



Queen's University
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LLM INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW WITH PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT

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LLM International Business Law

This programme is designed to help you set the legal and regulatory regimes around international business and the global economy in the context of broader legal and socio-legal study skills. The LLM will prepare you for a career in the commercial sector, in business, government or in NGOs. You will be proficient in thinking about business on a global scale and the place of law, compliance, corporate social responsibility and trade in our societies.

The programme is open to applicants with a 2.1 or equivalent in Law or a cognate discipline (such as politics, geography, history, sociology, planning, business and commerce or management and finance). If you do not meet these criteria but have two years of relevant work experience or have completed a Masters elsewhere, you may also be eligible for admission.



"The quality of teaching was exceptional... the standards at Queen's University are very high."

Jide Adekuoroye

Programme Structure

The LLM International Business Law with Professional Placement is two years in duration. The first year of the programme follows the traditional Masters programme model and is delivered through a series of taught modules. These taught modules will inform an extended dissertation submission on an original topic. Year two will feature a placement with a UK Law firm and students will be assessed on the completion of a related work-based project.

Compulsory modules

- Company and Commercial Law from a Comparative Perspective
- Issues in Corporate Governance
- Dissertation (15,000-20,000 words)
- Making Knowledge Work

Optional modules

- Finance, Competition and Law
- The Company in Society*
- Trade, Commerce and the Global Economy
- International and Comparative Competition Law
- Digital Financial Services
- Copyright in the Digital Environment

Compulsory methodology modules

- Approaches to Legal Research
- Legal Issues in the Governance of the Firm
- Methods of Legislation

*Note: students will be supported to find a work placement for year two which will be offered by Queen's University partners on a competitive basis.

Assessment – Assessed coursework and dissertation.



Special Features

- QUB Law is ranked in the top 200 Law Schools world-wide (QS World University Rankings 2016/17) and our international reputation is enhanced by the work of our prominent leading academics. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF2014) we are ranked in the top 20 in the UK and 9th in the UK for Law (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017).
- This programme has been specifically designed so that our students can emerge with a deeper appreciation of the place law plays in international business and the global economy.
- This LLM provides a useful qualification and knowledge base for a business, governmental or NGO career relating to governance, compliance, social responsibility or trade.
- Queen's postgraduates reap exceptional benefits. Unique initiatives such as Degree Plus and the Leadership Development Programme which all students are welcome to sign up for bolster our commitment to transferable skills and employability.
- Integration with business experts helps our students gain key leadership positions both nationally and internationally.

Programme Convenor Background



Dr Ciarán O'Kelly's research interests focus on corporate governance and on business and human rights, primarily regarding questions of accountability and corporate personhood.

"The LLM in International Business and Law facilitates your engagement with law's role in the global economy, into the regulatory dynamics of global firms and into the place that corporations play in global societies. Our socio-legal approach allows students to think about international business in the round and to think about law as a core institution in the construction of our economy."

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