

Postgraduate Online Learning Open Days 2025

LLM in International Commercial Law and Practice

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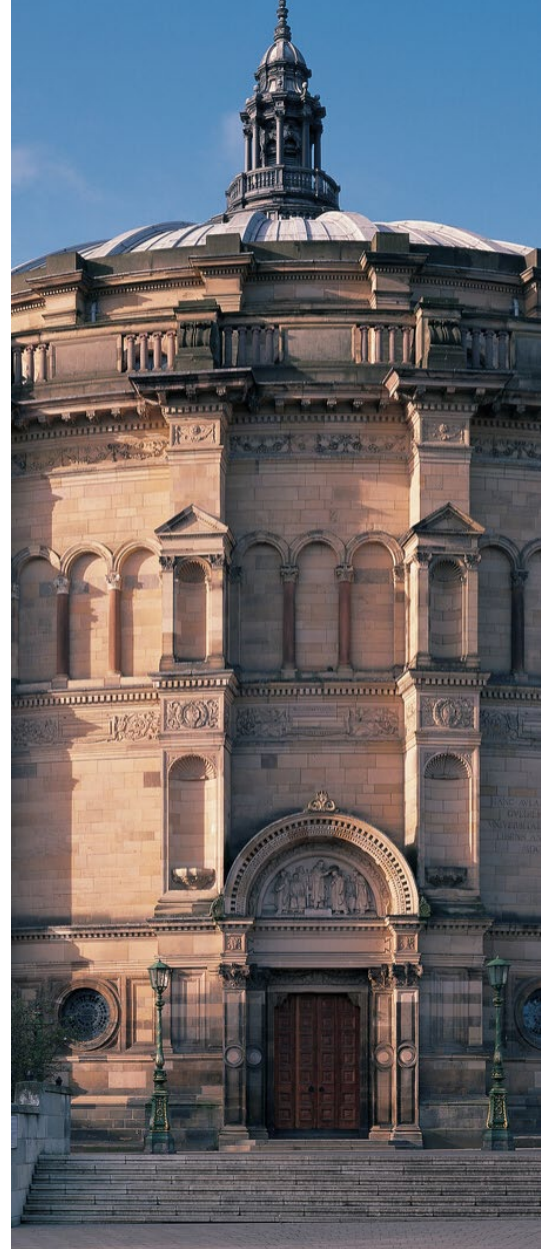
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The University of Edinburgh

- 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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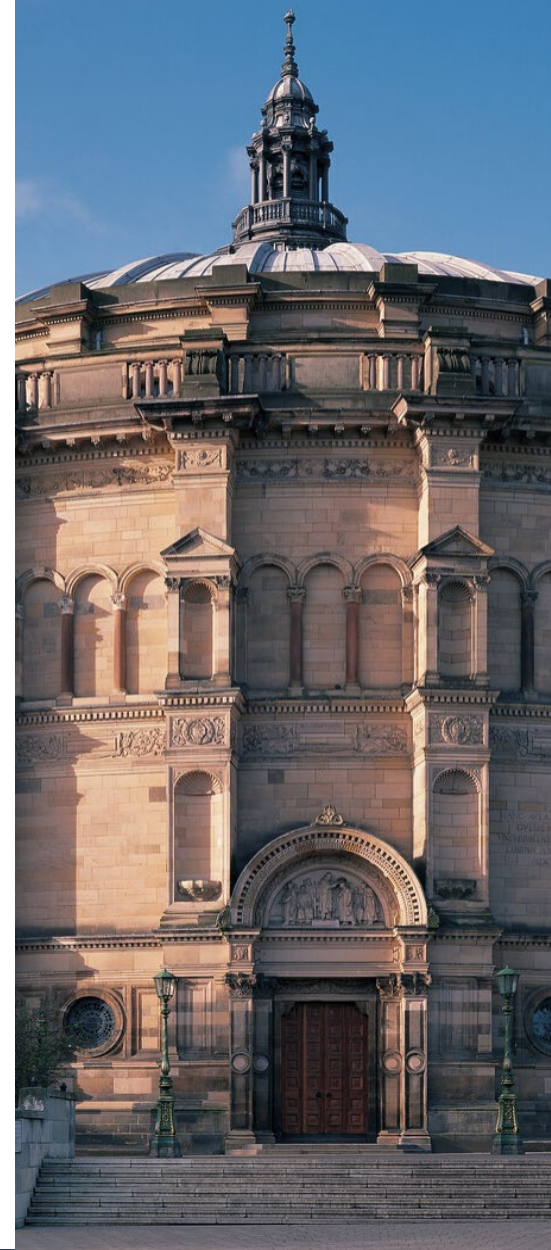
Key information

- 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



The LLM in International Commercial Law and Practice

- The LLM aims to help you understand the international context in which business currently operates.
- It focuses on legal responses to the developments shaping international commerce today.
- Covers regulatory and policy-based aspects on international commercial law as well as enabling a focus on specific areas, such as corporate law.



LLM degree structure

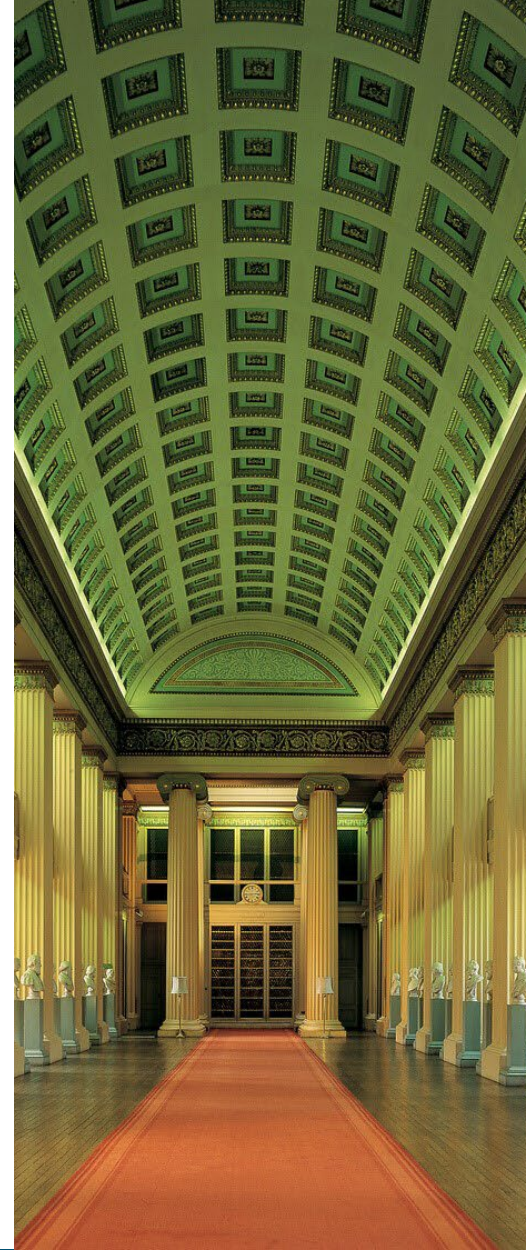
Basic requirements - completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful
completion of taught element

60 credits in through a dissertation



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Courses for the 2025-26 academic year

Core courses – Group A (select between 80 and 120 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)



Courses continued

Optional courses – Group B (0 to 40 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)
- Mental Health Law (20 credits)
- Space Law and Policy (20 credits)
- Software and the Law (20 credits)



Courses continued

Optional courses – Group C* (0 to 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)
- Public Health Ethics (20 credits)
- Ethics of Health Technologies (20 credits)
- E-Commerce Law (20 credits)

*Please note that a course from this collection can only be taken with the approval of your Programme Director.



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:
 - essay (4,000 words)
 - shorter written exercise (1,000 words) or class discussion portfolio
- Please note assessments will vary from course to course.



Dissertation

- Worth 60 credits - 10,000 words max
- Process starts in February of your final year of study
- Writing timeline: April to August
- Topic proposals
- Allocation of topic and supervisor
- Pay attention to the limitations that apply to the programme when choosing your topics
- 3 month supervision process including three scheduled meetings with your supervisor



Programme staff

Andrew McLean – competition law, corporate law, law and political economy

Jonathan Hardman - commercial law, company law, law and economics

Lorna Richardson – contract law, commercial contract law

Simone Lamont-Black - private law of international trade and carriage of goods, international commercial dispute resolution

Remus Valsan - fiduciary law, comparative corporate law and governance, law and economics, and trust law.

Burkhard Schafer - interaction between law, science and computer technology, computer linguistics

Johanna Hoekstra – international commercial arbitration & dispute resolution

Dr Arianna Andreangeli -- European Law, EU competition law

Marie Gerardin – corporate law and banking 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