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The University of Westminster offers an extremely broad and innovative range of postgraduate academic courses in Law. These are aligned to our research strengths and include business, finance, international, human rights, mediation, entertainment and religion, law and society. All of our postgraduate Masters courses are also orientated to the real world and legal practice and many have substantial input from experts in industry.

All courses are enriched by the University's research programme. Much of that research examines law in its social context and feeds directly into our postgraduate teaching. Students are encouraged to become involved in our research activity, as well as attend research seminars as part of our vibrant postgraduate community. Our research output is very high and consistently achieves ratings of international excellence.

Our academic staff are not only qualified educationalists but active researchers passionate about their subject area. They are also experts in their field, actively advising government bodies and courts on the areas in which they research.

Our professional courses, GDL and LPC/LLM in Legal Practice, are taught by dedicated staff with professional legal practice experience. Numbers are kept relatively small with an emphasis on face to face tuition. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the student law (pro-bono) clinic.

Our LPC/LLM Legal Practice course offers a wide range of high street and commercial electives enabling students to tailor their course to either commercial and/or high street practice, and also includes a mentoring scheme.



The majority of our research was recognised as being of international quality

Source: REF (Research Excellence Framework) 2014



CORPORATE FINANCE LAW LLM

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.



Length of course: one year full-time or two years part-time, starting in September or January
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Fees and funding: see course web page and westminster.ac.uk/fees
Entry requirements: see page p192

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page: westminster.ac.uk/corporate-finance-law-llm

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, conducting meetings with senior lawyers and directors of major companies.

Core modules

- Investment Banking Principles and Practice
- Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance
- Postgraduate Dissertation in Corporate Finance OR Project in Law

Option modules

- International Banking Law and Regulation
- International Project Finance Law
- Islamic Finance and Securitisation Law
- Legal Project Management
- Money Laundering and Corporate Fraud

Students may also select up to two free choice modules from the courses: Entertainment Law LLM, International and Commercial Dispute Resolution LLM, International Commercial Law LLM, International Law LLM, Religion, Law & Society MA/LLM.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT LAW LLM

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.

Course content

The course aims to develop your understanding of how key fields within the entertainment industries 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.



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For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page: westminster.ac.uk/entertainment-law-llm

Core modules

- Intellectual Property in the Entertainment Business
- Postgraduate Dissertation in Entertainment Law
- The Regulation of Relationships in the Entertainment Business

Option modules

- Law of Digital Entertainment and Social Media
- Law and Media: Content and Control
- Merchandising in the Entertainment Business
- The Entertainment Business: Regulation, Licensing and Events

Students may also select up to two free choice modules from the courses: Corporate Finance Law LLM, International and Commercial Dispute Resolution LLM, International Commercial Law LLM, International Law LLM, Religion, Law & Society MA/LLM.

Associated careers

As an entertainment law graduate you will be able to develop a career in a whole range of professions within the entertainment industry. Perhaps the most popular of these are roles in sports, music, and media and communications law. The subject gives a modern edge to traditional law subjects and is well respected by employers.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW

Length of course: one year full-time or two years part-time, starting in September
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westminster.ac.uk/graduate-diploma-in-law

This intensive 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 LLM in 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 at Westminster.

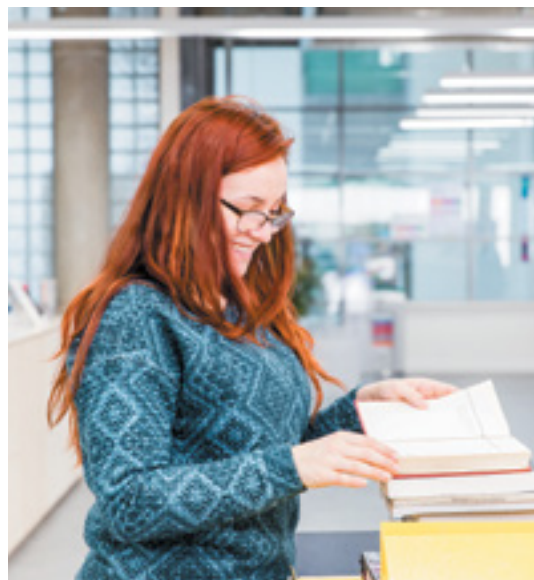
Course content

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 inter-relationship 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.

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



Core modules

- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Equity and the Law of Trusts
- Land Law
- Law of the European Union
- Public Law
- Tort Law
- Research Project

Associated careers

The course is designed for those graduates who wish to qualify as a solicitor or barrister. Following successful completion of this course, non-law graduates wishing to become a solicitor or barrister will need to complete the vocational stage of their training and take either the Legal Practice LLM (LPC) or the Bar Professional Training (BPTC).

This full-time course also enables overseas students to gain an English law qualification in one year (full-time).

INTERNATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION LAW LLM

Length of course: one year full-time or two years part-time, starting in September or January
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westminster.ac.uk/international-and-commercial-dispute-resolution-law-llm

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.

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

The International and Commercial Dispute Resolution LLM differs from the International Commercial Law LLM course, which is primarily concerned with non-contentious aspects of commerce (modules include competition law, trade, and insurance).

Course content

The course provides an opportunity for in-depth study of the procedural and substantive 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 – public international law, private international law (conflict of laws) and municipal (national) laws – which are applicable in adjudication and also in the other dispute resolution processes.

In addition to taught modules, the Research and Dissertation module provides an opportunity to acquire research and writing skills and develop a specialist knowledge of a small area of the course field, which might lead to a publishable article.

Core modules

- Perspectives on Peace, Conflicts and Disputes
- Postgraduate Research and Dissertation

Option modules

Arbitration:

- Comparative Commercial Arbitration: Law and Practice
- Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration
- International Commercial Arbitration

Comparative Law:

- Comparative Law

Corporate Law:

- Multinational Corporate Entities and Foreign Investment

Litigation:

- International and Transnational Dispute Processes

Mediation:

- Mediation: Concepts, Evolution and Practice
- Restorative Justice: Cultures, Integration and Law

Negotiation:

- Negotiation: Theory, Contexts and Practice

Public International Law:

- International and Transnational Dispute Processes
- Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes
- Peace Processes and Law

Students may also select up to two free choice modules from these other courses: Corporate Finance Law LLM, Entertainment Law LLM, International Commercial Law LLM, International Law LLM, Religion, Law & Society MA/LLM.

Associated careers

The course is designed to benefit a wide range of individuals who are committed to developing their knowledge, skills and insights into international, cross-border and commercial dispute resolution.

The range of individuals who can benefit include:

experienced practitioners such as judges and potential judges, arbitrators, and mediators; other professionals who need to have advanced appreciation of international and commercial dispute resolution 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.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW LLM

Length of course: one year full-time or two years part-time, starting in September or January
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For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page:
westminster.ac.uk/international-commercial-law-llm

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.

Course content

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.

Core modules

- Dissertation
- Foundations in International Commercial Law

Option modules

- Corporate Social Responsibility Issues in Business and Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Banking Law and Regulation
- International Economic Law
- International Taxation Law
- Law of International Sales
- Legal Aspects of Electronic Commerce
- Multinational Corporate Entities and Direct Investment

Students may also select up to two free choice modules from the courses: Corporate Finance Law LLM, Entertainment Law LLM, International and Commercial Dispute Resolution LLM, International Law LLM, Religion, Law and Society MA/LLM.

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.

INTERNATIONAL LAW LLM

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westminster.ac.uk/international-law-llm

With globalisation, international law is becoming increasingly important and this course prepares you for a future career in the international arena. Our teaching team is composed of world-renowned scholars, who are leading the way in their respective subjects, including, but not limited to – international human rights law, the law of armed conflict, development law, energy and climate change law, international cyber security law, refugee law, the law of the sea, international courts and tribunals. In past years, the teaching team organised study visits to international organisations and to international courts in London and The Hague.

Our LLM is one of the oldest and most popular courses in international law in London. It 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 or other relevant discipline. This creates a uniquely vibrant and stimulating learning environment in which to study international law.

The International Law LLM at Westminster Law School is taught in our central London campus, just a short distance from most major British institutions and international organisations. The course can be taken full-time or part-time, and we have both a September and a January start each year.

We also have a research group, International Law at Westminster, which conducts important research projects on topical international law issues. These projects have received external funding because of their importance and their potential impact. The group also regularly organises events in which students are invited to participate.

Westminster Law School hosts the local chapter of the International Law Students Association (ILSA), of which interested students can become members. The chapter organises events in close collaboration with the International Law at Westminster research group.

Every year, the Oxford University Press Prize is awarded to the best International Law LLM student.

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

- Postgraduate Dissertation in International Law
- Public International Law

Option modules

- International Criminal Law
- International Energy and Climate Change Law
- International and European Refugee Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law and Development
- International Law of the Sea
- Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes
- United Nations Law

Students may also select one free choice module per term from the courses: Corporate Finance Law LLM, Entertainment Law LLM, International and Commercial Dispute Resolution LLM, International Commercial Law LLM, Religion, Law and Society MA/LLM.

Associated careers

International Law LLM graduates have worked for organisations such as Amnesty International, the United Nations, EU organisations, law and consultancy firms such as Deloitte, professional associations like the European Banking Federation or in legal departments within governments.

After being awarded the LLM, some graduates have undertaken further academic study by doing a research (PhD) degree.





LEGAL PRACTICE LPC/LLM

If you want to practise as a solicitor in England and Wales you will need to complete the Legal Practice Course (LPC) – the vocational stage of training that bridges the gap between academic studies and life in a law firm.

The University of Westminster has a well established reputation for the delivery of solicitors' vocational training and our LLM in Legal Practice (which incorporates Stages 1 and 2 of the LPC) equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to be a successful 21st century lawyer. You may also apply for the Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice, which comprises only the required Stage 1 and 2 LPC.

Distinctive features of the course include:

- Highly experienced and approachable lecturers who are all qualified solicitors or barristers.
- Small, interactive group work, allowing you to benefit from individual guidance and help.
- All sessions are set within a balanced timetable to replicate the tasks undertaken in practice.
- A broad range of Stage 2 electives, reflecting areas of practice from high-street to city firms.
- The opportunity to undertake real client legal work under the supervision of tutors working in the Student Law Clinic.
- A mentoring scheme which pairs you with mentors working in an area you are interested in. Our mentors are predominantly former Westminster LPC students who are now working in an area of legal practice.

The course is taught at our premises in the heart of London's West End and within the vicinity of many law firms.

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westminster.ac.uk/legal-practice-postgraduate-diploma

westminster.ac.uk/legal-practice-llm

Course content

LPC Stage 1:

- Core Practice Areas of Business Law and Practice, Criminal and Civil Litigation and Property Law and Practice
- Professional Conduct and Regulation, Wills and Administration of Estates, Solicitors Accounts and Taxation
- Skills – Practical Legal Research, Interviewing and Advising, Writing, Drafting and Advocacy

LPC Stage 2: electives subjects:

Private client electives:

- Employment Law
- Family Law
- Housing Law
- Immigration Law
- Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

Commercial electives:

- Commercial Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Commercial Property
- Private Acquisitions
- Entertainment and Media

LLM in Legal Practice: Dissertation and Research Modules

- Social Research Methods (2 x 1,000 word assignments)
- 8,000 word Legal Practice dissertation

Associated careers

The course is designed for law graduates who wish to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales; or overseas students to secure a professional qualification within the local jurisdiction. In addition to private practice, graduates go on to work 'in-house' for companies or for local authorities and law centres or within banking and financial services.

RELIGION, LAW AND SOCIETY MA/LLM

Globalisation and immigration have transformed the religious and cultural landscape in 21st century multicultural societies, leading to many challenges and complexities posed by religion in modern democracies. This new course, which is the first of its kind in the UK, addresses those challenges and complexities and will provide you with a framework to engage with issues relating to the place of religion in public life.

The course is not affiliated to any particular faith but takes a broad approach to religion including non-religious beliefs. It will allow you to gain a deeper understanding of the place of religion in society and the role of law. You can choose whether you want to study for the MA or LLM.

Course content

The Religion, Law and Society MA/LLM provides a platform for critical debates around the relevance of religion in modern pluralist societies and the challenges that democratic states face in dealing with religion in the public sphere. Current debates in law and religion include the pursuit of freedom of and from religion; non-discrimination, manifestation of religion and beliefs, church-state relations, religion and democracy as well as the threat of extremism, terrorism and fundamentalism in liberal and pluralist societies.

The programme aims to explore those issues and contribute to a culture of tolerance by encouraging dialogue and critical self-awareness of individuals' personal trajectories. You will be encouraged to challenge your own perception of religion in order to enter into a constructive dialogue. This will be done through respectful debates, peer review, critical thinking and reflection.

The programme draws on interdisciplinary perspectives and offers students a wide range of options from the social sciences such as law, politics, sociology and media. This interdisciplinary perspective will allow you to develop your own theoretical framework for evaluating the interaction between law and religion in modern contemporary societies.

Length of course: one year full-time or two years part-time, starting in September or January
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Entry requirements: see page p192

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page: westminster.ac.uk/religion-law-and-society-ma-llm

Core modules

- Law and Religion Theory and Practice
- Law and Religion in Context
- Sociology of Religion
- MA Dissertation OR LLM Dissertation in Law

Option modules

- MA: 3 options of your choice (from the proposed list)
- LLM: 3 options, one of which must be from Law

Option modules from Law:

- International Human Rights Law
- Islamic Finance
- Internship

Options modules from Politics and International Relations:

- Islam and Politics in the Middle East

Option modules from Media, Arts and Design:

- Diversity in the Media
- Journalism Practice and Inclusive Society

Students may also select up to two free choice modules from the courses: Corporate Finance Law LLM, Entertainment Law LLM, International and Commercial Dispute Resolution LLM, International Commercial Law LLM, International Law LLM.

Associated careers

Destinations for graduates could include academia, government departments, local councils, politics, education, human resources, the legal profession and journalism.

