

Postgraduate Virtual Open Days

LLM in Comparative
Private 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)
- The city of Edinburgh is ranked 13th Best Student City in the world and 2nd in the UK (QS Best Student Cities 2025)
- As a mixed jurisdiction, Scots private lawyers are, by nature, legally “multi-lingual”.



Our Community

- A small, genuine community of comparative private law students.
- Drawn from Europe, South America, East Asia but also from Ireland and the United Kingdom.
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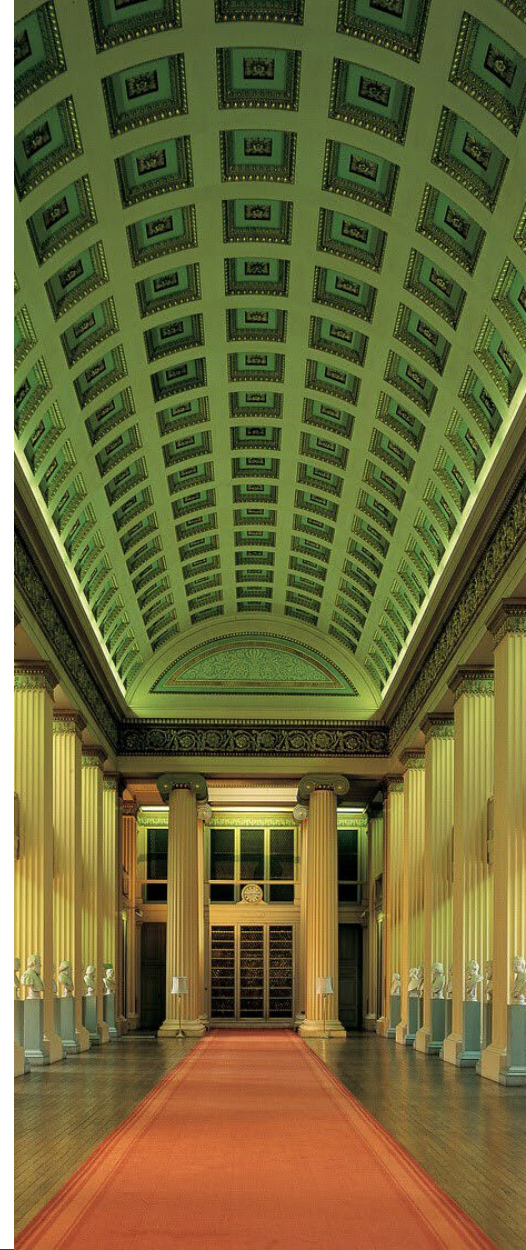
Supporting your work in the classroom

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



Why study Comparative Private Law?

- This is a unique programme in the UK.
- It allows you to study core and non-traditional areas of private law from a comparative perspective across both the common and civil law tradition.
- Theoretical perspectives on the law are encouraged.
- The programme is academically rigorous and is taught by leading experts in the field.

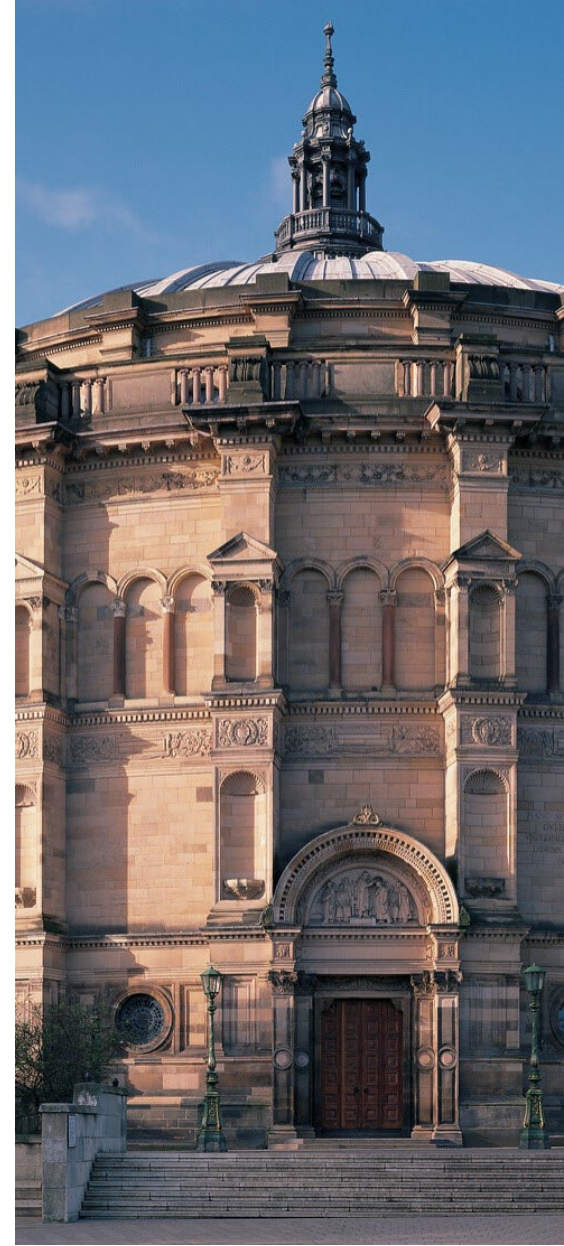


Why study law from a comparative perspective?

Anyone envisaging a career with an international dimension will need to engage not just with foreign laws and foreign legal concepts, but will also be confronted with different legal cultures.

We provide an accessible entry point to common law systems.

We are often a bridge towards PhD study.



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Edinburgh Centre for Private Law

- Students are strongly encouraged to attend the programme of research seminars through the year.
- Festival of Private Law
- Edinburgh Private Law Blog:
www.blogs.law.ed.ac.uk/private-law/



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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

(Provisional list of course for 2025-26 academic year)

Core courses – select between 80 and 120 credits

- Fundamentals of Comparative Law (20 credit)
- Delict and Tort (20 credits)
- Comparative Property Law (20 credits)
- Comparative and International Trust Law (20 credits)
- Child Law in Comparative Perspectives (20 credits)
- Contract Law in Europe (20 credits)
- Comparative Statutory Interpretation (20 credits)



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Courses continued

Optional Courses – up to 40 credits

Students on the Comparative Private Law LLM have the option to select up to 40 credits from the wider course offering in the Law School (depending on availability).

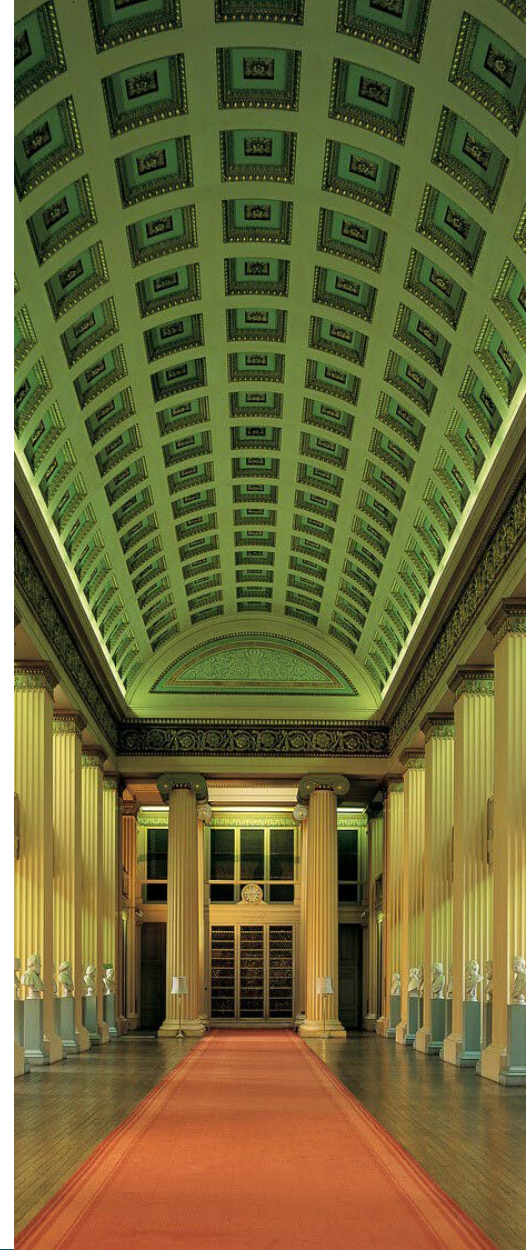


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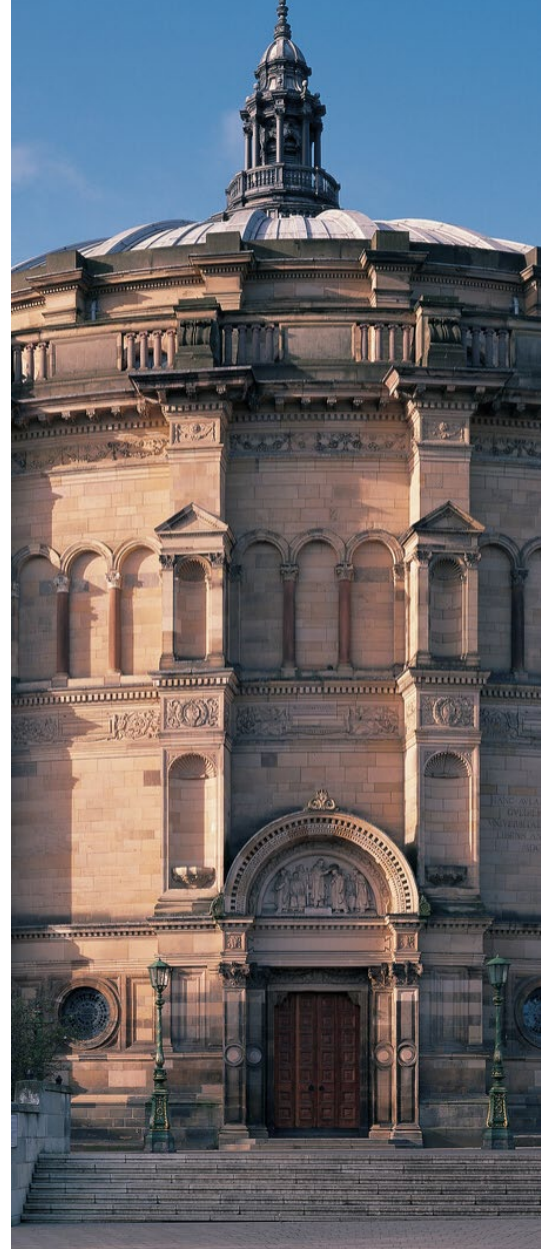
Dissertation (60 credits)

- Approved topic in the field of Comparative Private Law
- 10,000 words
- Written between April-August
- Structured supervision to support your independent scholarly research
- Opportunity to present your preliminary ideas at the Festival of Private Law
- 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).



Career opportunities

- Provides an excellent foundation for a career in legal practice in national and transnational law firms or employment in international organisations.
- It also offers a strong basis for further postgraduate research in private law and the growing fields of Comparative Private Law whether in the UK, in Europe or beyond.
- Our students have established or continued their careers in legal practice as well as academia, but also the public sector.



Sources of support during your studies

- Programme Director as the Academic Leader of the cohort
- Student Advisor
- Postgraduate Team
- English Language Education
- Careers Service
- The Advice Place
- Student Wellbeing Service
- IT Support





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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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