

Programme Specification
LLM International Law
For students entering in 2018

LLM International Law (full time and part time) Direct entry	PFTZINTLAWHM/ PPTZINTLAWHM
LLM International Law with Transnational Law (full time and part time) Direct entry	PFTZINTLTLHM/ PPTZINTLTLHM
LLM International Law with Development (full time and part time) Direct entry	PFTZINTLDEHM/ PPTZINTLDEHM
LLM International Law with Conflict (full time and part time) Direct entry	PFTZINTLCOHM/ PPTZINTLCOHM

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

Programme information and content

The programme aims to equip students with the specialist knowledge and skills they require to succeed as professionals, scholars and leaders in the field of international law. This main aim is promoted by pursuing the following specific aims:

To provide a structured postgraduate law degree which examines in depth aspects of different subfields of international law.

To provide a flexible programme through the independent study of a dissertation component in international law, a compulsory module on research methodologies assisting students to develop their dissertation plan, and a range of optional modules analysing both theoretical and practical aspects of international law.

To help students develop an array of both analytical and critical skills, as well as practical, generic and personal transferable skills, through independent study and working with others.

To allow students to claim a specialist pathway in Transnational Law, Development, Conflict, provided they take required modules from a pathway list specified by the School and write a project on a topic related to the pathway selected.

Module information

The programme comprises of 180 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules. Compulsory modules are listed.

Compulsory Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
LWMTDW	Dissertation (International Law)	60	7
LWMCPA	Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management	20	7

Students must select one of the following modules

LWMTRM	Research Methods	30	7
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Or

LWMTLM	Research methods for LLM Students	10	7
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The following module is compulsory for students who have not previously studied public international law at either UG or PG level

LWMIIA	Introduction to International Law	10	7
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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 may remain on LLM International Law, or follow one of the pathways listed below. Students taking a pathway should apply for the pathway at the point of entry. However it may be possible for students to join a pathway at a later stage if they have fulfilled all of the requirements.

PATHWAYS

To qualify for ***LLM International Law with Transnational Law***

In addition to the modules listed above students must take at least 30 credits from the list of modules related to Transnational Law, as specified by the School of Law, and a dissertation topic in a field related to International Law and Transnational Law.

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.

To qualify for ***LLM International Law with Development***

In addition to the modules listed above students must take at least 30 credits related to Development from a list of modules in the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, as specified by the School of Law, and a dissertation topic in a field related to International Law and Development.

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.

To qualify for ***LLM International Law with Conflict***

In addition to the modules listed above students must take at least 30 credits from the list of modules related to Conflict, as specified by the School of Law, and a dissertation topic in a field related to International Law and Conflict.

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.

Full-time January entrants

Please note that the Dissertation submission date falls in early September, whereas you will study some of your taught modules in the (subsequent) Autumn term. You may wish to bear that in mind when choosing a Dissertation topic.

Part-time or modular arrangements

The programme can be taken part-time over two years. In the first year of study, a student will normally be required to complete optional modules totalling no less than 50 credits and no more than 80 credits. In the second year of study, a student will normally be required to complete the compulsory module LWMTLM Research Methods for LLM Students or LWMTRM Research Methods, the LWMTDW Dissertation in International Law module and any remaining optional modules. The programme may not be completed over more than two years.

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.

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

From time to time opportunities for internship and similar placements may arise and the School facilitates a number of such opportunities.

Teaching and learning delivery:

The programme consists of a combination of 20 and 10 credit modules, taught in small group seminars, and a compulsory supervised dissertation.

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.

Assessment

All modules other than the Dissertation, will be assessed by one of or a combination of: a timed, unseen examination; a timed, seen examination; assessed written work; other forms of assessment (such as participation in class or an oral class presentation). Details of the methods of assessment in individual modules are given in the Module Description Forms.

Progression**Part-time and modular progression requirements****Part-time Candidates**

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 candidate who chooses not to proceed to the second year may be considered for the award of Certificate in Law if they gain an average mark of 50 or more in modules worth 60 credits and have no mark below 40.

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.