorce, children and finance, or care proceedings, involving children at risk, for a local authority. The course starts by focusing on the emotional impact of being a family lawyer, and goes on to cover children, divorce, domestic abuse, finance and public funding.

**Housing Law and Practice**

Housing law is quite a specialist practice area and concerns rented, rather than owner-occupied housing, but still affects many people. Many high street housing lawyers have public funding contracts and also do welfare benefits work. Other housing lawyers work for local authorities or firms that advise organisations such as housing associations. The main areas of work involve advising and representing in landlord and tenant issues such as possession, disrepair and harassment actions. Housing lawyers also help people enforce their statutory rights in the area of homelessness and housing benefit.

**Immigration Law and Practice**

This module aims to give you a foundation to understand the legal context of immigration and asylum law, and an understanding of the processes and procedures used by the administrative institutions regulating immigration. By the end of the course you will have studied the major legislative provisions governing immigration law, and have sufficient knowledge to advise and assist clients in all major areas of the subject.

If you take Immigration Law you can also seek exemption from Level One of the Legal Service Commission’s Immigration and Asylum Accreditation Scheme. We are the only LPC provider currently authorised to recommend its students to the ISC for Level One exemption in this way. Students seeking Level One exemption through Westminster will need to pay an additional fee.

“The quality of the teaching and the approachability of the lecturers were the two main reasons I decided to stay at Westminster to complete my Legal Practice Course. I have a great relationship with the staff – it is a really friendly team. Without the friendliness and approachability of my lecturers and tutors I would not have obtained a First Class Honours in LLB Law and a Distinction in the LPC. The lecturers and tutors have really helped me reach my potential.”

**Monsoor Malik**

Legal Practice Postgraduate Diploma (LPC), 2013

**Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence Practice**

The aim of this module is to give you an introduction to personal injury and clinical negligence litigation, by building on the knowledge you acquired during the Civil Litigation course. In the clinical negligence part of the course there is more ‘law’ than you will have been used to on the LPC, to ensure that you understand the concepts of tort law that are applied to the facts of any given case. The module is divided into two main parts: establishing liability for personal injury in the workplace, and modern clinical negligence litigation.

**Private Acquisitions**

This module is concerned with two types of acquisition: the sale and purchase of a business as a going concern (a business acquisition), and the sale and purchase of a private company by share transfer (a share acquisition), in both cases from an unlisted company or private individuals. It will introduce you to important aspects of practice as a commercial solicitor dealing with the sale and purchase of private companies and businesses.

All modules are subject to tutor availability and student demand.

**GRADUATING WITH THE LLM**

**Social Research Methodology: Principles and Practice and Dissertation in Legal Practice Modules**

While you are free to exit the LLM in Legal Practice with a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (the LPC), if you wish to graduate with the LLM in Legal Practice in addition you may complete two additional modules – the Research Methodology module and subsequently the Dissertation module. After you complete Stage One teaching and assessment, in order to graduate with the award of Legal Practice LLM, you need to:

- Attend a series of research-orientated seminars
- Formulate a research question and methodology and then complete an 8,000 word dissertation on an area of legal practice of interest that you have encountered in stages One or Two or the LPC. Progression onto the Research and Dissertation modules is subject to confirmation by the University’s Exam Board and is subject to payment of the top-up fee.

**ASSOCIATED CAREERS**

The Legal Practice Course (LPC) is the compulsory vocational course for intending solicitors.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

The University requires a minimum of a Lower Second Class Honours in a qualifying Law degree or equivalent postgraduate qualification.

Applications for the full-time LPC course must be made online at [lawcabs.ac.uk](http://lawcabs.ac.uk)

For applications for the part-time LPC course, please contact the University directly:  
T: +44 (0)20 7911 5017  
E: [lpcadmin@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:lpcadmin@westminster.ac.uk)



## POSTGRADUATE OCCASIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME

**Length of course**  
Variable

**Location**  
Central London (Regent)

**Course fees and funding**  
Variable. See [westminster.ac.uk/fees](http://westminster.ac.uk/fees)

This is a highly flexible programme of studies if you do not wish to enrol on an LLM course initially. Most LLM modules can be taken on an individual basis. You can study any particular module that you are interested in, up to a maximum of 40 credits, as long as you meet the minimum entry requirements for the course hosting that module. This is ideal for you if, for various reasons, you are unable to attend the full LLM course. For example, if you wish to study Law of International Sales but cannot enrol for the full International Commercial Law LLM because of work commitments, you can sign up as an occasional student for that module and attend class.



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT PRE-SESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ENGLISH COURSES

International students who have been offered a place to study a postgraduate course at Westminster, but who have not met the English language requirements, may also be offered a place on one of our pre-sessional courses.

If you are an international student who has met the English language requirements for your course, but would still like to study on one of our pre-sessional courses, you may also apply to the admissions officers responsible for your course.

To be admitted onto either the seven-week or 12-week course, you will need to meet minimum English language criteria; full details of entry requirements can be found on our website, at [westminster.ac.uk/pre-sessional-english-courses](http://westminster.ac.uk/pre-sessional-english-courses)

Once you have started your degree, our Westminster Professional Language Centre can offer you further language skills support through our Academic English modules.

### Pre-sessional English

Our pre-sessional English courses will help you develop the language, literacy, and study skills necessary for academic life on your postgraduate course. You will also experience student life through our social and welcome programmes. Our aim is to provide you with a solid foundation in the use of Academic English orally and in writing for when you start your degree course, and to give you the skills, knowledge and experience to make the most of your time at university.



### Academic English modules

Our Academic English modules have been designed to allow you to consolidate, extend and develop your proficiency in Academic English alongside your degree course. Assessment of your level of proficiency in Academic English will take place during orientation week and learning week one (exact dates and time-slots will be circulated in early September or early January, depending on your course start date). This will determine whether you will benefit from taking one of the modules.

For more information visit [westminster.ac.uk/pre-sessional-english-courses](http://westminster.ac.uk/pre-sessional-english-courses)



## RESEARCH AT WESTMINSTER LAW SCHOOL

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework we submitted the work of 21 of our staff; just over 50 per cent of the School's research was judged to be of 4\* or 3\* quality (world leading or international excellence). This reflects the extraordinary growth in the research profile of Westminster Law School over the last 20 years.

A key component of our reputation for quality research and our dynamic research environment is the strength of our research degree students; they are encouraged to organise events, lead workshops, publish and generally be active academic members. There is a rigorous and comprehensive training programme across the Faculty, specifically catering for graduate study. A mentoring system supports our students, and annual research gatherings and outings to institutions such as Cumberland Lodge make for a vibrant research community.

## RESEARCH CENTRES AND GROUPS

### Centre on the Legal Profession

Westminster Law School has been at the forefront of research into the legal profession and related areas. This group builds on the School's strongest bodies of research in the legal profession, access to justice, dispute resolution, globalisation, legal ethics and legal education. Funders include the ACCA, the ACLEC, the ESRC, The Law Society and the Nuffield Foundation.

[westminster.ac.uk/centre-on-the-legal-profession](http://westminster.ac.uk/centre-on-the-legal-profession)

### Centre for the Study of Law, Society and Popular Culture

Founded in 1996, the Centre for Law, Society and Popular Culture draws together many of the threads of work that go on in the Westminster Law School and beyond. It has an established reputation, both professionally and academically, and covers areas such as music, sport, film and the media among others. Activities of the Centre include organising the Theory Meets Practice Seminar Series and co-ordinating the *Entertainment and Sports Law Journal*. Recently the Centre curated the Classified Exhibition in conjunction with the British Board of Film Classification and a series of seminars on football agents and match fixing in football. Members of the Centre have received research funding from bodies such as The Socio-Legal Studies Association, Institute for Alcohol Studies, the Musicians Union, ESRC and TSB.

[westminster.ac.uk/law-society-and-popular-culture](http://westminster.ac.uk/law-society-and-popular-culture)

### International Law at Westminster

The International Law at Westminster Research Group conduct research in many areas of international legal scholarship, including: international legal theory, international human rights law, the law of armed conflict, international law of the sea, international refugee law, international courts and tribunals, international energy law, United Nations law, international criminal law, nuclear non-proliferation law, cyber security law, and international environmental law. International Law at Westminster also organises public events on topical issues.

[westminster.ac.uk/international-law](http://westminster.ac.uk/international-law)

### Law, Gender and Sexuality Research Group

Founded in 2004, this Centre involves a partnership between the law schools at the universities of Kent at Canterbury – the main physical base for the centre – Keele and Westminster. The overall aim of CentreLGS is to pioneer work that analyses, investigates and deepens understanding of the relationship between law, gender and sexuality.

[westminster.ac.uk/law-gender-and-sexuality](http://westminster.ac.uk/law-gender-and-sexuality)

### Westminster Law and Theory Lab

This Centre brings together diverse yet overlapping strands in the study of law, with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary and critical theoretical analysis. The Centre focuses on the link between the applied and the theoretical, as it seeks to facilitate common scholarly activities and projects, and provide the sort of supportive context within which radical new research can flourish. Drawing on our strengths in international law, governance, criminology, economics, human rights and legal theory, the Centre encourages collaboration both at a national and international level, through public guest lectures, open fora such as conferences, workshops and seminars, internships, guest invitations, and online publications.

[westminster.ac.uk/westminster-law-and-theory-lab](http://westminster.ac.uk/westminster-law-and-theory-lab)



## RESEARCH APPROACH

We offer both MPhil and PhD research degrees in Law and law-related topics, with training and supervision in these two research degrees on both a full-time and part-time basis. Normally, you are expected to study for a period of at least 33 months (or 45 months in the case of part-time enrolment), and to have completed your doctoral research within a maximum of four years (eight years if part-time). The PhD programme is administered by the Graduate Centre in Westminster Law School. Supervisors are allocated to students, and the School oversees their supervision and monitors their progress. In all cases students have more than one supervisor and this team may include experts from other institutions. Research students are assured of regular supervision.

Research students have their own dedicated office space with computing and telephone facilities and a community area. A research seminar series is run weekly for all staff and researchers during term time; this is devoted to speakers from both within and outside the University. Research students are strongly encouraged to attend. In addition, a research methodology seminar series specifically for graduate research students runs throughout the year. Where possible we attempt to involve research students in teaching. This enables them to graduate with a rounded portfolio of skills.

### PhD opportunities

Our research programmes and centres produce a wide range of work within core areas of law, including Criminal and Comparative Law; EU Law and Competition Law; International Law; Human Rights; Refugee and Migration Law; Legal Profession and Ethics; Entertainment, Media and Intellectual Property Law; International Trade Law; Public Law; Maritime and Transport Law and Commercial, Banking and Corporate Law. We also produce work within interdisciplinary fields, such as Law and Geography; Law and Literature; Law and Philosophy; Law and Society; Law, Gender and Sexuality, and many others. We welcome applications from prospective research students who are interested in any aspect of law and legal institutions, and we particularly encourage interdisciplinary and critical approaches. From time to time, the School will also offer PhD studentships to highly qualified applicants. More information is available at [westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees-law](http://westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees-law)

### Course structure for MPhil/PhDs

You will usually first enrol as an MPhil/PhD student. You will then be required to pass a formal interview (with an independent assessor) about half way through your course of study before you can transfer to full PhD student status. Thereafter the progress of all research students is formally monitored through annual reviews. Only in exceptional situations (usually when an applicant already has an MPhil degree) can students register directly for PhD study.

Once admitted as a PhD student, you will have a supervisory team with a Director of Studies. We provide a research training programme which you will take alongside your own research activities. The PhD is assessed by the submission of a thesis and a viva voce examination by a panel that includes an external examiner.

### Entry requirements for MPhil/PhDs

You should normally hold an Upper Second Class Honours degree and a Masters degree with Merit or Distinction. You should also have achieved 65 per cent or above in your Masters dissertation. An applicant from outside the UK should also demonstrate evidence of appropriate English language proficiency, normally defined as 7.0 in IELTS.

### HOW TO APPLY

The University of Westminster accepts applications through the national, online UK Postgraduate Application and Statistical Service (UKPASS) system. Once you have registered you can apply free of charge.

Our research interests are listed on our website [westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees-law](http://westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees-law). Alternatively, candidates may direct initial enquiries to Dr Stephanie Roberts, the admission tutor, or Professor Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos, the Westminster Law School PhD programme coordinator.

The admissions timetable is available at [westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees-law](http://westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees-law)

For more information and to apply visit [westminster.ac.uk/courses/research-degrees/research-areas/law/how-to-apply](http://westminster.ac.uk/courses/research-degrees/research-areas/law/how-to-apply)

If you are suitably qualified and we can offer supervision in your chosen area, you will need to attend a formal interview; telephone interviews may be arranged if you are based abroad.

If you have any enquiries regarding the admission process you can contact our Research Office team on +44 (0)20 7911 5731 or email [researchadmissions@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:researchadmissions@westminster.ac.uk)



## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

For more than 175 years the University of Westminster has been a vibrant and creative place for learning, where students have enjoyed a dynamic professional and educational environment, graduating with the skills they need to succeed in their chosen career.

As an international centre for learning and research, we are committed to continuing those traditions. We pride ourselves on our record of excellence in research that makes a difference – to academia, to the professions, to business, to industry. Westminster has led the way – nationally and internationally – in research in architecture, art, and media and communications, politics, allied health and biomedical sciences. The Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 confirmed our world leading positions in Art and design and Media and communications and internationally excellent (3\*) performances in English, Architecture and built environment and Allied health; all five units having more than 65 per cent of research activity assessed as 4\* and 3\*. Additionally, Psychology and neuroscience, Politics, Area studies, and Law were acknowledged for their excellence, with the majority of their research being of 3\* or above.

Our Graduate School, launched in 2012/13, is a dynamic 'hub' and cross-university focus for all staff and doctoral researchers engaged in research activity. The School supports the personal and professional development of doctoral and early career researchers through a range of activities, including seminars and networking events to facilitate sharing of best practice.

Each year a diverse mix of students of many backgrounds and abilities join the Westminster family. We have more than 20,000 students from over 150 nations (a quarter of whom are postgraduates) studying with us. We also have extensive connections with universities and industries throughout the world benefitting our students.

From our prime locations across three large campuses in London's West End, we are well connected to the UK's major centres of business, law, science and architecture. Our fourth campus in Harrow is a hub for the study of media, arts and design, with its own on-site student village.

Westminster Law School is based at Little Titchfield Street, part of our Regent Campus. In the heart of London's West End, the Little Titchfield Street site has benefited from major refurbishment in the past few years, with a new 380-seat central lecture theatre, new café area and improved library facilities all part of a recently completed £3.5m project.

Westminster has more than 950 full-time teaching staff supported by a large number of visiting subject specialists, delivering high-quality learning and research. Our libraries provide access to more than 380,000 titles, 30,000 e-journals, 20,000 e-books and 230 databases; the libraries at all four of our campuses are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, during the majority of term time.

Based in the heart of one of the world's greatest cities, our close links with industry and professional organisations in London, across the UK and all over the world enable us to attract the highest quality guest speakers and lecturers, and provide you with extensive networking opportunities and introductions to many of the world's leading companies. More than 50 separate professional bodies offer accreditation, approval or recognition of our courses, or membership for our graduates.

Our extensive network of tutors, administrators, counsellors, health service professionals, financial consultants and faith advisers is there to support you in every aspect of your life at Westminster.

Studying for a postgraduate degree is a challenging but extremely rewarding experience. You will develop specialist knowledge, hone your professional skills, and enhance your career prospects. To help you achieve your aims, we offer a mature study environment, dedicated postgraduate facilities and a broad range of courses that respond to

and anticipate developments in professional life. We aim to help you develop both the knowledge and the life skills you will need to succeed in an increasingly international workplace.

### Careers and employability

Whilst studying a postgraduate degree at the University of Westminster, you will not only acquire an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the subject you have chosen, you will also develop beneficial transferable skills related, for example, to research and analysis, communication, organising and prioritising, and logical and critical thinking.

Our dedicated Career Development Centre works with an ever-expanding network of over 3,000 employers, to provide students with exceptional careers support and guidance.

During your time at Westminster you will have access to our comprehensive online vacancy service, where you will find internal and external career opportunities. Our students are invited to a series of careers events throughout the year, which will provide you with access to a wide variety of employment and networking opportunities to boost your professional prospects.

Postgraduate students can also benefit from Westminster's mentoring scheme. Mentoring is a long-term relationship that meets a developmental need, and your mentor will facilitate your personal and professional growth by sharing knowledge and insights, to help you to succeed.



## LIVING AND STUDYING IN LONDON

London is one of the world's most exciting cities. From business and finance to fashion, art, music, cinema and sport, London is where things tend to happen first. And as one of the city's 400,000 students, much of what happens in the capital is within your reach.

Importantly, making the most of London doesn't have to be expensive. With substantial student discounts and many of the city's attractions being free, you'll always find ways to make your money go further. Despite the size of the city, travel is usually straightforward with good underground, bus (including night buses) and train networks, and student discounts are available on Transport for London (TfL) travelcards. London is well connected by rail and road to the rest of the UK and Europe, and there are global air links through the city's five major airports. The University of Westminster's central London campuses are within easy reach of many famous landmarks and institutions including the Houses of Parliament, the BBC, the London Stock Exchange and the British Museum.

The University is also ideally located to network with the city's business leaders and employers, so we can offer great placements and work opportunities for our students through contacts with our Careers Development Centre. Career opportunities in the capital are exceptional, with more than one million private sector businesses and public sector organisations operating within 20 miles of the University of Westminster. And with the British Library, the University of London Library and the archives of many institutions and professional bodies all close at hand, there is a huge variety of reference books and information to help you with your studies.



### Culture and entertainment

London is home to more than 250 art and design galleries, such as the Tate Modern, Tate Britain and National Gallery, over 600 cinema screens – including Westminster's very own Regent Street Cinema and 200-plus theatres. The city also boasts a particularly vibrant music scene, ranging from rock, dance and pop, to world and classical music, a level of variety matched by London's exciting nightlife. And there is no shortage of places for socialising and dining out – with world cuisines represented at prices to suit everyone you can eat out for as little as £5.

If your passion is for fashion and shopping rather than traditional culture, London is home to designers such as Vivienne Westwood, Stella McCartney and Burberry. Oxford Street, the top spot for high street fashion, is on the doorstep of our Regent campus, and the city is famous for its markets including Portobello Road, Camden and Spitalfields.

Football, rugby, cricket and tennis are among the sports that feature high on London's leisure scene, at legendary venues such as Wembley, Twickenham, Lords and Wimbledon. But if you prefer your leisure activities to be more relaxed, London is a city of more than 140 parks; 39 per cent of the city is green space.

If you are wondering what it would be like to study in London, visit [www.thestudentroom.co.uk/London](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/London) to get first-hand information about all the opportunities London students can benefit from.

## AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

With one of the UK's largest international student populations, the University of Westminster has plenty of experience in giving you the help and support you need to make the most of your time with us. Before you arrive, you will receive a full information pack with details of your enrolment, healthcare and other information. We also provide a 'meet and greet' service for students landing at Heathrow Airport on specific days in September. Our team will meet you at the airport, and arrange transport for you to travel with other international students to your halls of residence or private accommodation.

Once you are here, we can give you comprehensive help and assistance including a whole range of services and activities to help you settle in. The International Students' Welcome Programme gives you the chance to meet fellow new students and Westminster staff, find your way around the University and London, learn about our facilities and services, and meet current international students. For more information visit [westminster.ac.uk/international](http://westminster.ac.uk/international)

### Meet us in your country

University staff frequently travel overseas to meet and advise potential students at exhibitions, partner institutions, alumni receptions and other events. We also work with representatives around the world who can help you with your application to Westminster. Visit [westminster.ac.uk/international](http://westminster.ac.uk/international) to see our calendar of visits and the overseas representatives we work with.

### Student visas

If you are a non-EU EEA passport holder you will need to check your visa requirements for study in the UK, by visiting [gov.uk/visas-immigration](http://gov.uk/visas-immigration)

### English language support during your studies

The Westminster Professional Language Centre provides in-session Academic English courses during your studies with us. The modules have been designed to allow you to consolidate, extend and develop your proficiency in Academic English at postgraduate or doctoral level. For more information visit [westminster.ac.uk/efl](http://westminster.ac.uk/efl)

### Pre-session English

Our pre-session English courses will help you to develop the language and study skills you need to join a full-time postgraduate degree at Westminster. The courses are designed for students with an IELTS score of 0.5 or 1.0 IELTS points below the required level for your chosen postgraduate programme. We run 12-week and seven-week pre-session courses for academic courses; successful completion allows you to progress to your Masters course starting in September and January. You can find more information online at [westminster.ac.uk/pre-session-english-courses](http://westminster.ac.uk/pre-session-english-courses)

### Postgraduate Semester Study Abroad Programme

If you are a current postgraduate studying a masters at an overseas institution you can join our Semester Postgraduate Study Abroad and choose to study from a range of modules or combine study with an internship. You can transfer these credits to your home degree and embed an international experience in your graduate programme of studies to enhance your global learning and future employability.

For more information on all the opportunities open to you visit [westminster.ac.uk/pg-sa](http://westminster.ac.uk/pg-sa)



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# STUDYING AT WESTMINSTER

## HOW TO APPLY AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Taught Masters

The University of Westminster accepts applications through the online system UCAS Postgraduate. For more information visit [ukpass.ac.uk](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/ucas). Once you have registered you can apply free of charge. There is no official deadline for postgraduate applications, but we strongly recommend you apply early (by the beginning of April for September start and the beginning of October for January start), especially if you are interested in applying for a scholarship since you will need to submit a separate application and to send it by post for consideration.

If you require additional guidance, you can contact our Course Enquiries Team,  
T: +44 (0)20 7915 5511  
E: [course-enquiries@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:course-enquiries@westminster.ac.uk)

International students can get advice and support with applications from one of our partners around the world; to find out more, visit [westminster.ac.uk/international/countries/visits](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/countries/visits)

### Graduate Diploma in Law, Legal Practice LLM (Legal Practice Course) and CILEx courses

Applications for the full-time Legal Practice LLM (Legal Practice Course) and Graduate Diploma in Law should be made online at [lawcabs.ac.uk](https://www.lawcabs.ac.uk)

Applications for the part-time Legal Practice LLM (Legal Practice Course) and part-time Graduate Diploma in Law should be made via UCAS Postgraduate at [ukpass.ac.uk](https://www.ukpass.ac.uk)

To apply for CILEx courses visit [westminster.ac.uk/cilex](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/cilex)

### Entry requirements

Most courses have the following minimum standard entry requirements:

- a good Honours degree from a recognised university, or qualification or experience deemed to be equivalent, and

- English language competency judged sufficient to undertake advanced level study. Please visit: [westminster.ac.uk/international/study-for-a-full-degree/english-language-requirements](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/study-for-a-full-degree/english-language-requirements) for further details.

If your degree (or equivalent qualification) is from outside the UK please look at [westminster.ac.uk/international](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/international) for information on our requirements from your country.

Any specific entry requirements for a course are given in the course description on the course page.

### Gaining credit for what you have learned

Your previous study or experience, whether through paid work or in a voluntary capacity, may mean you can gain exemption from some modules.

Accreditation of Prior Certificated learning (APCL) can be gained based on previous study that has led to a formal certificated qualification and this may include work based learning (CPD). The Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) recognises knowledge or skills acquired through life or work experience, which have not been formally recognised by an academic or professional certification.

You can make a claim if you think you may be eligible by visiting: [westminster.ac.uk/apcl](https://www.westminster.ac.uk/apcl)

The process is rigorous and credits will only be awarded for learning that is current and that related to the aims and content of the course for which you are applying.

### Notes for applicants

While courses are offered as described at the time of going to press, some revisions are made, mainly to ensure our courses are kept up-to-date. We will only cancel a course if it is unavoidable. Should any major change be necessary, applicants will be notified at the earliest point. There is no guarantee that courses that are undergoing validation will be approved.

### Research degrees

Separate application and admissions procedures apply for MPhil/PhD research degrees. See page 51 for details.



## COURSE STRUCTURE

### MASTER OF ARTS, MASTER OF LAWS (MA AND LLM)

#### Full-time study

Courses last for one calendar year (48 weeks). You will probably attend the University for seminars or lectures at least two days a week during the teaching year (31 weeks). The delivery and assessment of taught modules will normally be carried out between September and June, but it's likely that you will need to study over the summer months for your independent research – usually a project or dissertation.

#### Part-time study

There are part-time routes in most subjects, which offer daytime or evening study or, in some cases, a mixture of both. Achieving a postgraduate qualification part-time normally takes at least two years, attending two sessions each week of the academic year, with a further six to 12 hours each week of personal study. Some employers will enable you to study by day release from work.

#### Modular scheme

Our Masters degree courses are modular study schemes based on a system of accumulating credits, and offer the most flexibility and choice in your course programme. You can transfer credits you have gained to other courses or institutions, and every course combines core and option modules which, as you complete them, bring you closer to gaining your higher degree.

#### MPhil/PhD courses

See the research section on page 51.

## ACCOMMODATION, FEES AND FUNDING

### ACCOMMODATION

After choosing your course, one of your biggest decisions will be where to live, and we aim to make that choice as easy as possible. Whether you decide to live in our halls of residence or in private housing, we can help you to find the right accommodation. For more information visit [westminster.ac.uk/housing](http://westminster.ac.uk/housing)

#### Halls of Residence

Full-time postgraduate Law students can apply to live at Urbanest Hoxton, Urbanest Tower Bridge, or Wigram House in Victoria, our three exclusively postgraduate halls in the centre of London. The majority of rooms in these halls are single study bedrooms with shared kitchens.

All of our halls are a short distance away from the teaching sites and give students a great base to study and to explore London. Rents vary from £237 – £279 per week depending on the room type, and the price includes bills. Applications can be made following the instructions on our website.

#### Private accommodation

If you prefer a more independent lifestyle, we can help you to find your ideal student home. There is a huge supply of rented housing in London at a wide range of prices. Rents depend on where you live but, as an example, the majority of students studying in central London commute from travel zones 2 or 3 (just outside the central area), where you can expect to pay from £180 – £250 per week for a room in a shared flat or house. We can offer all students comprehensive advice on finding suitable private accommodation, and a good starting point is to attend one of our housing meetings in August and September. Here you can get a range of housing information and tips on successful flat hunting, as well as meeting other students to form groups to flat hunt together.

### FEES, FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Studying at university is a long-term investment in your future, and one which can make a significant difference to career prospects and your earning power. But to be able to make the most of your time at Westminster, it's also important to work out how you will pay your fees, accommodation and day-to-day expenses while you are here.

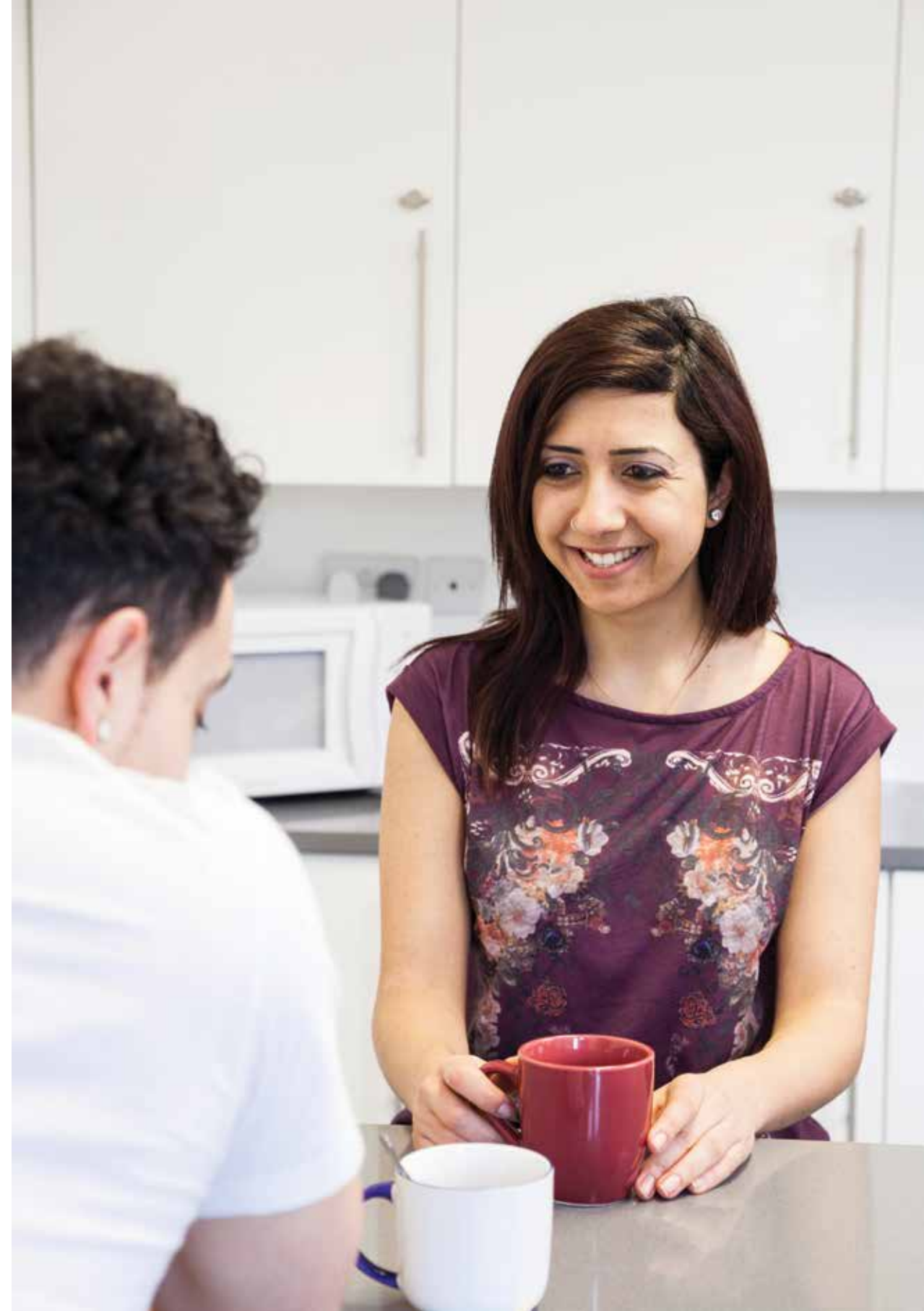
Fees increase each year, normally in line with the rate of inflation. To find out the latest fee levels for your particular course, visit the course page on our website at [westminster.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate](http://westminster.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate)

The University of Westminster has one of the most generous scholarship schemes of any British university, and we are able to offer a wide range of scholarships for UK, EU and international postgraduates, and for those studying on either full-time or part-time routes. You can find our latest scholarship funding opportunities online, at [westminster.ac.uk/scholarships](http://westminster.ac.uk/scholarships); please check the site regularly for updates.

Once you have been offered a place (conditional or unconditional) on a postgraduate course you can apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are competitive and have strict deadlines. Details of the application process, and deadlines for full-time UK, EU and international students, can be found by visiting [westminster.ac.uk/scholarships](http://westminster.ac.uk/scholarships). If you would like to apply for a scholarship on a PhD course, you can find information at [westminster.ac.uk/graduate-school](http://westminster.ac.uk/graduate-school).

From September 2016, Student Finance England (SFE) are introducing a loan of up to £10,000 for students starting a postgraduate Masters course starting in September 2016 or later. The loan can be used to pay tuition fees or help meet your maintenance or study costs. Your course must be at postgraduate Masters level and you must meet the eligibility rules that relate to residence, settled status, previous study and qualifications. Eligible courses can be taught or research-based. At the University of Westminster, eligible courses include MA, MSc, LLM, MBA, MRes and MPhil. RIBA Part II architecture and integrated Masters do not qualify. The loan is available for full-time and part-time study.

For further information, please visit [westminster.ac.uk/pg-student-funding](http://westminster.ac.uk/pg-student-funding)





# LOCATION

If you study at the University of Westminster, everything that London has to offer is on your doorstep. Our central London campuses are ideally located for shopping, eating out, enjoying London's nightlife or just simply relaxing. As a University of Westminster student you will have access to all the facilities the University has to offer on all four campuses.

**Cavendish Campus** is situated in the artistic and bohemian area of Fitzrovia, with Oxford Street, Regent's Park and the British Museum only a ten-minute walk away and the peaceful Fitzroy Square just around the corner. The campus serves the Faculty of Science and Technology.

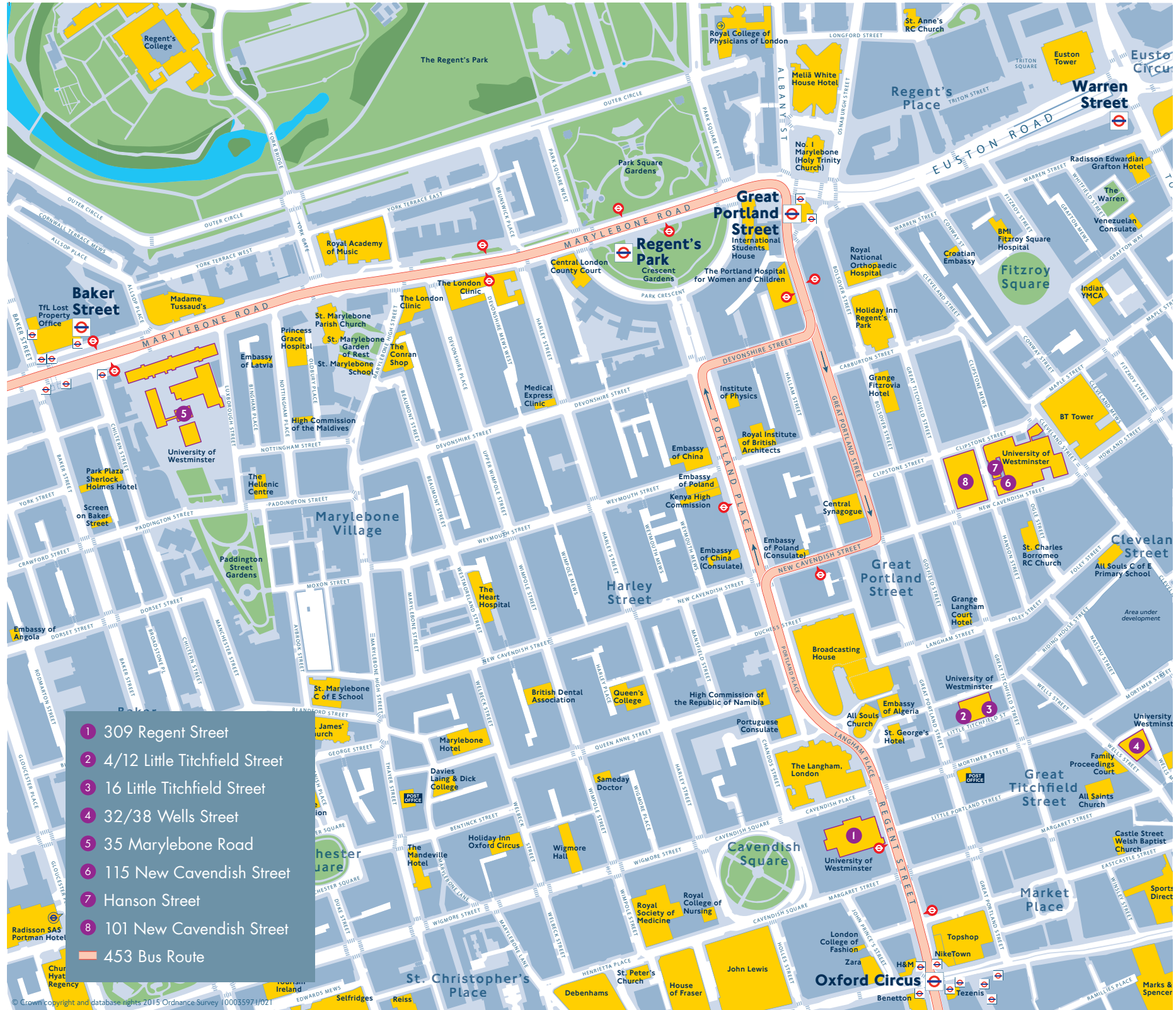
**Marylebone Campus** is opposite Madame Tussauds and just off Baker Street. We are close to the elegant shopping available on Marylebone High Street and just five minutes away is one of London's finest green spaces, Regent's Park. The campus serves the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment and Westminster Business School.

**Regent Campus** is situated on and around one of the busiest streets in London, home to a wide range of bustling shops, cafés and restaurants and just a couple of minutes walk from Oxford Street. The campus serves the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and Westminster Law School.

In north west London, **Harrow Campus** is just 20 minutes by Tube from central London, and close to Harrow town centre. Here you will find major retail stores, a civic centre, an arts centre and a multiplex cinema. Nearby Harrow-on-the-Hill is a historic village offering a richly contrasting atmosphere. The campus serves Westminster School of Media, Arts and Design.

Westminster Law School is based at the University of Westminster's Little Titchfield Street site, part of our Regent Campus in the heart of London's West End.

**School location**  
 4 -12 Little Titchfield Street  
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## CONTACT US

### COURSE ENQUIRIES

Our Course Enquiries Team can provide you with information and advice on a range of issues, including:

- course information
- entry requirements for UK/EU and International students
- how to apply for a course
- Postgraduate Information Evenings: dates, times and locations
- campus tours: dates and times of tours
- tuition fees
- funding and scholarships.

Call our dedicated Course Enquiries Team from 9am – 5pm (GMT), Monday – Friday.  
T: +44 (0)20 7915 5511

E: [course-enquiries@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:course-enquiries@westminster.ac.uk)

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101 New Cavendish Street  
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### MEET US IN YOUR COUNTRY

Members of the University frequently travel overseas to meet and interview potential students at exhibitions, partner institutions, alumni receptions and other events. We also work with representatives around the world who can help you with your application to Westminster. Visit [westminster.ac.uk/international](http://westminster.ac.uk/international) to see our calendar of visits and local representatives.



All course information is correct at the time of going to press. On occasion, subsequent to publication, some changes may be made to the courses and modules offered. Should any major change be necessary, applicants will be notified at the earliest point. For the latest information please refer to our website.

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Create your own Virtual Open Day: [yourvirtualopenday.westminster.ac.uk](https://yourvirtualopenday.westminster.ac.uk)

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