

Postgraduate Virtual Open Days

LLM in European 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



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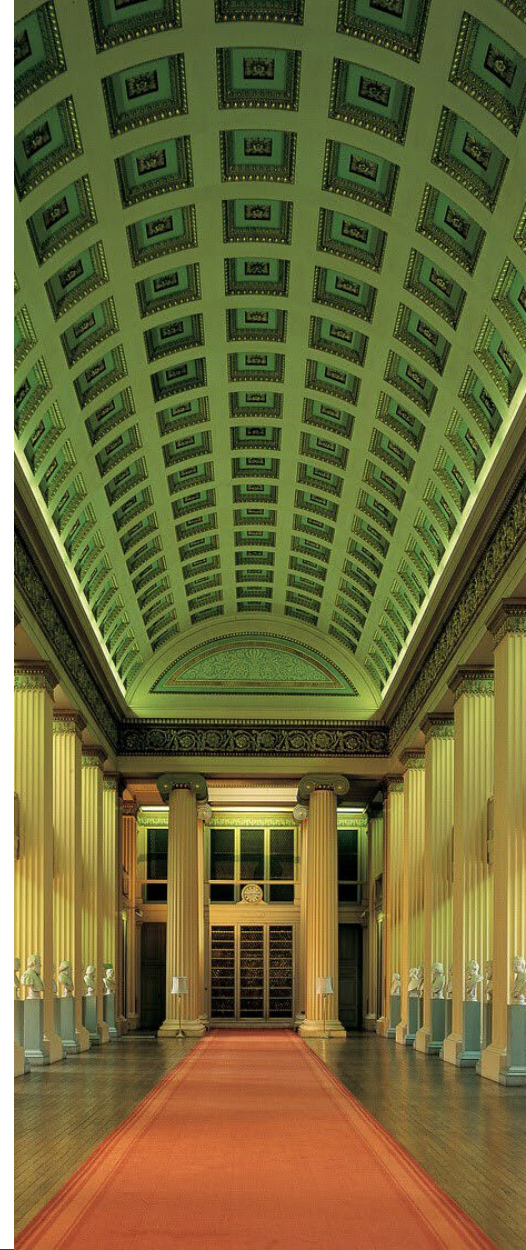
Beyond the classroom

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



LLM in European Law

- A dynamic field covering a wide range of topics, including migration, human rights, crime, and digital technology
- An ideal stepping stone to a career in law, business, politics or policy within the EU or beyond
- Teaching delivered by leading academics and legal practitioners
- A unique perspective from the pro-EU capital of a former Member State



The Europa Institute

- The UK's first research centre dedicated to the study of European integration (established in 1968)
- A world-leading centre for research on European law
- A regular programme of events featuring leading voices from the world of European law



LLM Degree Structure

Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful
completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation



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Courses

(subject to changes in 2025/26)

Core courses (minimum 80 credits):

- Citizenship in Europe (20 credits)
- EU Competition Law (40 credits)
- EU Criminal Law (20 credits)
- EU External Economic Relations Law (20 credits)
- EU Immigration and Asylum Law (20 credits)
- Human Rights Law in Europe (20 credits)
- The Values of the European Union: A Legal Perspective (20 credits)
- The Law of Integration in the 21st Century: the case of the EU (20 credits)



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Optional courses (up to 40 credits, subject to availability):

- Climate Change Litigation: Practice and Theory (20 credits)
- Contract Law in Europe (20 credits)
- EU Data Protection Law (20 credits)
- International and European Media Law (20 credits)
- Regulation of International Finance: The Law, the Economics, the Politics (20 credits)
- The Legal Challenges of Information Technologies (20 credits)
- Transnational Waste Law and Circular Economy (20 credits)

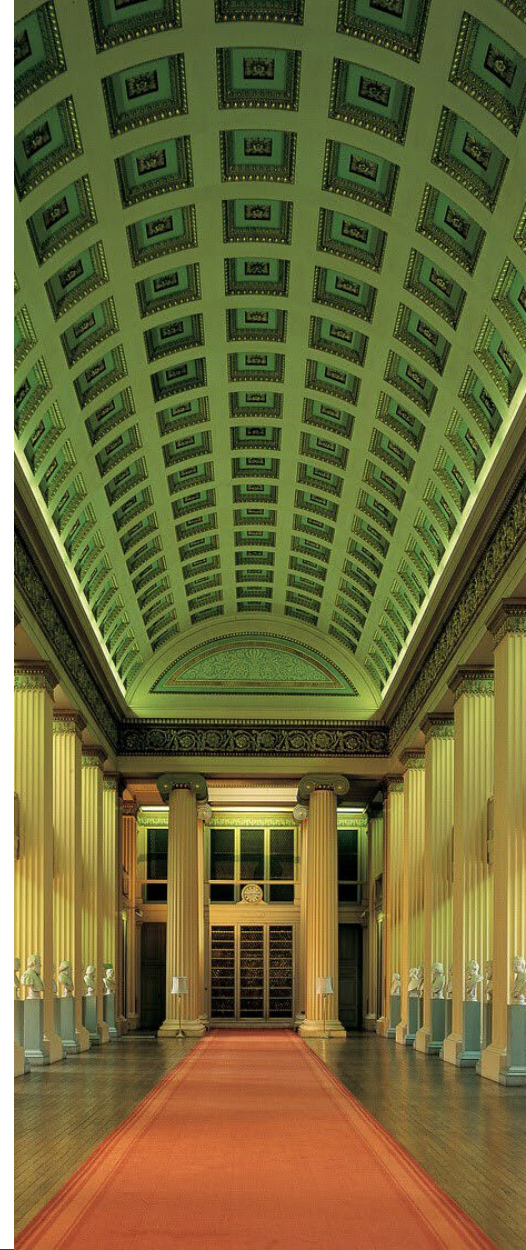


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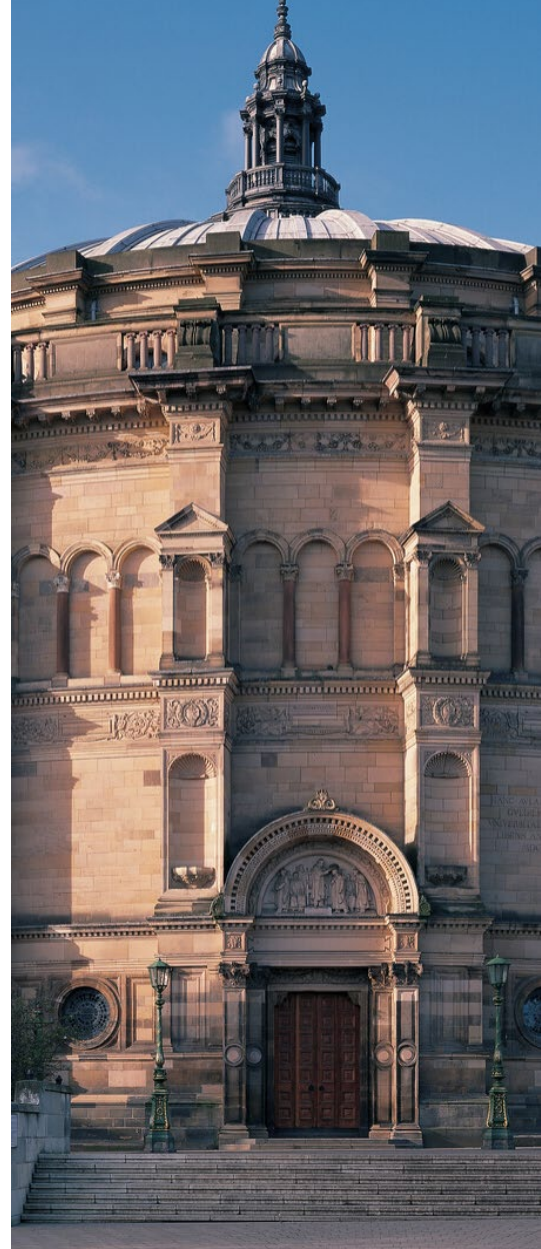
Dissertation (60 credits)

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



How you will learn

- Weekly two-hour interactive seminars for each course
- Active participation in discussions and advance reading expected
- Classes may also involve individual presentations or group exercises
- 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



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Career opportunities

Our graduates develop dynamic careers in academia, legal professions, institutions, and beyond. Over the past 3 years, the LLM in European Law has seen graduates (6 months after graduation) reporting as:

- Legal Trainee in the European Commission
- Research Assistant with Europe Analytica
- Policy Assistant with Amnesty International
- Policy Advisor with the Confederation of British Industry
- Blue Book trainee with the European Commission
- Legal Intern with the International Criminal Court at The Hague.

We have also recently launched an EU Law Alumni Group with members in Brussels, Luxembourg, and beyond.



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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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