

Postgraduate Online Learning Open Days 2025

LLM in Law / PG
Certificate in Law

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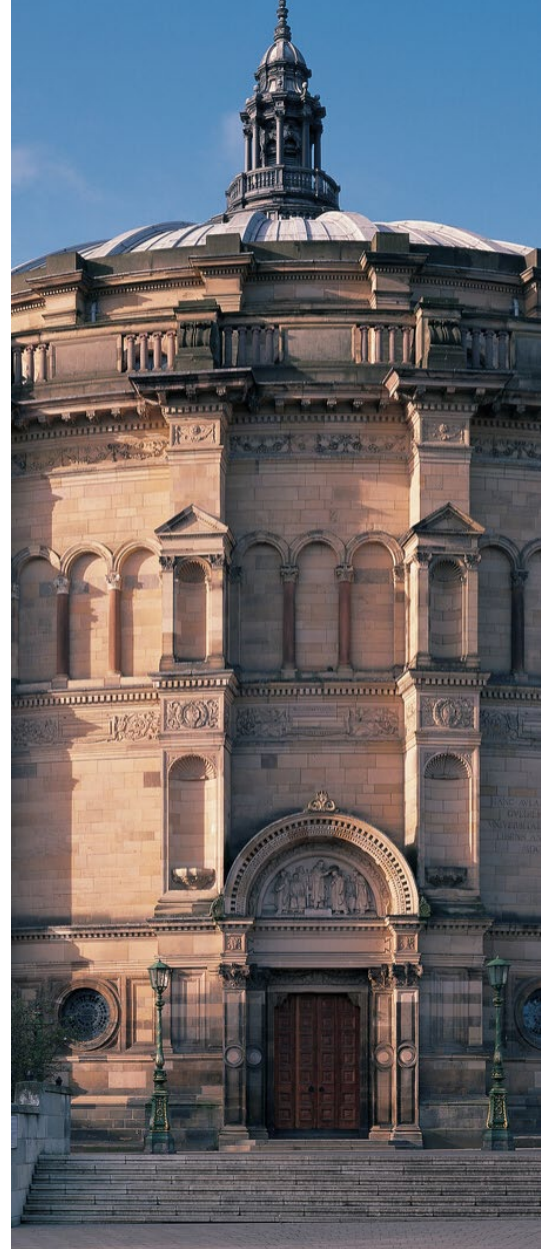
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The University of Edinburgh

- 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 – LLM in Law

- 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 Law / PG Cert in Law

Gives you the opportunity to tailor the programme to your professional and personal interests

Choose from courses from a wide range of subject areas including:

- Commercial Law
- Information Technology Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Medical Law

An element of specialisation is possible



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LLM degree structure

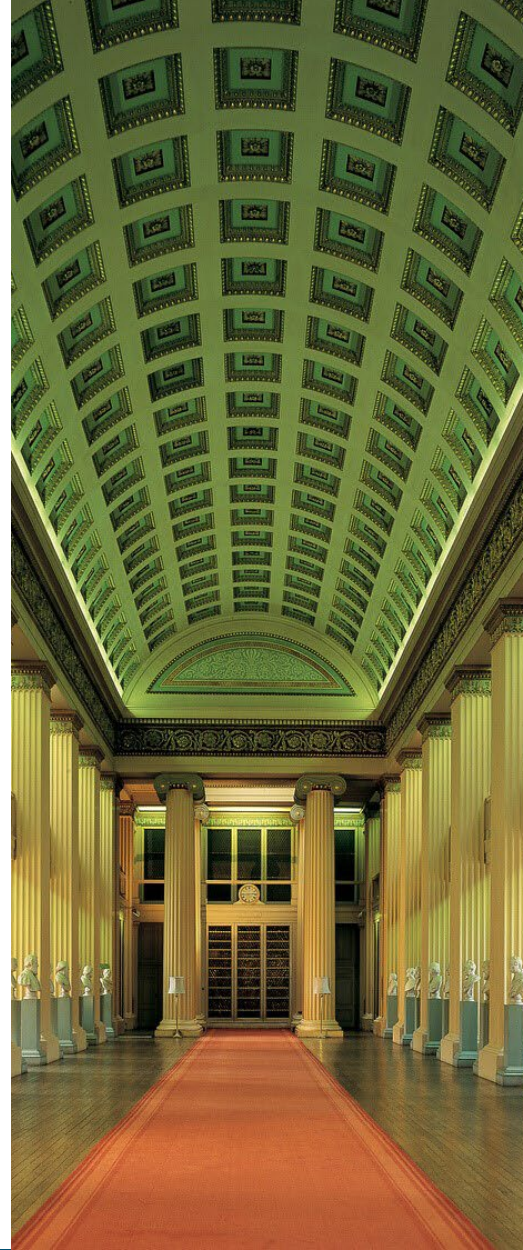
Basic requirements - completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful
completion of taught element

60 credits in through a dissertation



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Courses for the 2025-26 academic year

A maximum of 60 credits (3 courses) may be selected from any one of Groups A, B and C

Group A includes Commercial Law courses

Group B includes Medical Law courses

Group C includes Intellectual Property, Media & Technology Law courses

An element of specialisation



Group A: Commercial Law

A maximum of 60 credits (3 courses) may be selected from the following:

- 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)



Group B: Medical Law

Students may select up to 60 credits from this group:

40 credits from Sub-group 1, and up to 20 credits from Sub-group 2

Sub-group 1:

- Public Health Ethics (20 credits)
- Mental Health Law (20 credits)
- Ethics of Health Technologies (20 credits)

Sub-group 2:

- Law and Ethics at the Start and End of Life (20 credits)
- The Fundamentals of Law and Medical Ethics (20 credits)
- Fundamentals in Bioethics (20 credits)



Group C: Intellectual Property, Media & Technology Law

Students may select up to 60 credits from this group:

40 credits from Sub-group 1, and up to 20 credits from Sub-group 2

Sub-group 1:

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

Sub-group 2:

- Regulation of autonomous systems: the law of robotics (20 credits)
- Software and the Law (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). Text-based interaction with tutors and classmates.
- Set reading (e.g. textbook chapter, articles, case law).
- Assessment typically:
 - Formative essay
 - 60% - essay (4,000 words)
 - 40% - shorter written exercise (1,000 words)
- Please note assessments will vary from course to course.



Dissertation (LLM only)

- 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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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