Programme Specification
MSc Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management/
LLM Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management
For students entering Part 1 in September 2018

MSc Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management (full time and part time)	PFTZGLOMSCHM/ PPTZGLOMSCHM
LLM Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management (full time and part time)	PFTZGLOBALHM/ PPTZGLOBALHM
PGDip Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management (full-time and part time)	PFTZGLOBALHD/ PPTZGLOBALHD
PGCert Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management (full-time and part time)	PFTZGLOBALHC/ PPTZGLOBALHC
Ad Hoc Continuing Professional Development in Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management (modular part-time)	PPTZGLOBALHA

This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

Awarding Institution	University of Reading
Teaching Institution	University of Reading
Length of Programme	full time 12 months, part time 24 months, flex 36 months

Programme information and content

The primary objectives of the programme are:

1. The primary, overarching aim of this programme is to equip students with many of the substantive, professional, practical and personal skills, and knowledge necessary to operate effectively and safely in a crisis, conflict and/or disaster context. A further overarching programme aim is to develop more multidisciplinary aware and conversant graduates who are better equipped to operate more effectively in inherently multidisciplinary crisis, conflict and/or disaster environments.
2. To be equally accessible to law and non-law graduates regardless of any prior background or experience in global law issues. To provide a structured postgraduate law degree which examines global crisis, complex emergencies, conflict and disaster ('human-made' and 'natural') management issues through the lenses of global law (ie national, regional and international law) and policy.
3. To provide a foundational understanding of the overarching architecture governing crisis, conflict, and disaster management responses provided by global law (ie

national, regional, and international law) and policy, including foundational concepts, principles, and actors.

4. To provide students with a foundational understanding of language, synergies, and interrelationships between legal and non-legal disciplines to better prepare them to operate within a multidisciplinary environment and the international system.
5. To explore solutions to identified weaknesses, gaps, and challenges - whether law, policy, and/or practice based - through independent and group enquiry, discussions, and research.
6. To provide a platform for students to share and draw upon each other's relevant experiences, enriching the student experience through exposing students to diverse perspectives.
7. To enable students to develop and consolidate a number of personal, professional and practical transferable skills, through eg mentoring, employability, and training activities undertaken, where possible drawing upon the experience and perspective of practitioners drawn from across the conflict, crisis, humanitarian, disaster risk reduction, and response sectors.
8. To strengthen students' future employability prospects, including for management roles, through the further development of critical core academic and professional skills including independent research, innovative and creative thinking, analysis, oral and written communication, team work, and use of information technological tools.
9. To strengthen students' future employability prospects through peer interaction, employability orientated workshops, and opportunities to interact and network with practitioners drawn from across the conflict, crisis, humanitarian, disaster risk reduction and response sectors.

Module information

The programme comprises of 180 credits (LLM/MSc), 120 credits (PGDip) and 60 credits (PGCert), allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules. Compulsory modules are listed.

Compulsory Modules:

Students on the MSc programme			
Module	**Name**	**Credits**	**Level**
LWMCPA	Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict, and Disaster Management	20	7
LWMHRL	Human Rights Law, Policy, and Practice	20	7
LWMDMT	Disaster Management	20	7
LWMHRV	Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability and Resilience	20	7
and either			
LWMPRO	Research Project	40	7
or			
LWMPLA	Professional Placement	40	7

Law and non-law graduates with no previous academic or professional experience in public international law are strongly encouraged to take:

LWMIIA	Introduction to International Law	10	7

The remaining credits will be taken from the list of optional modules from the School of Law or from an approved list of modules from across the University.

Students on the LLM programme			
Module	**Name**	**Credits**	**Level**
LWMCPA	Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict, and Disaster Management	20	7
LWMHRL	Human Rights Law, Policy, and Practice	20	7
LWMDMT	Disaster Management	20	7
and either			
LWMPRO	Research Project	40	7
or			
LWMPLA	Professional Placement	40	7
Law and non-law graduates with no previous academic or professional experience in public international law are also required to take:			
LWMIIA	Introduction to International Law	10	7

Students on the LLM must take 40 credits of optional modules in Law (30 credits if taking LWMIIA). The remaining credits will be taken from the list of optional modules from the School of Law or from an approved list of modules from across the University.

Students on the PGDip programme			
Module	**Name**	**Credits**	**Level**
LWMCPA	Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict, and Disaster Management	20	7
LWMHRL	Human Rights Law, Policy, and Practice	20	7
LWMDMT	Disaster Management	20	7
Students wishing to transfer onto the MSc Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management must take:			
LWMHRV	Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability and Resilience	20	7

Students enrolled on the PGDip and wishing to transfer to the LLM/MSc Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management must have successfully completed at least three of the required core modules.

Law and non-law graduates with no previous academic or professional experience in public international law are also required to take the module below, in order to progress onto the LLM:

LWMIIA	Introduction to International Law	10	7

The remaining credits, to make up a total of 120 credits, will be taken from the list of optional modules from the School of Law or from an approved list of modules from across the University.

Students on the PGCert programme

Module	Name	Credits	Level
LWMCPA	Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict, and Disaster Management	20	7
LWMHRL	Human Rights Law, Policy, and Practice	20	7
LWMDMT	Disaster Management	20	7
LWMHRV	Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability and Resilience	20	7

Students should normally take 60 credits from the list above.

Students enrolled on the PGCert and wishing to transfer to the LLM/MSc Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management must have successfully completed at least three of the core modules.

Part-time or modular arrangements

The LLM/MSc programme can be taken part-time over 24 – 36 months.
The PGDip programme can be taken part-time over 24 months.
The PGCert programme can be taken part-time over 24 months.

While no minimum or maximum number of credits is specified per term or per academic year in order to best accommodate students' individual circumstances and preferences, students are strongly advised not to take more than a total of 90 credits (whether core or optional modules) in any one year. (For this purpose, the allocation of credits for LWMPRO Research Project or LWMPLA Professional Placement can be spread over two academic years).

LLM and MSc
Year 1
In the first year of study, a student will normally be required to complete the following:

(1) at least one of the compulsory taught modules which must include **LWMCPA** Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management (20 credits), and
(2) law and non-law graduates with no previous academic or professional experience in public international law are required to take **LWMIIA Introduction to International Law** if selecting optional taught law modules on the LLM and strongly encouraged to take LWMIIA if on the MSc.
(3) It is possible to commence **LWMPRO** Research Project or **LWMPLA** Professional Placement but students are strongly advised, to undertake this from their second year

of study onwards once they have completed a number of taught modules to ensure that they have the necessary foundational knowledge and research.

Year 2
In the second year of study a student will normally be required to complete the following:

(4) The remaining compulsory modules appropriate for the LLM or the MSc (if completing within 24 months); or
(5) At least one more outstanding taught core module, if completing with 36 months; and
(6) **LWMPRO** Research Project or **LWMPLA** Professional Placement (if completing within 24 months); and
(7) any optional modules to complete the required total of 180 credits (if completing within 24 months).

NOTE: Students on the LLM must take 40 credits of optional modules in Law (30 credits if taking LWMIIA)

Students continuing into the third year of study will normally be required to complete any outstanding core and optional modules to complete the required total of 180 credits for the award of an LLM or MSc.

Though **LWMTLM** Research Methods is not compulsory, students without background in research methodology are strongly advised to take it since most modules include an assessment that is research based.

PGDiploma
Year 1
In the first year of study, a student will normally be required to complete the following:

(1) at least one of the compulsory taught modules which must include **LWMCPA** Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management (20 credits), and
(2) law and non-law graduates with no previous academic or professional experience in public international law are strongly encouraged to take **LWMIIA Introduction to International Law** if selecting optional taught law modules.

Year 2
In the second year of study a student will normally be required to complete the following:

(3) the remaining compulsory modules; and
(4) any optional modules to complete the required total of 120 credits.

Students enrolled on the PGDip and wishing to transfer to the LLM/MSc Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management must have successfully completed at least three of the core modules.

Though **LWMTLM** Research Methods is not compulsory, students without background in research methodology are strongly advised to take it since most modules include an assessment that is research based.

PGCertificate
Year 1
In the first year of study, a student will normally be required to complete the following:

(1) at least one of the compulsory taught modules which must include **LWMCPA** Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management (20 credits)

Year 2
In the second year of study a student will normally be required to complete the following:

(2) any remaining compulsory modules to complete the required total of 60 credits.

Students enrolled on the PGCert and wishing to transfer to the LLM/MSc Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management must have successfully completed at least three of the core modules

Additional costs of the programme

The readings required for each module will be made available in electronic form and/or in hard copy in the library. Students who wish to purchase their own copies of relevant books and materials must do so at their own expense. There may also be additional costs associated with optional additional external events and training for students opting to take part in such activities. Students opting for the Professional Placement module will be required to cover their travel costs associated with the placement.

Optional modules:

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. Details of any additional costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the programme. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

Placement opportunities

The programme does not involve study abroad. You may be provided with the opportunity to undertake a credit-bearing placement as part of your Programme. This will form all or part of an optional module. You will be required to find and secure a placement opportunity, with the support of the University.

Teaching and learning delivery:

Teaching methods will vary from module to module but teaching will primarily be by means of seminars. Certain modules may be partially taught by means of lectures and tutorials. Lectures can also be provided online

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical 20 credit module on this programme is 20 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module contact hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

Accreditation details

Assessment
All modules other than the Project will be assessed by one or a combination of: a timed, unseen examination; a timed, seen examination; assessed written work; and other forms of assessment (such as participation in class or an oral class presentation).

Progression

Part-time and modular progression requirements

A part-time candidate may only proceed into their second year if they have achieved 2 marks of at least 50% in the first year. A part-time LLM/MSc/PGDip candidate who chooses not to proceed to the second year may be considered for the award of PG Certificate if they gain an average mark of 50 or more in modules worth 60 credits and have no mark below 40.
A part-time candidate will normally be required to complete **LWMCPA** Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management (20 credits) in their first year of study.

Classification
The University's taught postgraduate marks classification is as follows:

Mark Interpretation
70 - 100% Distinction
60 - 69% Merit
50 - 59% Good standard (Pass)

Failing categories:
40 - 49% Work below threshold standard
0 - 39% Unsatisfactory Work

For Masters Degree

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must
    (i)   gain an overall average of 70 or more over 180 credits; and
    (ii)   a mark of 60 or more for the dissertation; and
    (iii)   the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
    (iv)   students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must
    (i) gain an overall average of 60 or more over 180 credits; and
    (ii) a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
    (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
    (iv) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must
    (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 180 credits; and
    (ii) a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
    (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
    (iv) students must not have any mark below 40.

For PG Diploma

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must
    (i) gain an overall average of 70 or more over 120 credits; and
    (ii) In addition, the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
    (iii) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must
    (i) gain an overall average of 60 or more over 120 credits; and
    (ii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
    (iii) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must
    (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 120 credits; and
    (ii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
    (iii) students must not have any mark below 40.

For PG Certificate

To qualify for a **Postgraduate Certificate**, students must
    (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 60 credits; and
    (ii) must not have any mark below 40.