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LLM

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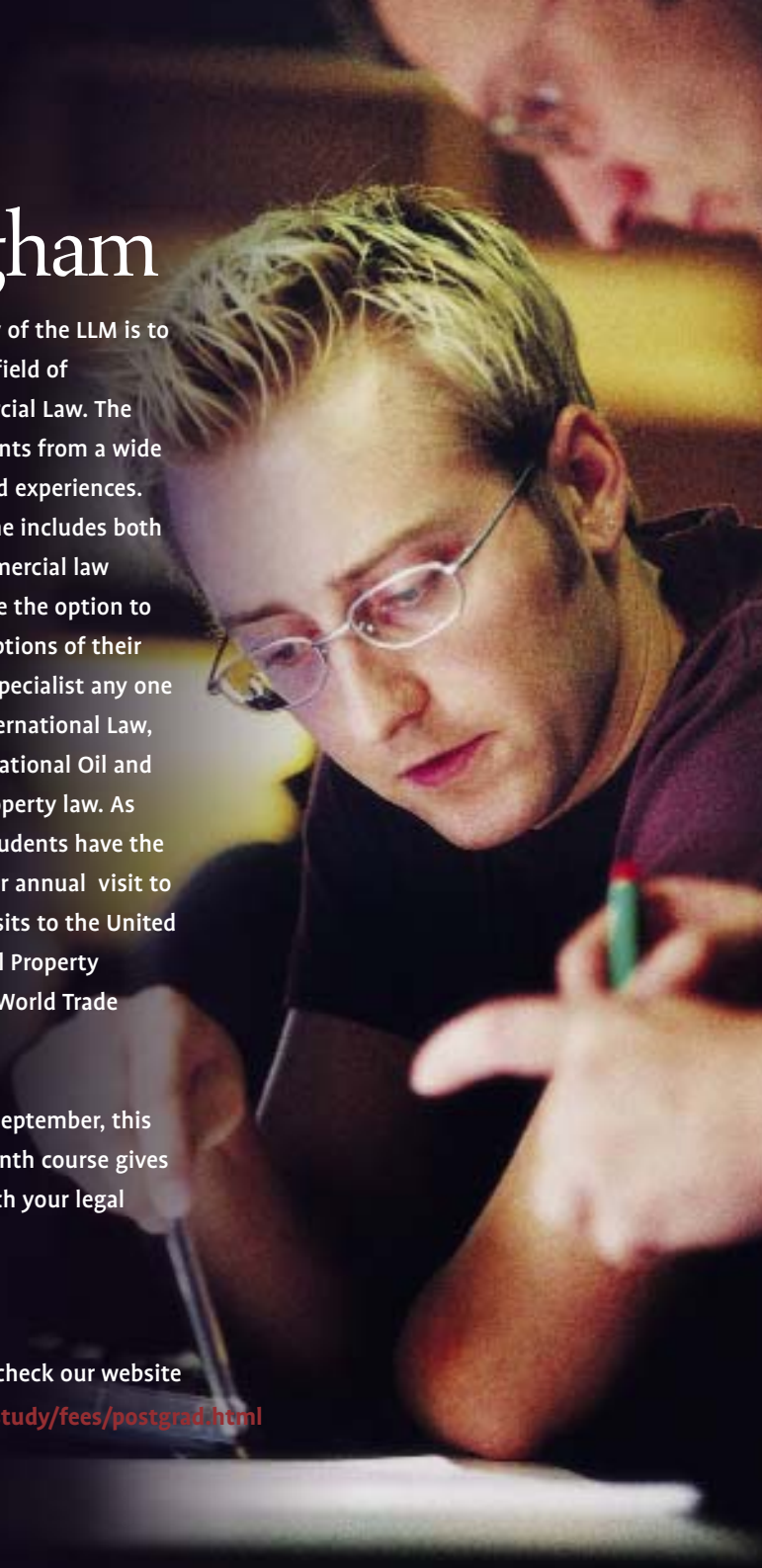
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Law at Buckingham

The underlying philosophy of the LLM is to develop specialists in the field of International and Commercial Law. The programme attracts students from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. The taught LLM programme includes both commercial and non-commercial law courses, and students have the option to undertake any available options of their choice or to develop as a specialist any one of the following areas: International Law, Law of World Trade, International Oil and Gas Law or Intellectual Property law. As part of our programme, students have the option to participate in our annual visit to Geneva, with organised visits to the United Nations, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and World Trade Organization (WTO).

Running from January to September, this competitively priced 9-month course gives you a springboard to launch your legal career.

For current pricing please check our website
www.buckingham.ac.uk/study/fees/postgrad.html



Why should I study for an LLM at Buckingham?

Students holding a Masters qualification:-

- Become more confident in legal knowledge and skills
- Develop new ideas and interests to invest in their occupations
- Are generally considered more employable overall.

Buckingham Law School provides a stimulating and friendly environment. Courses are delivered through a series of lectures and seminars which encourage students to develop to their potential. Courses stress the importance of interaction between staff and student, as well as between student and student. We believe this is an essential element in the development of effective lawyers. Following successful completion of the LLM Programme, you should have developed:

- A sound understanding of each of the chosen areas of the law
- Confidence in the analysis of complex case-law
- The ability to make your argument convincingly, orally and in writing
- The ability to take a co-operative approach to problem solving

To obtain an LLM, students must pass the Legal Research Course taken in term 1 (20 units), and then must pass a total of 160 units in areas of their choice. 40 unit courses run for 2 terms, 20 unit courses run for 1 term.

World Trade Specialist Designation

Those wishing to be awarded *World Trade Specialism* designation must complete at least 80 units of the following modules, and a dissertation in a related field, or undertake 120 units of the following taught courses.

- International Trade and Maritime Law (40 units)
- Commercial Conflict of Laws (20 units)
- Corporate Insolvency Law (20 units)
- Law of World Trade (20 units)
- Banking Law (20 units)

Our Course Leaders for the World Trade Specialist designation include the following:-

Mr Jae Sundaram (LLB; LLM), Advocate (India) Solicitor of England & Wales, Dean of Law

A dual qualified lawyer, Mr Sundaram practised for a number of years before taking to academics. His research interests focus on the Maritime Law (wet & dry), International Trade Law, Law of World Trade, Legal Problems Arising in Multimodal Transport, International Commercial Arbitration and Commercial Conflict of Laws.

Dr Adolfo Paolini (LLB; LLM; PhD) Research Officer & Admissions Tutor for Research Students
Dr Paolini is Senior Lecturer in Banking Law and Company Law. His area of research and interest also includes Insurance Law and Dispute Resolution. He is the co-author of the recently published *Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance*.

Ms Jennifer Shearman (BSc) Solicitor
Ms Shearman was formerly in practice as an English solicitor in Hamburg specialising in international commercial work.

International Law Specialist Designation

Those wishing to be awarded International Law Specialist designation must complete at least 80 units of the following modules, and a dissertation in a related field, or undertake 120 units of the following taught courses.

- International Law (40 units)
- Commercial Conflict of Laws (20 units)
- Law of War (20 units)
- International Medical Law and Ethics (20 units)
- Law of World Trade (20 units)
- International Sex & Gender (20 units)

Our Course Leaders for the International Law Specialist designation include the following:-

Ms Karen Dyer (BA (QTS); LLM) Director LLM Taught Programme

Ms Dyer specialises in Medical Law. Her current areas of research include euthanasia, and the legal and ethical dilemmas surrounding organ transplantation.

Professor Susan Edwards (BA; MA; PhD; LLM) Barrister, University Dean of Research
Professor Edwards is an experienced researcher and campaigner. She is author of several books including *Sex and Gender in the legal Process*, and has written opinion pages on the law for *The Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Age* (Australia).

Dr Francis Grimal (LLB; LLM; PhD)
Dr Grimal is a member of the International Law Association's Committee on Nuclear Weapons, Non-Proliferation & Contemporary International Law. His research interests include: the use of force (particularly the threat of force), non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, self-defence,

collective security, humanitarian intervention and international humanitarian law and he has published works within these areas of International Law.

Intellectual Property Specialist Designation

Those wishing to be awarded Intellectual Property Specialist designation must complete at least 80 units of the following modules, and a dissertation in a related field, or undertake 120 units of the following taught courses.

- International Intellectual Property Law (40 units)
- Intellectual Property Law and the Creative Industries (40 Units)
- Media Law (20 units)
- Internet Law (20 units)

Our Course Leaders for the Intellectual Property Specialist designation include:-

Dr Patricia Covarrubia (LLM; PhD) Qualified lawyer (Venezuela)

Dr Covarrubia's research centres on intellectual property and in particular, trade mark law and geographical indications. She is particularly interested in the registrations of these and the influence of European law on these matters.

Dr Gaetano Dimita LLM, PhD. Avvocato (Italian Bar-Rome)

Dr Dimita specialised in international and comparative copyright law with particular emphasis on the digital environment. He is also currently researching on the copyright issues in virtual worlds and cloud computing.

International Oil and Gas Law Specialist Designation

Since 2011, Buckingham Law School has offered an Oil and Gas Law specialist designation in its LLM programme. Those wishing to be awarded the Oil and Gas Specialist designation must complete at least 80 units of the following modules, and a dissertation in a related field, or undertake 120 units of the following taught courses.

- International Oil and Gas Law and Policy (40 units)
- Environmental Regulation and Energy Exploitation (20 units)
- International Trade and Maritime Law (40 units)
- Law of World Trade (20 units)
- Money Laundering, offshore banking & Asset Recovery (20 units)

The International Oil and Gas Laws and Policy module offers students the opportunity to study and explore a wide range of issues relating to the law and practice of international oil and gas law. It examines the legal rules and policy approaches towards oil and gas exploration and production. It considers the applicable regulatory, policy and contracting mechanisms employed to minimise risks and conflict scenarios in the oil and gas industry.

The specialised module on Energy Exploitation and Environmental Regulation focuses on the environmental regulation of energy exploitation under the international, EU and UK regulatory framework. Each year, the programme hosts

guest seminars* to further enrich student learning and to create opportunities for engagement with the industry and other relevant stakeholders.

The Oil and Gas specialist LLM pathway is ideal for those interested (or already working) in a legal career in the hydrocarbon industry (and the wider energy sector) and in the field of environmental law and policy.

Our Course Leaders for the Oil and Gas Law Specialist designation include:-

Hephzibah Egede, (LLB) Solicitor, England and Wales (Non-practising), Barrister and Solicitor (Nigeria)

Ms Egede has practised in corporate-commercial practice and in-house in the oil and gas industry. She teaches and researches in oil and gas law, environmental regulation and energy exploitation.

Professor John Hatchard

Professor Hatchard, has written extensively, and has held senior academic positions at universities in Australia, the United Kingdom, United States, Zambia and Zimbabwe. He has also served as Chief Mutual Legal Assistance Officer at the Commonwealth Secretariat.



Admission Requirements to the LLM Programme

Students will be required to have a first or second-class honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from an overseas institution. If English is not your first language, an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent is required.



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