

## Programme Specification

LLM in International Commercial Law (full-time)	PFTZICOLAWHM
LLM International Commercial Law with Intellectual Property Law and Management (full-time)	PFTZICOMANHM
LLM International Commercial Law with Intellectual Property Law and Management (part-time)	PPTZICOMANHM
LLM International Commercial Law with International Banking Law and Financial Regulation (full-time)	PFTZICOIBLHM
LLM International Commercial Law with International Banking Law and Financial Regulation (part-time)	PPTZICOIBLHM
LLM International Commercial Law with International Corporate Finance (full-time)	PFTZICOCORHM
LLM International Commercial Law with International Corporate Finance (part-time)	PPTZICOCORHM
LLM in International Commercial Law (part-time)	PPTZICOLAWHM

### For students entering in 2023/24

**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	<p>LLM in International Commercial Law (full-time) - 12 months</p> <p>LLM International Commercial Law with Intellectual Property Law and Management (full-time) - 12 months</p> <p>LLM International Commercial Law with Intellectual Property Law and Management (part-time) - 24 months</p> <p>LLM International Commercial Law with International Banking Law and Financial Regulation (full-time) - 12 months</p> <p>LLM International Commercial Law with International Banking Law and Financial Regulation (part-time) - 24 months</p> <p>LLM International Commercial Law with International Corporate Finance (full-time) - 12 months</p> <p>LLM International Commercial Law with International Corporate Finance (part-time) - 24 months</p> <p>LLM in International Commercial Law (part-time) - 24 months</p>
Accreditation	N/A
Programme Start Dates	<p>September/January</p> <p>Due to changes to the structure of the University's academic year from 2024/25, the programme starting in January 2024 will be of the following length:</p> <p>January 2024 start (full-time) – 13 months</p> <p>January 2024 start (part-time) – 25 months</p>

## Programme information and content

The primary objectives of the programme are to

1. provide a structured postgraduate law degree which examines International Commercial Law and related issues and topics.
2. provide a flexible programme through core courses in Advanced Issues in International Commercial Law, combined with a range of pathway options, and the independent study of a dissertation component.
3. enthuse students with the study of International Commercial Law through exposure both to a multidisciplinary learning environment and potentially to students from other disciplinary backgrounds.
4. develop an array of analytical skills in students, through independent study and working with others.
5. provide students with the knowledge and skills for professional life and further academic study.
6. allow students to claim a specialist pathway in Corporate Finance, Banking and Financial Regulation, Insolvency and Corporate Rescue, International Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property Law and Management, Information Technology Law, or Economic Law provided they take specified module(s) and write a dissertation 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
LWMTAI	Advanced International Commercial Law Issues	20	M
LWMTDI	Dissertation	60	M

Students must select one of the following modules:

Module Code	Title	Credits	Level
LWMTRM	Research Methods	30	7
Or			
LWMTLM	Research methods for LLM Students	10	7

Students may remain on LLM International Commercial Law, or follow one of the pathways listed below. Students who are not following a pathway but are instead studying the LLM International Commercial Law programme are required to study LWMTCF International Corporate Finance and the Law in addition to the modules listed above.

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 Commercial Law with International Corporate Finance*

In addition to the modules listed above students must take at least 30 credits from the list of modules related to *International Corporate Finance* and a dissertation topic in a field related to *International Commercial Law with International Corporate Finance*

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 Commercial Law with International Banking Law and Financial Regulation*

In addition to the modules listed above students must take at least 30 credits from the list of modules related to *International Banking Law and Financial Regulation* and a dissertation topic in a field related to *International Commercial Law with International Banking Law and Financial Regulation*

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 Commercial Law with Intellectual Property Law and Management*

In addition to the modules listed above students must take at least 30 credits from the list of modules related to *Intellectual Property Law and Management* and a dissertation topic in a field related to *International Commercial Law with Intellectual Property Law and Management*.

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 flexible 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 the core module LWMTAI Advanced Issues in International Commercial Law and any designated pathway modules, and further optional modules totalling not less than 20 credits and not more than 50 credits. In the second year of study a student will normally be required to complete any remaining optional modules and a core Research Methods module either LWMTLM or LWMTRM and the LWMTDI Dissertation module.

**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.

**Study abroad opportunities**

N/A

**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.

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 set of modules on this programme is – 150 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**

N/A

**Assessment**

All modules other than the Dissertation 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 at least 50% in a minimum of 30 credits 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 if they gain an average mark of 50 or more in modules worth 60 credits and has 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.

**For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

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