

Westminster Law School offers an extremely broad and innovative range of postgraduate academic courses. These are aligned to our research strengths and include business, finance, international, human rights, mediation and 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 also linked to one of the School's research centres, many of which look into law in relation to social context, and this research feeds directly into postgraduate teaching. Students are encouraged to get involved as well as attend research seminars as part of our vibrant postgraduate community. Research output at the School 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.



In the latest REF2014 exercise the majority of our research was recognised as being of international quality



CONFLICT PREVENTION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION MA

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 at 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.



Length of course: one year full-time or two years part-time, starting in September or January

Location: Central London (Regent)

Faculty: Social Sciences and Humanities

Course fees and funding: see course web page and westminster.ac.uk/fees

Entry requirements: see page 216

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page: westminster.ac.uk/conflict-prevention-dispute-resolution-ma

Core modules

- Perspectives on Conflicts and Disputes
- Postgraduate Research and Dissertation

Option modules

Criminal Justice

- Comparative and Transnational Criminal Justice
- State Crime: Causes, Contexts and Responses

Public International Law

- Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

Mediation

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

Negotiation

- Conflict Resolution: Negotiation
- Negotiation: Theory, Concepts and Practice

Processes and Law

- Peace Processes and Law

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.

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.

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.



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

Core modules

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

Option modules

- Derivatives and Securities Law
- International Banking Law and Regulation
- International Corporate Governance: Managing Global Risk, Ethics and Cultures
- International Project Finance Law
- Islamic Finance and Securitisation Law
- Legal Project Management
- Money Laundering and Corporate Fraud

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 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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Entry requirements: see page 216

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
- Sports Law

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.



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For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page: 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 within the 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 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.

Foundation subjects

- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Equity and the Law of Trusts
- Land Law
- Law of the European Union
- Legal skills
- Project in Additional Area of Law
- Public Law
- Tort

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.



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.

This course 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). Class sizes are, in general, quite small, and you will be able to mix with students on other Masters courses at 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
- Postgraduate Research and Dissertation



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Option modules

Arbitration

- Comparative Commercial Arbitration: Law and Practice
- Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Construction Adjudication and Arbitration
- The Practice of International Arbitration

Comparative Law

- Comparative Law

Corporate Law

- Multinational Corporate Entities and Foreign Investment

Public International Law

- Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

Mediation

- Restorative Justice: Cultures, Integration and Law

Negotiation

- Negotiation: Theory, Disputes, Contexts, Practice

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:

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 will also be 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.

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.



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

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
- Law of the Internal Market of the European Union
- Law Relating to Payment and Trade Finance
- Legal Aspects of Electronic Commerce
- Multinational Corporate Entities and Direct Investment

Recommended free choice options from other LLM courses:

- Comparative Law
- Comparative Commercial Arbitration: Law and Practice
- Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Energy and Climate Change Law
- International Law of the Sea
- Research Theory and Practice

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

With globalisation, international law is becoming increasingly important and this course prepares you for a future career in the international arena.

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.

Our teaching team is composed of world-renowned scholars that 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.

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

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Core modules

- Postgraduate Dissertation in International Law
- Public International Law

Option modules

- International Criminal Law
- International Energy and Climate Change 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

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.

Westminster Law School 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.

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 Centre. The focus is on experiential learning through reflection, analysis and planning.
- 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 Westminster Law School's newly refurbished state-of-the-art premises in the heart of London's West End and within the vicinity of many law firms.



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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

- Clinical Elective (via the Student Law Centre)
- 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. Students go on to work 'in-house' or for local authorities and law centres or within 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 hosted by Westminster Law School and shares modules with the rest of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities as well as Westminster School of Media, Arts and Design.

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

Location: Central London (Regent)

Faculty: Social Sciences and Humanities

Course fees and funding: see course web page and westminster.ac.uk/fees

Entry requirements: see page 216

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 Westminster School of Law:

- International Human Rights Law
- Islamic Finance
- Terrorism, Law and the State
- Research Theory and Practice
- Internship

Options from Politics and International Relations:

- Islam and Politics in the Middle East

Option modules from Westminster School of Media, Arts and Design

- Diversity in the Media
- Reporting Faith

Associated careers

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

POSTGRADUATE OCCASIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME

Length of course: Variable

Location: Central London (Regent)

Course fees, funding and entry requirements: Variable

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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 classes.

