Postgraduate Virtual Open Days

LLM in Innovation, Technology and the Law

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Why Edinburgh?

- The University is ranked 27th in the world, 8th in Europe and 5th in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2025)

- We are ranked 13th in the world, 4th in Europe and 4th in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 by subject: law)

- The city of Edinburgh is ranked 13th Best Student City in the world and 2nd in the UK (QS Best Student Cities 2025)

Our Community

- Become part of a diverse and welcoming student community
- Student-led social life: Edinburgh Law School Postgraduate Student Society
- Law School's world-class facilities based in historic Old College

Beyond the classroom

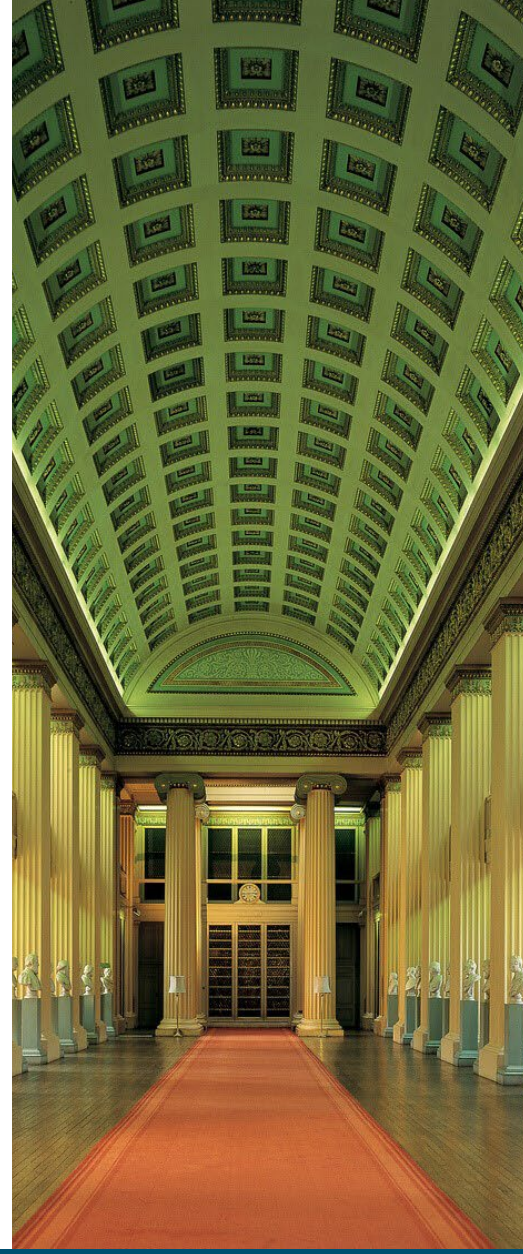
- A world-class library of resources
- Extracurricular lectures and seminars by invited experts
- Student organised social events

LLM in Innovation, Technology and the Law

The LLM in Innovation, Technology and the Law explores the role of the law in regulating and promoting new and emerging technologies.

The courses on offer allow you to examine legal, ethical and regulatory issues in fields such as:

- Information technology
- Intellectual property
- Data protection
- Biotechnology and medical sciences
- Robotics
- Online media and commercial communications



LLM Degree Structure

Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses

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Contingent on successful completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation

Courses

(listed for the 2024-25 academic year)

Core courses (80 – 120 credits)

- The Legal Challenges of Information Technologies (20 credits)
- Information: Control and Power (20 credits)
- International and European Media Law (20 credits)
- Robotics, AI and the Law (20 credits)
- E-Governance, Digital Change and Democratisation (10 credits)
- Human-Computer Interaction and Governance (10 credits)
- Space Law (10 credits)
- Legal Technology and the Justice System (20 credits)
- Software and the Law (20 credits)
- EU Data Protection Law (GDPR) (20 credits)

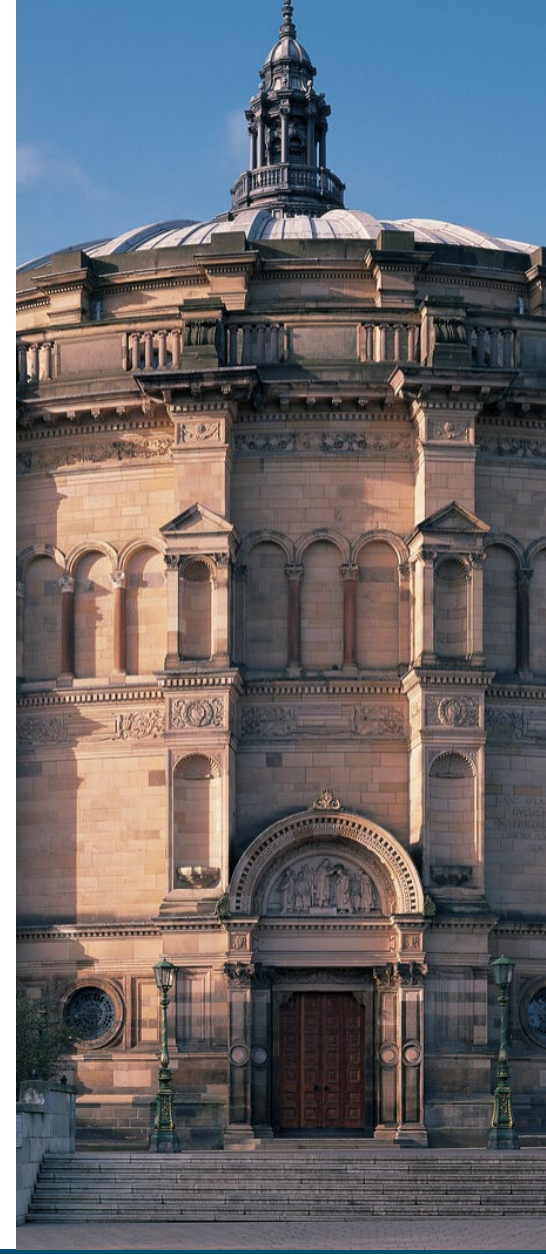
Courses 2024-25 continued

Optional Courses

Select between 0 and 40 credits from the following:

- Intellectual Property Law 2: Industrial Property (20 credits)
- Surveillance and Security (20 credits)
- Fundamental Issues in Medical Jurisprudence (20 credits)
- Contemporary Issues in Medical Jurisprudence (20 credits)
- Cybercrime and Cyber Security (20 credits)
- Shaping and Regulating Modern Healthcare (10 credits)
- Clinical Negligence and the Law (10 credits)
- Reproduction and the Law (20 credits)

Students may also select up to 40 credits from level 11 courses in the Law School

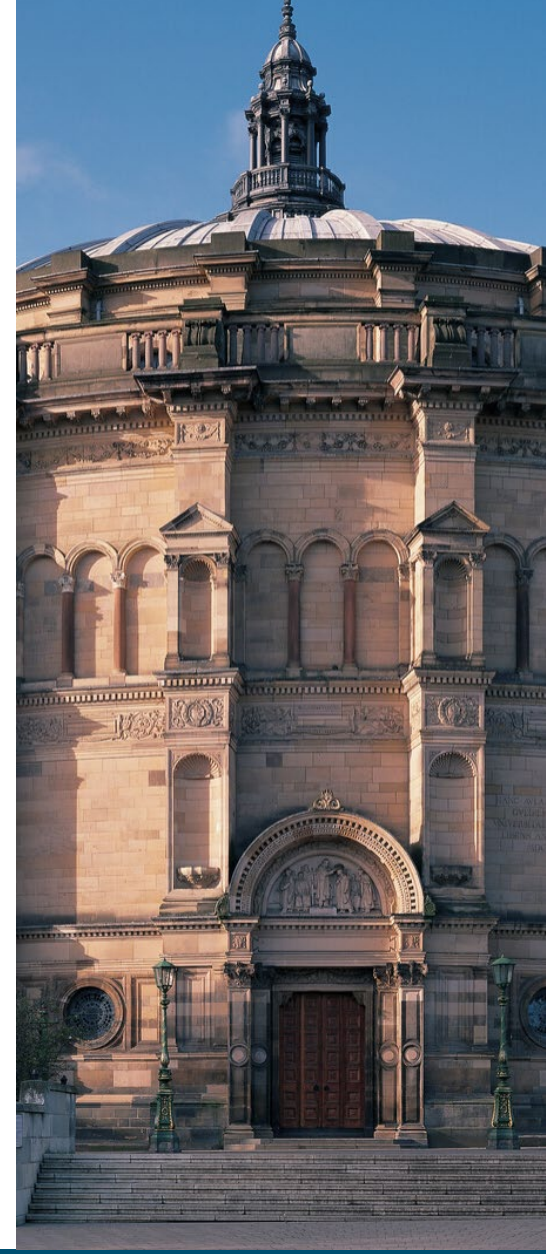


Dissertation (60 credits)

- Approved topic in the field of Innovation, Technology and the Law
- 10,000 words
- Written between April-August
- Structured supervision to support your independent scholarly research
- An excellent foundation for doctoral research

How you will learn

- Weekly two-hour interactive seminars per semester for each subject
- Active participation in discussions and advance reading expected
- Classes may also involve lectures, class debates, individual presentations, or group exercises for example.
- No exams
- Courses use a range of take-home assessments (e.g. essays, reports) or in-class work (oral presentations, class participation).



Sources of support during your studies

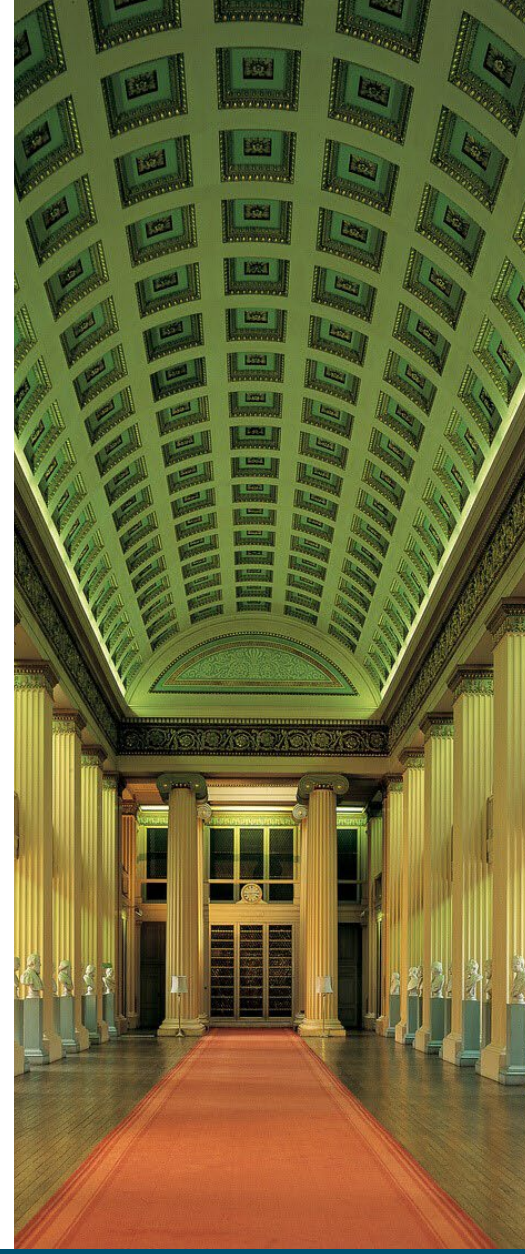
- Student Advisor
- Postgraduate Team
- Institute for Academic Development
- English Language Education
- Careers Service
- The Advice Place
- Student Wellbeing Service
- IT Support

Career opportunities

Our students take up a range of career paths after completing the LLM in Innovation, Technology and the Law. These include:

- research or academia;
- specialist legal professional work, for instance in the field of data protection, security, or developing technologies;
- work for the civil service and regulatory bodies, such as competition authorities.

For some of our students it provides an opportunity to re-orient their career paths within an existing institution and we have students joining us from international organisations or with experience of government who wish to deepen or broaden their expertise further.



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Thank you
Any questions?

You can find a lot of useful information about the programme and how to apply on the Edinburgh Law School website.

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