Postgraduate Online Learning Open Days 2025

LLM in Information Technology Law

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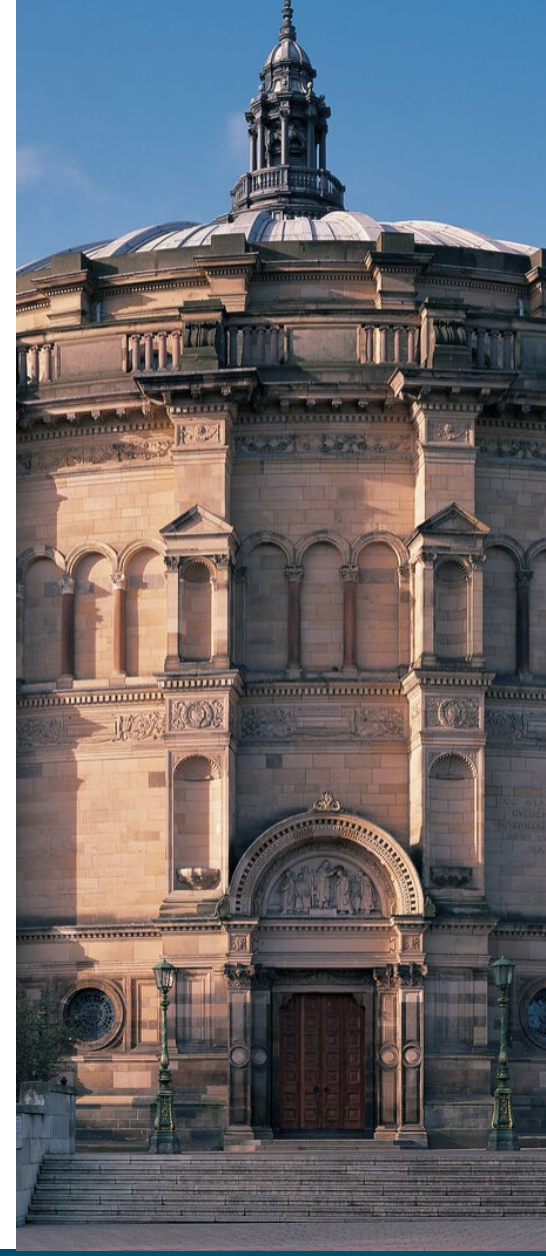
The University of Edinburgh

- Founded in 1583
- Law School established in 1707
- The University is ranked 27th in the world, 8th in Europe and 5th in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2025)
- We are ranked 4th in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education (THE) World University 2025 Subject Rankings)
- We have been offering LLM degrees by online learning since 2005



Key features of our online programmes

- Internationally recognised qualification
- Study when it's convenient for you
- Study from anywhere in the world
- Flexible study options
- Taught by leading academics conducting cutting-edge research
- International, professional online community

Key information

- Choose to study over 12, 20, 24, 32 or 36 months
- September and January start dates
- Study six courses over chosen study duration
- Coursework based, no examinations
- Complete 10,000 word dissertation
- No requirement to travel to the University

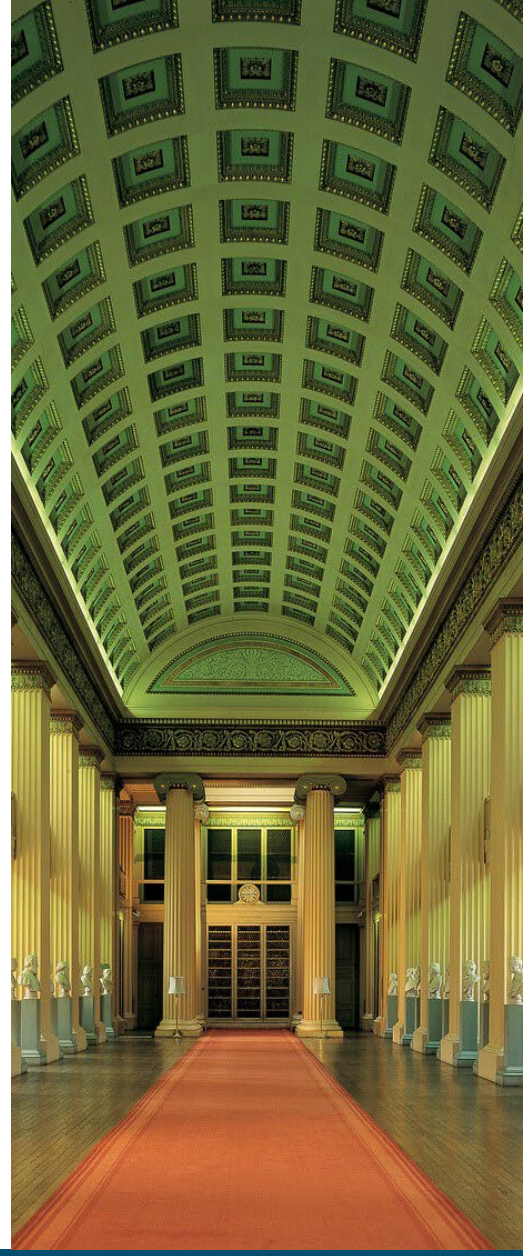
LLM degree structure

Basic requirements - completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses

Contingent on successful completion of taught element

60 credits in through a dissertation



The LLM in Information Technology Law

Focus on the regulatory framework that governs information technology within international, European and domestic settings.

The programme covers a range of topics including:

- regulatory approaches to information technology
- cloud computing
- Data protection, information rights & online privacy
- media law
- e-commerce
- Intellectual Property law
- Robotics and AI

Courses for the 2025-26 academic year

Core courses (select between 80 and 120 credits)

- Regulation of autonomous systems: the law of robotics (20 credits)
- EU Data Protection Law (20 credits)
- International and European Law of the Media (20 credits)
- Space Law and Policy (20 credits)
- Software and the Law (20 credits)
- E-Commerce Law (20 credits)

Courses continued

Optional courses – Group B (select between 0 and 40 credits)

- European Competition and Innovation (20 credits)
- Mental Health Law (20 credits)
- Ethics of Health Technologies (20 credits)

Courses continued

Optional courses – Group C (select between 0 and 20 credits)

- Contract Law in Europe (20 credits)
- International Commercial Arbitration (20 credits)
- Dispute Resolution Methods (20 credits)
- Corporate Compliance: Case Studies in Law & Ethics (20 credits)
- Comparative and International Corporate Governance (20 credits)
- International law, human rights and corporate accountability (20 credits)
- The Fundamentals of Law and Medical Ethics (20 credits)
- Fundamentals in Bioethics (20 credits)
- Law and Ethics at the Start and End of Life (20 credits)
- Banking and Financial Law: Case Studies (20 credits)
- Public Health Ethics (20 credits)

Studying online

- Two 10-week semesters
- Asynchronous study
- Class sizes typically 15 to 25 students.
- Participation in weekly online discussions and activities (over 10 weeks). Interaction with tutors and classmates.
- Set reading (e.g. textbook chapter, articles, case law).
- Assessment typically:
  - 60% - essay (4,000 words)
  - 40% - shorter written exercise (1,000 words)
- Please note assessments will vary from course to course.

Staff profiles

- Mr Nicolas Jondet - Teaching Fellow in Information Technology Law
- Professor Burkhard Schafer - Professor of Computational Legal Theory
- Dr Rachael Craufurd Smith - Reader in EU Law
- Ms Judith Rauhofer - Senior Lecturer in IT Law
- Dr Paolo Cavaliere – Senior Lecturer in Digital Media & IT Law
- Dr Lachlan Urquhart - Senior Lecturer in Technology Law and Human-Computer Interaction
- Ms Jane Cornwell - Senior Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law

Student support

- Student Advisor/Online Learning Team in first instance
- The University offers wide-ranging services to students including disability support, mental health and wellbeing, financial, study skills and learning resources etc
- Important to make use of the specialist support services

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Thank you
Any questions?

If any questions come to mind later, you're also welcome to email LLM.online@ed.ac.uk

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