

Postgraduate Online Learning Open Days 2024

LLM in Innovation,
Technology and the Law

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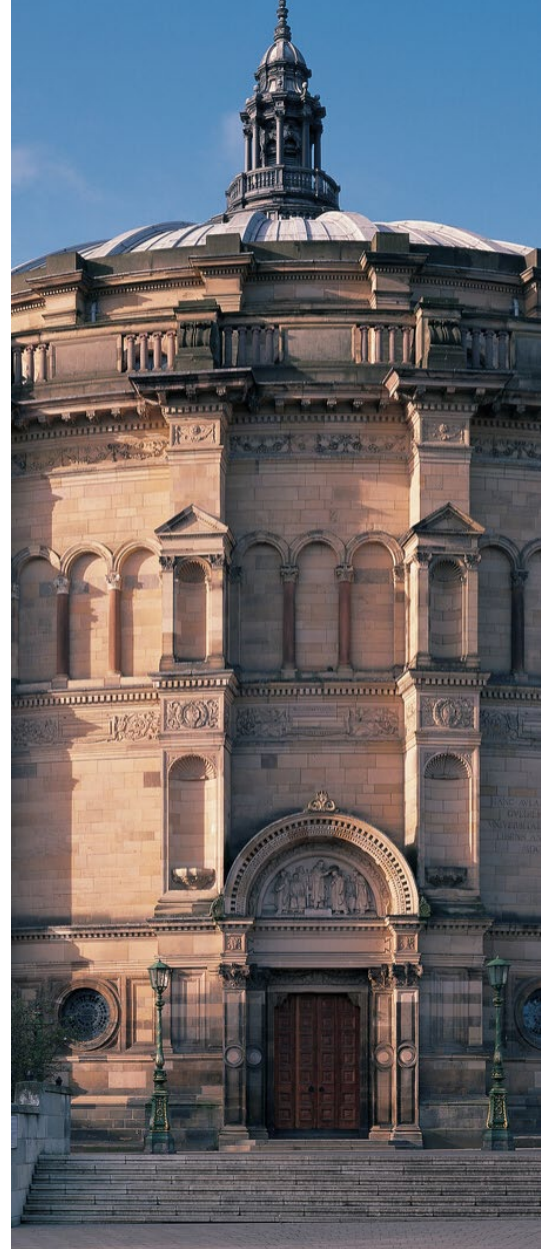
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The University of Edinburgh

- 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



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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



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The LLM in Innovation, Technology and the Law

Explores how the law responds to, regulates, and promotes new and emerging technologies.

- Analyse new technologies, examining their legally sensitive areas.
- Evaluate innovations and assess their nature and impact in relation to the law.
- Study different modes of regulation: the law, the markets and the technology itself.
- Examine the potential of technology to support legal and judicial processes.



LLM degree structure

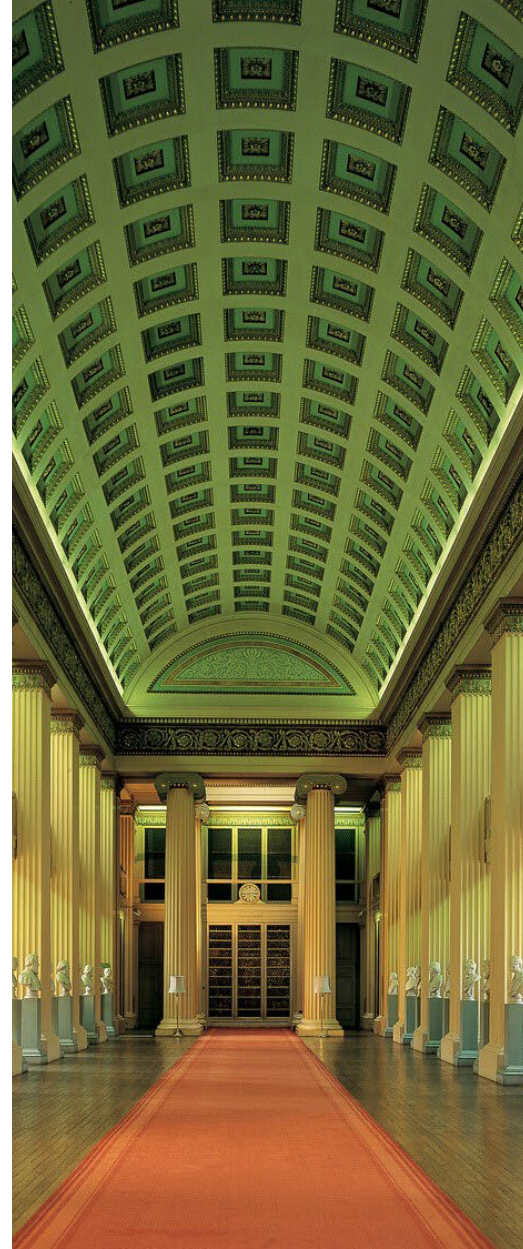
Basic requirements - completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful
completion of taught element

60 credits in through a dissertation



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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.



Courses for the 2025-26 academic year

IP, Media and Technology Courses – Group A

Sub-group 1 (select between 0 and 60 credits)

- EU Data Protection Law (20 credits)
- International & European Law of the Media (20 credits)
- Space Law and Policy (20 credits)
- E-Commerce Law (20 credits)

Sub-group 2 (select between 0 and 40 credits)

- Regulation of autonomous systems: the law of robotics (20 credits)
- Software and the Law (20 credits)



Courses continued

Health, Medical Law and Ethics – Group B

Select between 0 and 40 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)
- Public Health Ethics (20 credits)
- Mental Health Law (20 credits)
- Ethics of Health Technologies (20 credits)



Courses continued

Commercial Law – Group C

(select between 0 and 40 credits)

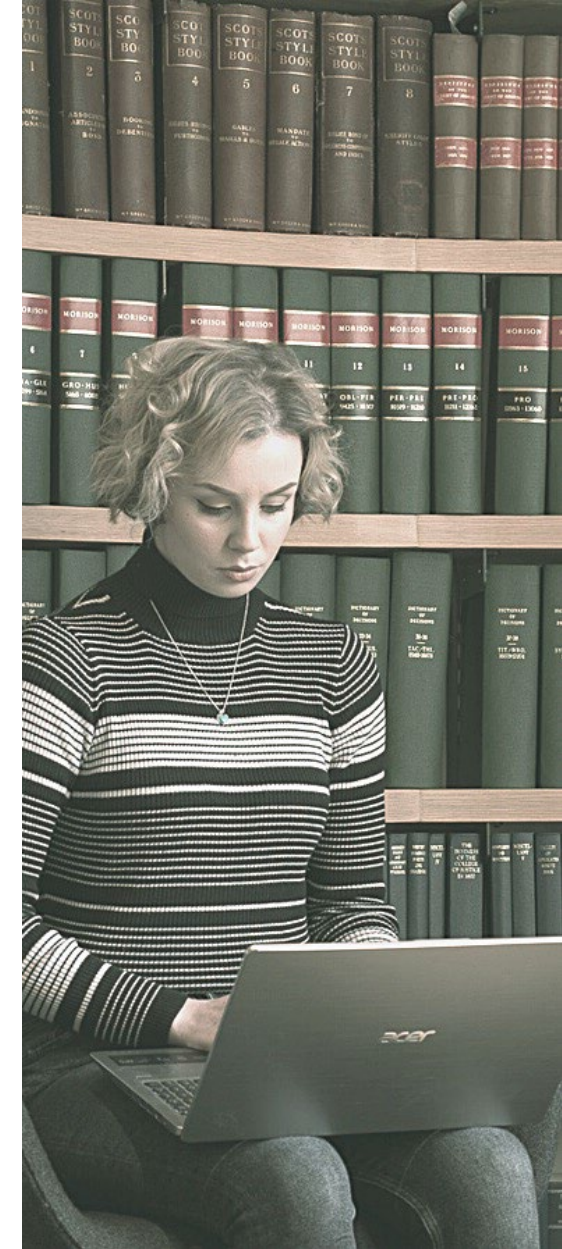
- Contract Law in Europe (20 credits)
- International Commercial Arbitration (20 credits)
- Dispute Resolution Methods (20 credits)
- European Competition and Innovation (20 credits)
- Corporate Compliance: Case Studies in Law & Ethics (20 credits)
- Comparative and International Corporate Governance (20 credits)
- International law, human rights and corporate accountability (20 credits)
- Banking and Financial Law: Case Studies (20 credits)



Dissertation

- Process starts in February of your final year of study
- Online dissertation fair lasting 2 weeks in March
- Topic proposals
- Allocation of topic and supervisor
- Pay attention to the limitations that apply to the LLM when choosing your topics
- 3-month supervision process including 3 scheduled meetings with your supervisor
- August submission deadline

Worth 60 credits - 10,000 words maximum



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Programme Staff

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Dr Emmanuel Oke - Senior Lecturer in International Intellectual Property Law

Dr Smita Kheria - Senior Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law

Ms Jane Cornwell - Senior Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law

Dr Lachlan Urquhart - Senior Lecturer in Technology Law and Human-Computer Interaction

Ms Judith Rauhofer - Senior Lecturer in IT Law

Professor Burkhard Schafer - Professor of Computational Legal Theory

Mr Gerard Porter - Senior Lecturer in Medical Law & Ethics **Dr Rachael Craufurd Smith** - Reader in EU Law

Dr Agomoni Ganguli-Mitra - Senior Lecturer in Bioethics and Global Health Ethics

Dr Amandine Leonard - Early Career Fellow in Intellectual Property Law



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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