Postgraduate Online Learning Open Days 2025

Studying for an LLM by online learning at Edinburgh Law School

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Overview of session

- Introduction to the University of Edinburgh
- Online learning at Edinburgh Law School
- Key features of our programmes
- The LLM degree - structure and key information
- Studying online
- Key information about applying to study with us
- Questions

The University of Edinburgh

- Founded in 1583
- Law School established in 1707
- The University is ranked 22nd in the world, 6th in Europe and 5th in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2024)
- We are ranked 4th in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education (THE) World University 2024 Subject Rankings)
- We have been offering LLM degrees by online learning since 2005

Edinburgh Law School

Offering LLM degrees, online, since 2005

Programmes available in 2025-26:

- LLM in Information Technology Law
- LLM in Innovation, Technology and the Law
- LLM in International Commercial Law and Practice
- LLM in Law
- LLM in Medical Law and Ethics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Law

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

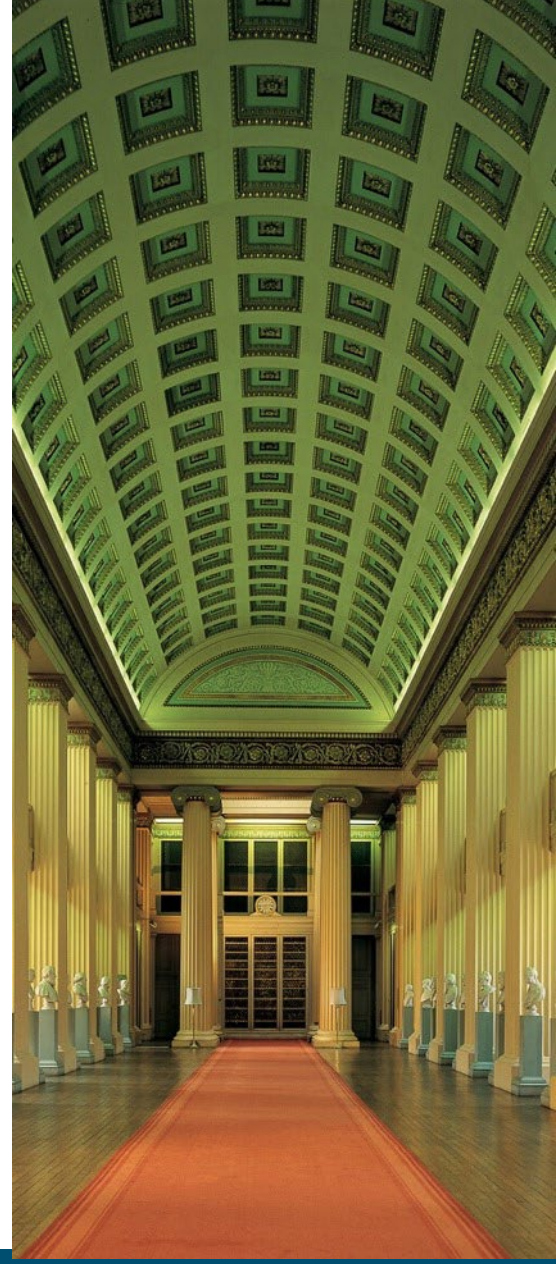
International community

150 students in over 50 countries around the world

Key information

Core courses (select between 80 and 120 credits)

- Choose to study over 12, 20, 24, 32 or 36 months
- September and January start dates
- Study 120 credit points of 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 through a dissertation

Postgraduate Certificate in Law

- Flexible qualification
- Study masters-level courses without the full commitment of an LLM
- Stepping-stone towards an LLM

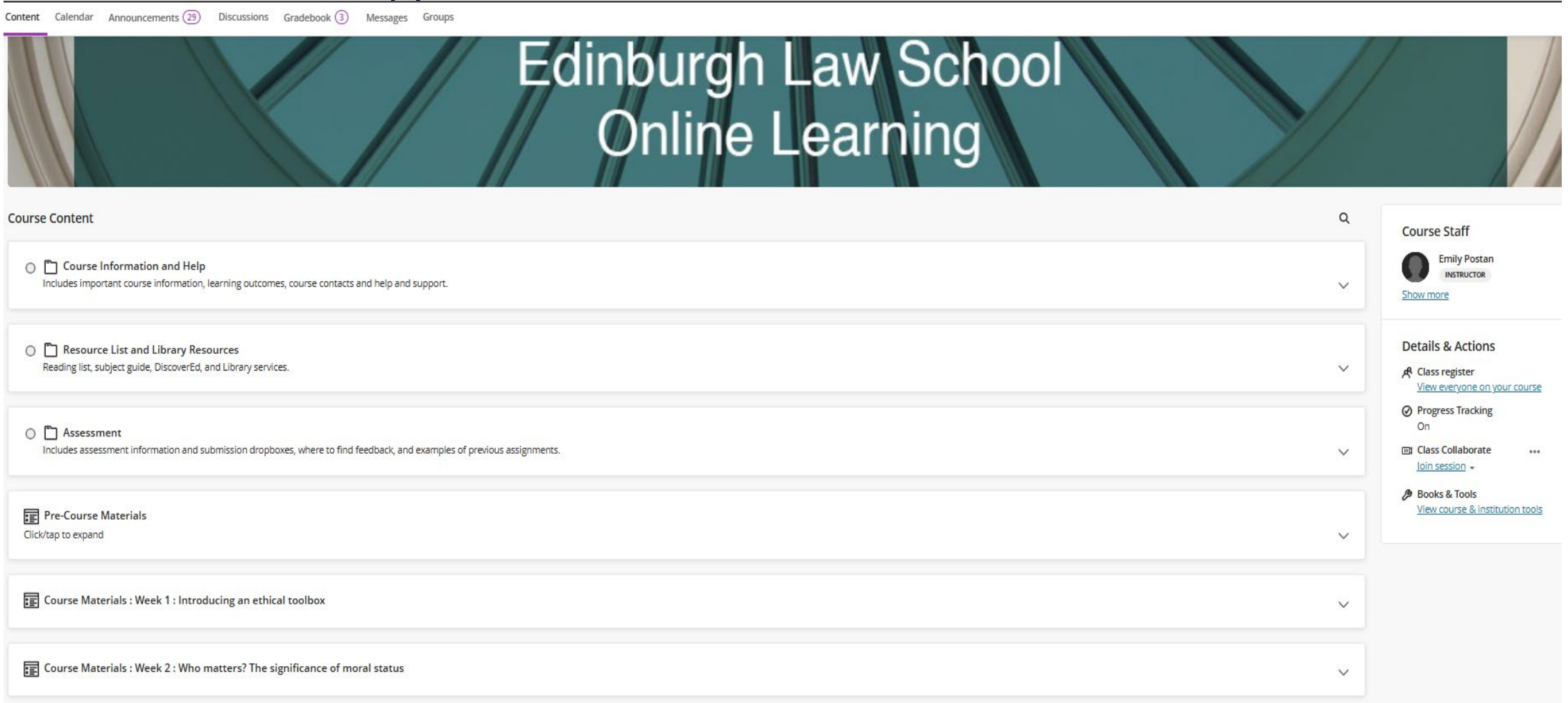
Studying online

- Two 10-week semesters
- Asynchronous study
- Preparatory reading
- Reflection on study material
- Participation and engagement
- Plan time

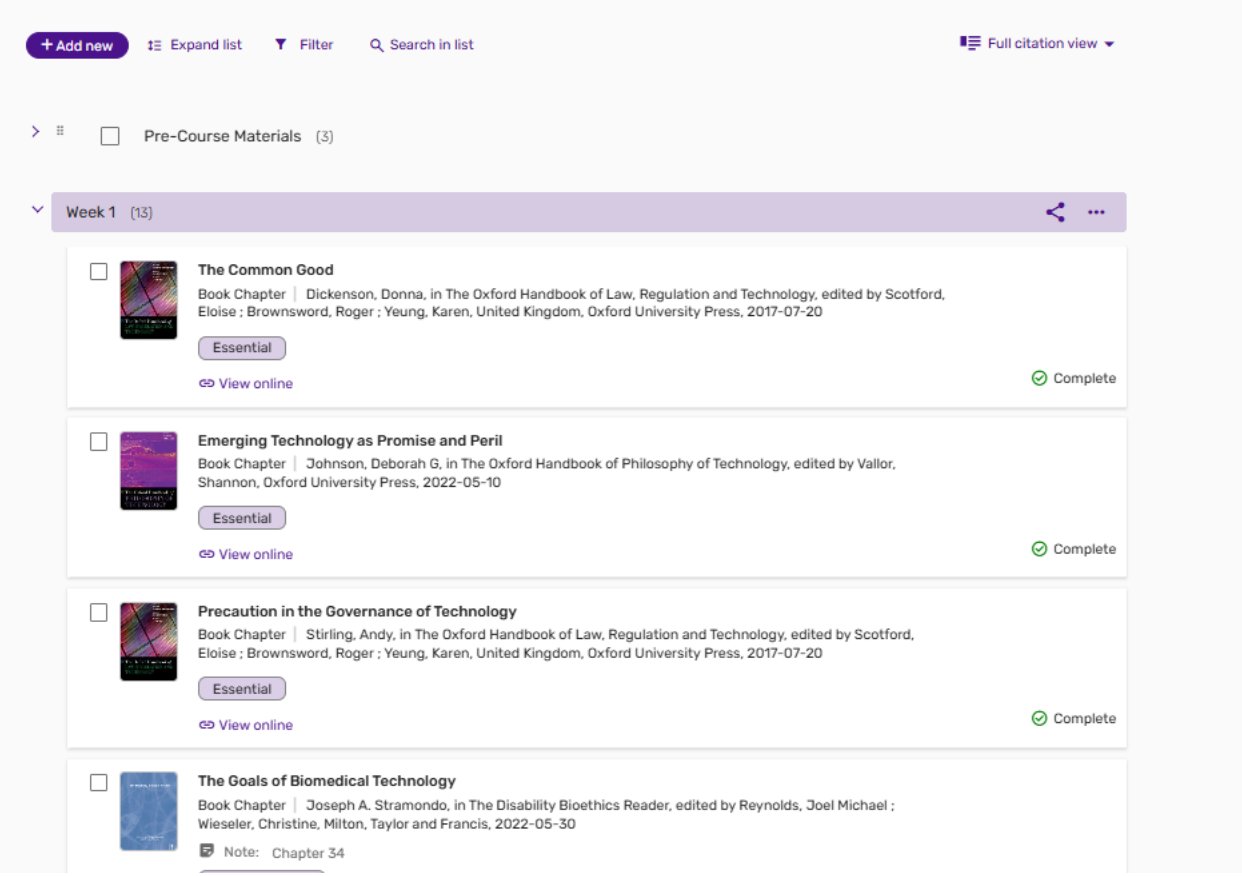
Induction and self-study materials

- Introduction to legal study and the Western legal tradition
- Legal research skills
- Study guidelines

Online learning environment



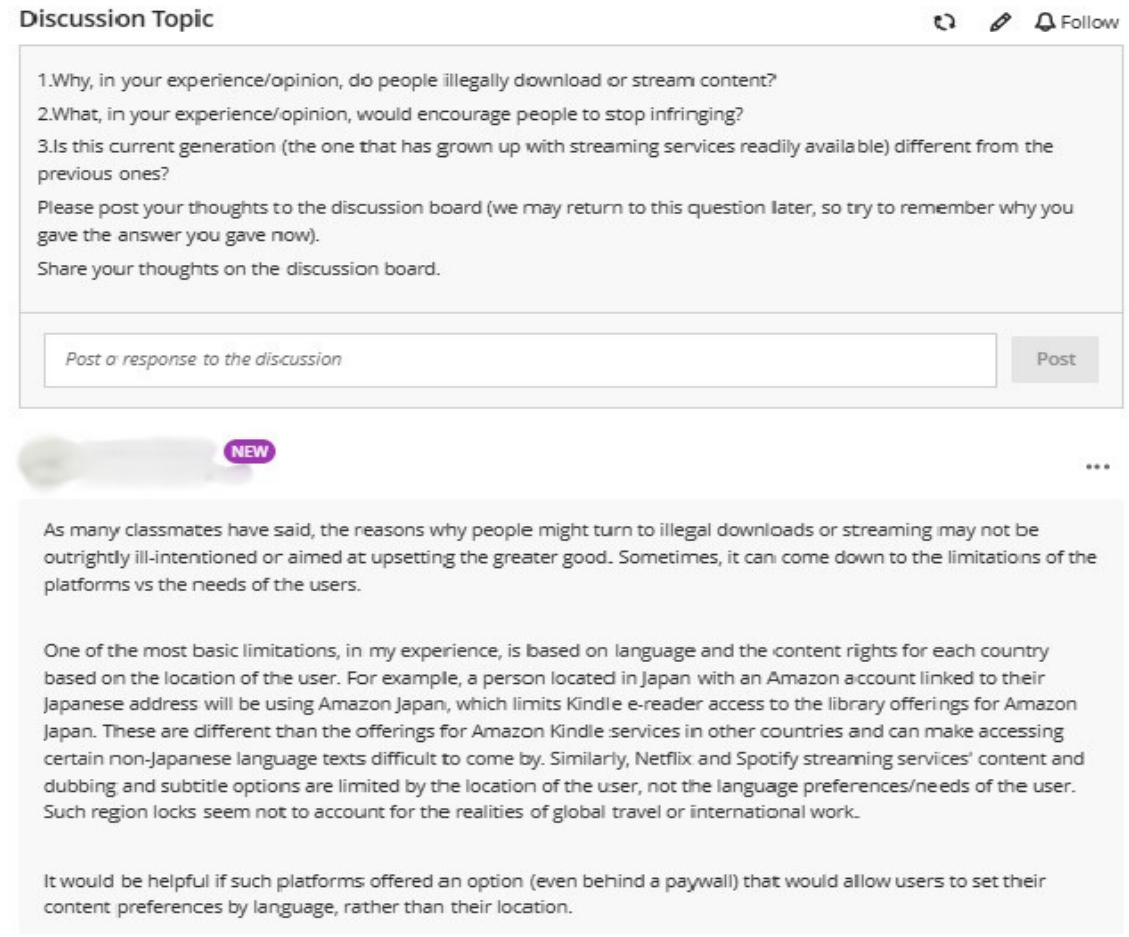
Library resources



- Resource lists
- Subject guides
- DiscoverEd
- Legal research links

Online discussions

Key part of online study
Moderated by staff
When to participate



Assessment

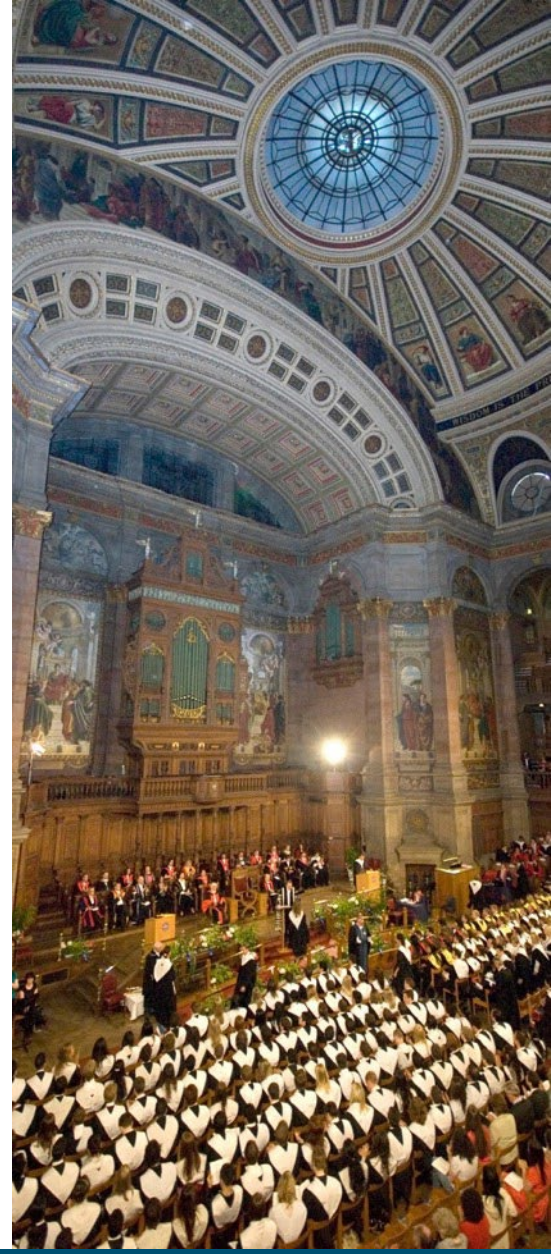
- Continually assessed
- Number of weighted summative assessment components
- Formative assessment to provide feedback and guidance

Sources of support

- Student Adviser
- Academic Lead/Programme Director
- Online Learning Team
- Course Organiser
- Student Counselling Service
- Disability and Learning Support Service
- Edinburgh University Student's Association (EUSA)
- Institute for Academic Development (IAD)
- Information Services
- Student Careers Service

Graduation

- Graduation ceremony usually held in November
- All students invited to attend
- Degree certificate is equal to that achieved by on-campus study



Academic entry requirements

- Minimum UK 2.1 honours degree or its international equivalent
- Does not have to be a law degree
- Relevant professional experience also taken into account

English language requirements

- Number of tests accepted by the University – IELTS Academic, IELTS Academic Online, TOEFL-iBT (inc. Special Home Edition), CAE and CPE, Trinity ISE, PTE Academic
- Test exemptions possible for recent degree study in a majority English-speaking country

2024-25 Tuition Fees

ONE YEAR	2 YEARS / 20 MONTHS	3 YEARS / 32 MONTHS
YEAR 1 = £24,700	YEAR 1 = £12,350 YEAR 2 = £12,350	YEAR 1 = £8,230 YEAR 2 = £8,230 YEAR 3 = £8,230

How to apply

- September 2025 application deadline = 30 June 2025
- January 2026 application deadline = 3 November 2025
- We consider your application as a whole:

- academic qualifications
- professional experience
- motivations for studying the programme

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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

You can find a lot of useful information to help prepare you to start your studies. Visit: https://www.law.ed.ac.uk/study/online-masters-degrees/new-students

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