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Introduction to the School

A world famous law school in a world famous city, the Liverpool Law School is proud to have taught Law for over 100 years and remains a leader in helping students to reach their full potential.

With a number of international partnerships across the world, we combine an enviable mix of quality, tradition and innovation in our postgraduate programmes – we have award winning teaching staff (including the UK Law Teacher of the Year 2006) and are proud to offer a suite of online Masters programmes, in partnership with Laureate Online Education, alongside our established campus-based programmes.

The University of Liverpool is located in one of the UK's first truly global cities. With a heritage of over 800 years as an important city and port, Liverpool today offers a multi-cultural experience with a global reputation for sport, music, architecture and culture. With a large and diverse student community, Liverpool is both friendly and affordable and is ranked as one of the most cost effective cities to study in. With a world famous skyline awarded 'World Heritage Site' status in 2004, putting it in the same league as the Pyramids at Giza, what are you waiting for?

A VALUABLE POSTGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

Although keen to maintain the traditions that have served it so successfully throughout its history, the Law School offers innovative and exciting teaching techniques and methodologies which are designed to enhance the learning experience of students and provide the fullest range of marketable skills. Graduates of the programmes offered can boast not only academic excellence and advanced research skills, but life skills such as highly developed communication and presentation skills and the ability to prioritise and organise group tasks.

WHY UNDERTAKE POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN LAW?

In an increasingly complex world, Law is no longer just for lawyers: it enhances any CV. Postgraduate study enhances understanding of issues at a theoretical and practical level. English law is no longer a UK based experience and the content of our postgraduate programmes reflect this in both design and delivery. International firms are looking for rounded graduates, and opportunities exist all over the world. Over 75% of our postgraduates were employed or in further education within six months of graduation (DLHE 2009). No prior knowledge of English Law is necessary on our programmes – all students are equipped with the necessary skills through a bespoke Legal Research Training module to equip them with the necessary subject skills and knowledge to excel in their chosen programme of study.

WHY UNDERTAKE YOUR STUDIES AT LIVERPOOL LAW SCHOOL?

Every year we recruit a select group of students to ensure that they receive a friendly and personalised learning experience. Postgraduate study in law offers students the opportunity to enhance their qualifications profile or open up new career paths. Alternatively, it can provide a means of mastering important skills and the luxury of learning more about subjects of genuine interest. With this in mind, the Law School offers a diverse range of LLM programmes to accommodate particular spheres of interest, as well as more eclectic tastes. Undertaking postgraduate study by research enables students to pick precisely the subjects that interest them most: we are able to match expertise to a wide range of subject areas through both our research clusters and the specialisms of our members of staff.

The Law School also has an excellent relationship with the local legal profession, and practitioner events, work shadowing and placement schemes are available throughout the course of the academic year.

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH, TEACHING AND SUPPORT

The School of Law has a prestigious international reputation. We offer both research and teaching excellence to ensure that students on any of the LLM programmes offered, or those undertaking postgraduate studies by research, are guaranteed expertise and professionalism. Transferable skills are important to any postgraduate student. All postgraduate students are required to undertake the Legal Research Training module, in order to enhance their research and presentation skills (as well as provide knowledge of English law to those who need it). Additional skills underpin individual modules, enabling students to identify the range of skills available from the module specifications provided for each module.

All students enjoy the benefit of an excellent support system, including world class support facilities at the University, individual academic support through a designated personal tutor in the Law School and a LLM Support Officer. The LLM Support Officer provides a point of contact for students should they have any problems during their studies, and helps students settle into to study at the School and maintain a community atmosphere through helping set up student societies and activities.

RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

The School provides state-of-the-art computing facilities for all postgraduate students. The University-wide networked computer resources are supplemented for Law postgraduates by the provision of computer facilities in the School itself. The Law School and the University invest heavily in library and IT resources to meet the needs of a modern graduate Law student. The University Student Portal has been configured for Law students to provide all the links to online resources and information students are likely to need, including where to get current timetables, optional module selection information, the latest news in the Law School, past student assessments and feedback, and much more. Combined with the main Law School web pages, students have easy access to all the academic information they require.

In terms of research materials provided online, the Portal includes links to legal databases including Westlaw, Lexis Nexis Butterworths and the indexing service provided by Justcite. Training in the use of these databases forms an integral part of all degree programmes and is supported by the work of trained student representatives employed by Westlaw and Lexis Nexis Butterworths.

SCHOOL PROFILE

Academic and research staff:	30
Undergraduate students:	680
Postgraduate research students:	10
Postgraduate taught students:	50
International postgraduate students:	25

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RESEARCH ASSESSMENT EXERCISE (RAE) 2008

55% of our research activity has been deemed world-leading or internationally excellent, and a further 25% internationally recognised. The Liverpool Law School fosters research excellence through its thriving and supportive research culture, underpinned by a clear research strategy.

Our distinctive research themes play a pivotal role in encouraging internal and external collaboration in well-defined fields of expertise. Our research units and centres have a particularly strong policy orientation and have acquired a notable reputation for their empirical, socio-legal and contextual legal studies. Since the RAE 2001, the School has strategically enhanced research leadership through new professorial appointments and has attracted well qualified and highly promising staff. A key element of our research strategy is the delivery of first class training to our expanding body of doctoral and postgraduate taught students.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Taught Programmes

Applicants for the LLM taught programmes should normally hold a minimum of a 2:1 class Honours BA or LLB Law Degree from a UK university. Applicants with degrees from institutions outside the UK will have their applications considered on an individual, but comparable basis (see the International web pages for details of entry requirements by country). All applicants are required to supply: a completed application form, proof of qualifications and two references (one of which must, as a minimum, be academic). Applicants are considered on the basis of academic ability and potential and other relevant considerations are also taken into account. Applicants who have marginally missed the benchmark indicated above, are considered on a discretionary basis. Please see page 34 for further details on the application process.

Research Programmes

Applicants for the MPhil/PhD are expected to hold a first degree in law, with at least a strong 2:1 classification (or equivalent). Most applicants will also be expected to have a postgraduate qualification in Law or a related discipline (for example, an LLM or other Masters degree); however, this is not an absolute requirement and each application will be assessed on its own merits. Applicants for the LLM by research are expected to hold a first degree in Law, with at least a strong 2:1 classification (or equivalent).

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Applications from international students are welcome. International qualifications will be evaluated in line with the National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) guidelines.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must have reached a minimum required standard of English language, and are required to provide evidence of this. Qualifications accepted by the University include GCSE English; GCE O level English; AS Level English; A Level English Language; IELTS; TOEFL; Cambridge Proficiency etc. Please see www.liverpool.ac.uk/international/countries/index.htm for a full list.

TYPICAL REQUIREMENT

IELTS	6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each band)
TOEFL iBT	88-89
International Baccalaureate	Standard Level (Grade 5)
Hong Kong Use of English AS level	C
INDIA Standard XII	70% or above from Central and Metro State Boards
WAEC	C6

If you meet our other academic requirements but do not achieve the required level of English, it is possible to come and study at Liverpool upon completion of the University's summer academic English programmes.

- If you need to increase your IELTS score by a grade of 0.5 (e.g. you need to improve from 6.0 to 6.5) you should attend the six week course.
- If you need to increase your IELTS score by a grade of 1.0 (e.g. you need to improve from 5.5 to 6.5) you should attend the ten week course.

See www.liverpool.ac.uk/international/countries/index.htm for details.

If you require additional English language training during your study, the University is able to provide tuition and arrange IELTS tests through its English Language Unit, details of which are available at www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre

FINANCIAL SUPPORT Taught Programmes

The School of Law offers bursaries for LLM students. There are two for Home/EU students of £500 each and two of £1000 each for International students. The bursaries are intended to offset fees and are aimed at encouraging applicants who have already demonstrated high standards to continue to excel during their studies with us. The awards are made on the basis of excellence in academic performance and/or other practical achievements upon joining the Law School. In addition, the School of Law administers one of the two prestigious Hodgson Law Scholarships. Further information regarding these can be obtained from our web pages (www.liverpool.ac.uk/law). Separate applications must be made by applicants. Please check the website as details of the awards offered may have changed since the publication of this brochure.

Postgraduate Student Awards

A range of awards, scholarships and bursaries are available for those undertaking postgraduate study at the University. See www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/finance for more information.

Research Programmes

The School of Law regularly advertises funded studentships for undertaking doctoral research. These studentships cover fees at Home/EU level, plus a grant towards maintenance. Applicants should consult our website at www.liverpool.ac.uk/law for the latest news on the availability and conditions of any scholarships.

The School will also support applications for external funding by applicants who are offered a place on our postgraduate research programme.

International Students

Information on funding for international students can also be found at www.liverpool.ac.uk/international/money-and-scholarships/scholarships

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The School of Law includes amongst its alumni Judges of the Court of Appeal, the High Court and the County Courts, as well as distinguished figures in branches of the legal profession. Legal study provides a mark of excellence in any qualification profile. Apart from judicial appointment or working within the legal profession, past graduates have gone on to undertake Government service, to work within International Humanitarian Organisations, the UN, institutions of the European Union, to pursue careers in commerce, management, banking, marketing, public relations and a whole host of other challenging and rewarding career opportunities. Any of the LLM programmes offered additionally provide an ideal opportunity to gain advanced specialist knowledge in preparation for further postgraduate research. All programmes of study are designed to enhance academic profiles and to ensure that graduates leave us with highly marketable skills, whatever they decide that market to be. Of the LLM cohort graduating in December 2009, over 62% went on to full or part time employment, with a further 12.5% going on to further study. Graduate destinations included government departments (Department of Work and Pensions UK), legal practitioners (such as Graystons Solicitors) and the Shanghai High Court.

I work as a Principal State Attorney in the Government Legal Service in Rwanda. I am currently in the final stage of completing a Masters of Laws in International Business Law. I joined Liverpool University on a joint scholarship from the Cherie Blair Foundation and the Government of Rwanda, and with a fees bursary from the University of Liverpool. On my arrival, I was delighted to receive such a warm reception from the University staff. They made me feel at home straightaway. The structure and content of the LLM in International Business Law prepares you to be an exemplary and well informed lawyer, with the added value of the ability to apply that knowledge beyond national borders. I found the University teaching staff very friendly and patient and they really take into consideration the fact that their students come from different backgrounds.

ALEX MUKUNZI
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW LLM

The PG experience has encouraged social skills, new connections and provided the perfect fora with like-minded students, to evaluate real motivations in life, and to consolidate previous undergraduate learning, making the whole university experience form the foundations envisaged on the starting-line of future career-choices.

The opportunities to expand learning outside of the classroom has provided excellent opportunity to apply studies as a lifestyle and not necessarily the limitations and refined circumstances which are more commonly associate with Law. Through film showings, lunchtime lectures and other events, these have all flourished refreshing occasions to learn and expand from a more parochial vision of my subject. The Liverpool post-graduate experience has continued a passion for my particular subject, enhanced my social skills, and renewed my love of the city, the institution and the people.

CHARLOTTE RUSHWORTH
LLM INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

School of Law and Social Justice

The School contains two internationally renowned departments that have both embraced innovative and exciting teaching methodologies and a dynamic and supportive research culture for more than 100 years. The departments have developed excellent, longstanding relationships, links and collaborations with the local community, policy makers and practitioners in the fields of law and social justice.

The School comprises the following areas of study:

- Law
- Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology

Programmes at a Glance

	Programme code	Major code	Full-time	Part-time	Page number
POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES					
LLM (General)					
Full-time	LLM/HS	LWNP	1y		10
Part-time	LLM/HS/P	LWNP		2y	10
European Law LLM					
Full-time	LLM/HS	LWEU	1y		11
Part-time	LLM/HS/P	LWEU		2y	11
International Business Law LLM					
Full-time	LLM/IBL/DIST	LAIB	1y		12
Part-time	LLM/IBL/DIST/P	LAIB		2y	12
International Human Rights Law LLM					
Full-time	LLM/HS	LWIL	1y		13
Part-time	LLM/HS/P	LWIL		2y	13
Law, Medicine and Healthcare LLM					
Full-time	LLM/HS	LWMH	1y		14
Part-time	LLM/HS/P	LWMH		2y	14
PROGRAMMES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LAUREATE ONLINE EDUCATION					
International Business Law LLM					
Part-time	LLM/BL	LAIB		2-6y	15
International Finance and Banking Law LLM					
Part-time	LLM/IF	LAIF		2-6y	15
Technology and Intellectual Property Law LLM					
Part-time	LLM/TL	LATL		2-6y	16
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES					
MPhil					
Full-time	MPHIL/HS/F	LWMR	1-4y		17
Part-time	MPHIL/HS/P	LWMR		2-6y	17
PhD					
Full-time	PHD/HS/F	LWPR	1-4y		17
Part-time	PHD/HS/P	LWPR		4-7y	17
LLM (By Research)					
Full-time	LLM/LAWS	LWMR	1y		17
Part-time	LLM/LAWS/P	LWMR		2-3y	17

On-Campus Postgraduate Taught Programmes

All LLM programmes are developed within the University's modular Masters degree structure. This means that candidates for all LLM programmes must successfully complete 180 credit points in order to qualify for the award of the LLM. Candidates must study taught modules to a total value of 120 credit points, currently drawn from the lists below. Please note that changes to the curriculum will include offering new modules and withdrawing current ones, to keep the syllabus as up-to-date as possible. This also affects the modules offered by departments outside the Law School. Candidates must also submit a dissertation to the value of 60 credit points on a subject that has been approved by the Director of LLM Studies.

A module in Legal Research Training is mandatory on all LLM programmes, leaving students free to choose from a variety of modules to make up the total of 180 credits. The level of choice depends upon whether students take the General LLM or a specialist LLM (see below).

In addition to the LLM modules offered in the Law School, students may, with permission, opt to take postgraduate modules from other departments in the University or, exceptionally, undergraduate level three modules on the Law School's undergraduate programmes. Modules which have been available to LLM students in the past from the undergraduate law courses include Law, Literature and Film and Violence Against Children in Cyberspace: Law, Technology and the Information Society. For further detail of level three undergraduate law modules, see www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses

Candidates must also submit a dissertation to the value of 60 credit points on a subject that has been approved by the Director of LLM Studies.

Part-time students on the LLM programmes normally study 60 credits of taught modules in their first year, one of which must be the Legal Research Training module. In their second year they normally study a further 60 credits of taught modules. The specialist programmes also require students to take at least three modules within the subject specialism (see below for details). All units are selected from the list of modules on offer in any particular year. Part-time students complete their dissertation in their second year of study.

LLM PROGRAMMES AT LIVERPOOL

Semester One	Semester Two	Semester Three (Summer)
Legal Research Training	Optional Module	
Optional Module	Optional Module	Dissertation
Optional Module	Optional Module	

THE SPECIALIST LLM PROGRAMMES

Semester One	Semester Two	Semester Three (Summer)
Legal Research Training (Module Six)	Module Three	Dissertation 60 credits
Module One	Module Four	
Module Two	Module Five	

LLM Programmes at Liverpool

LLM (General)

Full-time
 Programme Code: LLM/HS
 Major Code: LWNP
 Programme Length: 1 year

Part-time
 Programme Code: LLM/HS/P
 Major Code: LWNP
 Programme Length: 2 years

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE FOR THE LLM (GENERAL)

Students on this programme graduate with a 'Masters in Law' with no named specialism and therefore allows students to mix different subjects without restriction, according to their interests. There is therefore no requirement for any minimum number of credits to be studied in any particular specialist area or as a dissertation topic. All centres and units of the School of Law and Social Justice, especially the Human Rights and

International Law Unit, the Liverpool European Law Unit, the Governance and Business Regulation Unit, the Feminist Legal Research Unit, the Centre for the Study of the Child, the Family and the Law; and the Dilemmas in Health research cluster collaborate in the delivery of this programme.

MANDATORY MODULES

Students on this programme must take the mandatory module in Legal Research Training. There are no other mandatory modules on this programme, beyond the dissertation module (60 credits).

OPTIONAL MODULES

Students on the General LLM may choose from any of the modules listed under any of the specialist LLM programmes. Additional modules may be available to LLM students in various departments outside the Law School. Candidates for any of the LLM programmes must study a total of 120 credits from taught modules and must submit a dissertation to the value of 60 credits, on a subject that has been approved by the LLM Director of Studies.

Candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma must study a total of 120 credits, chosen from a list of modules offered on the LLM programme – there is no dissertation to complete. Most taught modules count for 20 credits. The Legal Research Training module is mandatory for all postgraduate taught students.

Candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate must study a total of 60 credits – there is no dissertation to complete (see table on page 09).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Although the University does not have an official deadline by which postgraduate applications should be received, it is strongly advised that applications are made by no later than June of the proposed year of entry. This is particularly so for International Students, as an offer letter is required as part of the VISA admissions process to the UK and sufficient time must be left to complete this process.

European Law LLM

Full-time
 Programme Code: LLM/HS
 Major Code: LWEU
 Programme Length: 1 year

Part-time
 Programme Code: LLM/HS/P
 Major Code: LWEU
 Programme Length: 2 years

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE FOR THE LLM IN EUROPEAN LAW

The LLM in European Law is an advanced programme of study in the legal aspects of European integration, offering a balanced range of subjects designed to provide our students with a broad and critical understanding of Community Law. The programme draws on the proven research expertise of our staff in delivering a distinctive programme of study.

CORE MODULES

In addition to the mandatory module in Legal Research Training, LLM students at Liverpool must select at least 3 taught specialist modules to the value of 60 credits from the list of module specialisms (see below). These required modules may vary slightly from year to year, and are chosen because of their particular contemporary relevance to the specialism of European Law.

OPTIONAL MODULES

The remaining 40 credits may be taken from this list or any Masters programmes offered by the school, or in any other school with whom a sharing arrangement exists.

Six x 20 credit modules, plus 60 credit dissertation within European Law.

The following are European Law modules (not all modules may run in every academic year). Please see www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/prospective/cullm for further information on the current modules offered.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Although the University does not have an official deadline by which postgraduate applications should be received, it is strongly advised that applications are made by no later than June of the proposed year of entry. This is particularly so for International Students, as an offer letter is required as part of the VISA admissions process to the UK and sufficient time must be left to complete this process.



Module Code	Module Title	Level	Semester	Credits (180 Credits to be taken in total)
Core modules for this LLM programme				
LAW532	Legal Research Training	M	1	20
LAW520	Law of the Single Market	M	1	20
LAW589	Advanced Issues in EU Economic Law	M	2	20
LAW540	Dissertation	M	3	60
LAW542	International Law and Foreign Investment	M	2	20
LAW509	Foundations of EU Law	M	1	20
LAW584	Commercial Conflict of Laws	M		
LAW586	Commercial Intellectual Property in a Global Economy	M		

International Business Law LLM

Full-time
 Programme Code: LLM/HS
 Major Code: LWIB
 Programme Length: 1 year

Part-time
 Programme Code: LLM/HS/P
 Major Code: LWIB
 Programme Length: 2 years

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE FOR THE LLM IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW

Increasingly, a large proportion of LLM students are interested in acquiring a deeper knowledge of international business and commercial law for use in private legal practice. They thus use the LLM as an opportunity to gain advanced specialist knowledge in the preparation for international commerce legal practice.

Modules are designed to match the considerable research experience of staff delivering the LLM.

CORE MODULES

In addition to the mandatory module in Legal Research Training, LLM students at Liverpool must select at least 3 taught specialist modules to the value of 60 credits from the list of module specialisms (see below). These required modules may vary slightly from year to year, and are chosen because of their particular contemporary relevance to the specialism of International Business Law.

OPTIONAL MODULES

The remaining 40 credits may be taken from this list or any Masters programmes offered by the school, or in any other school with whom a sharing arrangement exists.

Six x 20 credit modules, plus 60 credit dissertation within International Business Law.

The following are International Business Law modules (not all modules may run in every academic year). Please see www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/prospective for further information on the modules offered.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Although the University does not have an official deadline by which postgraduate applications should be received, it is strongly advised that applications are made by no later than June of the proposed year of entry. This is particularly so for International Students, as an offer letter is required as part of the VISA admissions process to the UK and sufficient time must be left to complete this process.

International Human Rights Law LLM

Full-time
 Programme Code: LLM/HS
 Major Code: LWIL
 Programme Length: 1 year

Part-time
 Programme Code: LLM/HS/P
 Major Code: LWIL
 Programme Length: 2 years

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE FOR THE LLM IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

The Masters in International Human Rights Law is an advanced course of study which provides students with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the far reaching impact of international law on international relations, with a special emphasis on human rights issues and their relevance to domestic law.

Active research interests of staff ensure specifically tailored and distinctive modules, and delivery sometimes takes place with visiting speakers invited to give seminars on the programme.

CORE MODULES

In addition to the mandatory module in Legal Research Training, LLM students at Liverpool must select at least 3 taught specialist modules to the value of 60 credits from the list of module specialisms (see below). These required modules may vary slightly from year to year, and are chosen because of their particular contemporary relevance to the specialism of International Human Rights Law.

OPTIONAL MODULES

The remaining 40 credits may be taken from this list or any Masters programmes offered by the school, or in any other school with whom a sharing arrangement exists.

Six x 20 credit modules, plus 60 credit dissertation within International Human Rights Law.

The following are International Human Rights Law modules (not all modules may run in every academic year). Please see www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/prospective for further information on the modules offered.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Although the University does not have an official deadline by which postgraduate applications should be received, it is strongly advised that applications are made by no later than June of the proposed year of entry. This is particularly so for International Students, as an offer letter is required as part of the VISA admissions process to the UK and sufficient time must be left to complete this process.

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Semester	Credits (180 Credits to be taken in total)
Core modules for this LLM programme				
LAW532	Legal Research Training	M	1	20
LAW571	Law of Business Organisations*	M	1	20
LAW585	International Financial Crime	M	2	20
LAW540	Dissertation	M	3	60
LAW520	Law of the European Single Market	M	1	20
LAW542	International Law and Foreign Investment	M	2	20
LAW568	Aspects of Banking Law	M	2	20
LAW572	Corporate Information Security	M	2	20
LAW584	Commercial Conflict of Laws	M	2	20
LAW586	Commercial Intellectual Property in a Global Economy	M	1	20
LAW589	Advanced Issues in EU Economic Law	M	2	20
LAW591	Law of International Energy and Business (new module)	M		20

* LAW 571 is compulsory for all IBL students who do not have a UK law degree with the exception of EU students who do have a first degree in law.

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Semester	Credits (180 Credits to be taken in total)
Core modules for this LLM programme				
LAW532	Legal Research Training	M	1	20
LAW524	Critical Approaches to International Criminal Law	M	2	20
LAW569	Minority Groups, International Human Rights and the Courts	M	2	20
LAW540	Dissertation	M	3	60
LAW563	Fundamentals of International Law	M	1	20
LAW579	International Human Rights Law	M	1	20
LAW580	International Human Rights Controversies	M	2	20
LAW564	International Peace and Security	M	1	20

Law, Medicine and Healthcare LLM

Full-time	
Programme Code:	LLM/HS
Major Code:	LWMH
Programme Length:	1 year
Part-time	
Programme Code:	LLM/HS/P
Major Code:	LWMH
Programme Length:	2 years

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE FOR THE LLM IN LAW, MEDICINE AND HEALTHCARE

The majority of students interested in medical law and related issues use the LLM as an opportunity to gain advanced specialist knowledge in preparation for medical legal practice. The programme is also often of interest to medical practitioners and health service workers. Modules are designed to draw on the experience and research excellence of the teaching staff.

CORE MODULES

In addition to the mandatory module in Legal Research Training, LLM students at Liverpool must select at least 3 taught specialist modules to the value of 60 credits from the list of module specialisms (see below). These required modules may vary slightly from year to year, and are chosen because of their particular contemporary relevance to the specialism of Law, Medicine and Health Care.

OPTIONAL MODULES

The remaining 40 credits may be taken from this list or any Masters programmes offered by the school, or in any other school with whom a sharing arrangement exists.

Six x 20 credit modules, plus 60 credit dissertation within Law, Medicine and Health.

The following are Law, Medicine and Health Care modules (not all modules may run in every academic year). Please see www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/prospective for further information on the modules offered.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Although the University does not have an official deadline by which postgraduate applications should be received, it is strongly advised that applications are made by no later than June of the proposed year of entry. This is particularly so for International Students, as an offer letter is required as part of the VISA admissions process to the UK and sufficient time must be left to complete this process.

On-line Programmes

In addition to our on-campus programmes, the Law School offers some online study programmes in partnership with Laureate Online Education. Short details of the content of these programmes can be found below, but detailed information on application processes, fees and programme content can be found from the online study pages of the University website at <http://www.uol.ohcampus.com/>

International Business Law LLM (in partnership with Laureate Online Education)

Part-time	
Programme Code:	LLM/BL
Major Code:	LAIB
Programme Length:	2-6 years

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www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/online

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

By the end of the programme, you will have a specialised knowledge of international business law that reflects the changing commercial, social, political and technical realities of the global economy. Whether you are practising law or have broader commercial responsibilities, this LLM will prepare you for a high level career in an international law firm, multinational company or governmental organisation.

Our international virtual class room is the ideal environment for practising lawyers and corporate executives to learn together and from each other. Reflecting the cross border and cross-discipline reality of global business networks, it brings together students from around the world in a dynamic, collaborative forum. Together you will discover and debate the nature and development of the legal context that shapes worldwide commercial activity. This online exchange of different legal and industry perspectives provides new opportunities for learning that a traditional class room cannot match.

You will graduate with the specialist international legal expertise that is highly prized by multinational companies, regulators and governmental organisations. Your advanced qualification will give you a secure platform on which to develop your career in a range of legal and commercial environments – and increased opportunities in legal jurisdictions beyond your own.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is composed of six core modules, two elective modules and a dissertation (totalling 180 credit points). Your first module will be nine weeks in length where you begin with a week long brief introduction to the programme, the learning platform and then continue with the module content. Each following module is eight weeks in length. By taking one module at a time you can explore a specific subject in depth without distractions.

A. Core modules

- Legal Methodology
- Conflict of law in business and commerce
- Law of business organisations
- Law of the European Single Market
- Corporate governance
- Law of the World Trade Organisation

B. Elective modules

- Aspects of banking law
- International money laundering regulation
- Competition law
- Commercial contracts
- Internet law
- Information security

C. Dissertation

Students refine their dissertation topic in conjunction with their Personal Dissertation Advisor, an academic supervisor who will provide support throughout the writing process.

International Finance and Banking Law LLM (in partnership with Laureate Online Education)

Part-time	
Programme Code:	LLM/IF
Major Code:	LAIF
Programme Length:	2-6 years

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Our LLM in International Finance and Banking Law is a specialist Master of Laws degree that will equip you with the skills and knowledge to manage the demands of the global financial industry within a legal context. It provides a firm foundation in commercial law and the opportunity to pursue your interest in specific areas of corporate and regulatory legislation. By the end of the programme, you will have an advanced understanding of the framework that governs international financial markets and transactions, and a keen awareness of current and likely future developments.

Our virtual class room is the ideal environment for those already practising law, and finance professionals to learn together and from each other. Reflecting the cross-border and cross-discipline reality of global markets and organisations, it brings together students from around the world in a dynamic, collaborative forum. This online exchange of different legal and industry perspectives provides new opportunities for learning that a traditional class room cannot match.

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Semester	Credits (80 Credits to be taken in total)
Core modules for this LLM programme				
LAW532	Legal Research Training	M	1	20
LAW536	Health Care Decision-Making and the Law	M	1	20
LAW515	Medical Malpractice Litigation	M	2	20
LAW540	Dissertation	M	3	60
LAW556	Trust and Power in Health Care	M	1	20
LAW560	Mental Health Law	M	1	20
LAW587	Intellectual Property Rights in Life Sciences	M	2	20

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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Each following module is eight weeks in length. By taking one module at a time you can explore a specific subject in depth without distractions.

A. Core modules

- Legal Methodology
- Conflict of law in business and commerce
- Aspects of banking law
- International Financial Services Law
- International Taxation Law
- International law and foreign investment

B. Elective modules

- Law of business organisations
- Law of the European Single Market
- Corporate governance
- International money laundering regulation
- Law of the World Trade Organisation

C. Dissertation

Students refine their dissertation topic in conjunction with their Personal Dissertation Advisor, an academic supervisor who will provide support throughout the writing process.

Technology and Intellectual Property Law LLM (in partnership with Laureate Online Education)

Part-time	
Programme Code:	LLM/TL
Major Code:	LATL
Programme Length:	2-6 years

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Our LLM in Technology and Intellectual Property Law is a specialist Master of Laws degree that will equip you with the skills and knowledge to manage the technology and intellectual property demands of the business environment within a legal context. It provides a firm foundation in commercial law, covering the latest internet and technology based intellectual issues and offering the opportunity to pursue your specific interests. In doing so, you will master the key doctrines of intellectual property law – in copyright, patents and trademark/ unfair competition law – which now play a vital role in the rapidly changing global communications and technical landscape.

Our virtual class room is the ideal environment for practising lawyers and business professionals to learn together and from each other. Reflecting the cross border and cross-discipline reality of global business networks, it brings together students from around the world in a dynamic, collaborative forum. Together you will discover and debate the nature and development of the legal context that shapes worldwide commercial activity. This online exchange of different legal and business perspectives provides new opportunities for learning that a traditional class room cannot match.

As the advent of new technologies, increased globalisation and the expanding scope of patentable subject matter place an even higher premium on your new skills, this advanced qualification will enable you to develop your career in an expanding and exciting range of legal and commercial environments.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is composed of six core modules, two elective modules and a dissertation (for a total of 180 credit points). Your first module will be nine weeks in length where you begin with a week long brief introduction to the programme, the learning platform and then continue with the module content. Each following module is eight weeks in length. By taking one module at a time you can explore a specific subject in depth without distractions.

A. Core modules

- Legal Methodology
- Conflict of law in business and commerce
- Copyright
- Patent law
- Internet law
- Information security

B. Elective modules

- Aspects of banking law
- International money laundering regulation
- Competition law
- Commercial contracts
- International law and foreign investment
- Law of business organisations

C. Dissertation

Students refine their dissertation topic in conjunction with their Personal Dissertation Advisor, an academic supervisor who will provide support throughout the writing process.

Postgraduate Research Opportunities

LLM by Research

Full-time	
Programme Code:	LLM/LAWS
Major Code:	LWMR
Programme Length:	1 year

Part-time	
Programme Code:	LLM/LAWS/P
Major Code:	LWMR
Programme Length:	2-3 years

MPhil

Full-time	
Programme Code:	MPHIL/HS/F
Major Code:	LWMR
Programme Length:	1-4 years

Part-time	
Programme Code:	MPHIL/HS/P
Major Code:	LWMR
Programme Length:	2-6 years

PhD

Full-time	
Programme Code:	PHD/HS/F
Major Code:	LWPR
Programme Length:	2-4 years

Part-time	
Programme Code:	PHD/HS/P
Major Code:	LWPR
Programme Length:	4-7 years

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In addition to the taught postgraduate programmes the School also offers supervision for research degrees of MPhil/PhD (normally 2-4 years full-time) or LLM research (normally 1-3 years full-time).

As a Russell Group institution, Liverpool has a very strong reputation for research excellence and our postgraduate research community forms an integral part of this. All full-time PhD students are allocated office space and their own computer in the Law School. Part-time PhD students have designated offices in which hot desks and computing facilities are provided. Students have access to a wide range of computing facilities and to the excellent resources of the University's social science libraries. They are also able to apply for funding for conferences and events to the Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee. Each student's research training needs are assessed by the project supervisors and the Director of Postgraduate Research, and a tailored programme of training courses is devised. At the end of their first year, students present their work to academic staff and incoming PhD students at the School's annual postgraduate conference. In the second year, students present a poster on their research as part of the University's Postgraduate Poster Day.

Applications are not restricted to any particular subject field or research topic. However, applicants are reminded of the importance of proposing a viable topic for doctoral research, which can be supervised by Law School staff. Academics are generally very willing to discuss ideas before a formal proposal is made, and applicants are strongly encouraged to identify and liaise with potential supervisors in advance.

Recent PhD projects pursued in the School include:

- The Relationship between Fundamental Rights and Treaty Freedoms in EU law
- Cy-Pres Law and Practice
- The Mental Health Act 2007: Jeopardising Liberty, Facilitating Control?
- Controlling Remuneration in Financial Institutions
- Conceptualizing Modern Religious Liberty in the United Kingdom: The Role of Religious Exemptions.

For further information on postgraduate research in the School, including details of funding opportunities, guidance on writing a research proposal and profiles of current PhD students, visit the School's Postgraduate Research website at www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/pgy/index.htm. More general information relevant to all PhD students is also available from the Graduate School website at www.liverpool.ac.uk/gradschool

Staff Research Interests

Full details of staff research interests, recent publications, areas of work and professional memberships/achievements and possible areas of research supervision can be found from the Law School staff webpages at: <http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/staff/index.htm>

Potential applicants, particularly those seeking to undertake PhD studies, are advised to check the website for updated details of staff research and supervision interests, as these may have altered since the publication of this brochure.

PROFESSORS

LOUISE ACKERS

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Chair in Socio-Legal Studies, BSc., PhD, MA, CPE, LL.M European Citizenship and the Free Movement of Persons; Highly Skilled Migration; European Research Area (ERA) and the Bologna Process; Retirement Migration; European and UK Social Policy; Pensions; Socio-Legal Research Methods.

Louise has a background in geography, social policy and European law and is actively engaged in developing inter-disciplinary and policy-relevant research on aspects of European law and policy. She has conducted extensive socio-legal, comparative, empirical research on the phenomenon of highly skilled migration within the EU over the past decade. Her work focuses on two key areas: firstly the relation between gender, mobility and the representation of women in science careers. Key projects include an analysis of the representation of women in the EU's Marie Curie scheme and an EU-funded study on the progression of women in science careers (the MOBISC project). These studies have produced a variety of publications on issues such as fixed term contracts, working time issues and the reconciliation of work and family life in mobile careers. The second cluster of projects focus on the impact of scientific migration on the individuals and countries concerned (the 'brain drain' debate).

Her most recent work funded by the UK research council (the MOBEX project) is specifically concerned to examine scientific mobility between two key 'receiving' regions (the UK and Germany) and two key 'sending regions' (Bulgaria and Poland). This work is now complete and a book was published in 2008 (Moving People and Knowledge: Scientific Mobility in an Enlarging Europe (with Bryony Gill), Edward Elgar). She is currently jointly coordinating a work package on an FP6 project on scientific mobility from Turkey and South Africa into the EU (the RESIST project). Professor Ackers has been actively involved in a variety of policy bodies at national and European level including a high level working party on science careers (DG Research) and the UK's current working group on the revision of the 'Concordat' in the light of the EU code of conduct on research careers.

For further information on the ELPRG see www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/elprg

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Professor of Law, LL.B, PhD, Barrister at Law Banking, Finance of International Trade and Company Law.

Research interests focus around the following main themes: (i) Bank Regulation and failings in bank governance; (ii) banker and customer relationship and payments systems; (iii) finance of international trade; and (iv) corporate governance and BOFIs. Anu has extensive experience of research postgraduate supervision in these areas.

Areas of Research Supervision

- Bank Regulation and supervision
- All aspects of Banker and Customer relationship
- Law relating to payments systems
- Corporate Governance.

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Professor of Law, LL.B, LL.M, Dean and Head of Department, International Law, Law and Development, International Economic Law, Feminism and International Law, Women in the EC.

In recent years Fiona's research work has focussed on gender mainstreaming and its development within the EU and other institutional settings as an approach to the promotion of gender equality. She has examined its adoption and development in the EU and in Member States, its role in international economic law, and the particular development of an 'equality duty' on public bodies in the UK. Recent work has focussed on mainstreaming as a tool of governance, examining the respective roles of 'soft' and 'hard' measures, the impact gender mainstreaming has had in the context of the Open Method of Coordination, and the relationship between gender mainstreaming and Europeanisation in the context of gender law and policy.

Areas of Research Supervision

- Gender equality law and policy; gender mainstreaming; EU Social law, especially equality-related fields
- Foreign Investment law, international economic law.

MICHAEL DOUGAN

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Professor of European Law and Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law, M.A. (Cantab), Ph.D (Cantab) EU Law, Administrative Law.

Michael Dougan's research interests focus on:

- EU institutional and constitutional law - especially the process of constitutional reform culminating in the Treaty of Lisbon, and the relationship between Union law and the national legal systems
- Law of the Single Market - especially the free movement of goods, persons and services, and Union regulatory competence / strategies
- EU welfare law - especially the free movement and equal treatment rights of Union citizens, and cross-border social security coordination.

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Professor of Law, LL.B. (Dublin), BCL (Oxon) Medical Law, Global Health Law, Social Theory of Law, African Law.

John's work has focused on the way that medical law in the UK reflects and signifies wider public and political expectations of the healthcare system and of medical practitioners, and has thus evolved alongside these expectations. He has scrutinized in particular shifts in judicial approaches to health topics and how these reflect changes in patterns of delivery of health care. John has also written extensively on international and global topics in health law, drawing on his research experience in Eastern and Southern Africa, as well as his work on European comparative medical law.

John is currently spending two years as Senior Fellow at the British Institute in Eastern Africa, Nairobi, where he continues to research on the globalization of Health Law, as it impacts on East African states, alongside his other major research interest, the history of legal education in post-colonial Africa.

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Professor of Common Law, B.A., LL.M, Ph.D, Solicitor of the Supreme Court Tort, Medical Law, with particular emphasis on issues of Malpractice.

Michael has written about many aspects of medical law, including the management of patient data, liability for patient safety, the reporting of adverse events, and the general role of compensation in the health care sector. Michael is the general editor of Clerk and Lindsell on torts and has written extensively on most aspects of tort law, including liability for psychiatric damage, for fear of future disease and for wrongful determinations of child abuse by professionals. He is also the author of 'Medical Negligence' (3rd ed, Sweet and Maxwell, London).

READERS IN LAW

DEBRA MORRIS, LLB, LL.M

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Charity and Voluntary Sector Law, Employment Law, Property Law.

Debra's research interests focus around two main themes and a third that crosses over the other two:

- (1) Charity Law analysed through a socio-legal perspective – which currently includes work on (a) Charity Law as it affects schools; (b) how Charity Law restrictions might impact on the Big Society developments; and, (c) the role of the Charity Tribunal in the development of Charity Law;
- (2) aspects of Employment law, in particular equality provisions; and
- (3) the impact of various Employment Laws and Discrimination Law on the operation of charities, in particular the legal regulation of volunteering within charities and the impact of equality provisions upon the work of charities.

Areas of Research Supervision

- All areas of Charity Law and policy.

GAETANO PENTASSUGLIA, J.D., PH.D.

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International Human Rights, Minority and Indigenous Rights.

Dr Pentassuglia is Director of the Law School's Human Rights and International Law Unit. He has been a Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow at the European University Institute, Italy, and a post-doctoral Marie Curie Fellow in Law. He has held several teaching and research appointments in Europe and North America. More recently, he has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto and the Academy of European Law (EUI), Florence. He is widely recognised as a scholar and writer in the area of international human rights, minority and indigenous rights.

Dr Pentassuglia's current research concentrates around three main themes: (1) Practical and conceptual perspectives on international and comparative jurisprudence within global and regional human rights systems of relevance to minority groups; (2) indigenous rights litigation with a major focus on new discourses of indigeneity in Africa and the Americas; and (3) Changing justifications of minority protection in international (human rights) law (including theories of human/minority and indigenous rights).

Areas of Research Supervision

- Indigenous rights under the Inter-American human rights system
- Cultural diversity and international human rights in Asia.

Dr Pentassuglia is happy to supervise in all areas of minority or indigenous rights in international law, with special reference to comparative jurisprudence across global and regional human rights regimes, and theoretical perspectives on the interplay between minority protection, human rights, and general international law.

HELEN STALFORD

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LLB Law and French, PhD in European Law Children's Rights, EC law.

Helen's research explores the impact of EU law on children and families and on the interplay between international, European and domestic children's rights and family law. She is a leading expert in EU children's rights having acted as consultant to the Fundamental Rights Agency, the European Commission and UNICEF in recent years. Her work also looks at the impact of migration on family relationships, and specifically at the regulatory framework governing cross-national divorce, child contact, residence and maintenance arrangements.

Areas of Research Supervision

Helen Stalford is willing to supervise a range of postgraduate research projects of either a doctrinal or empirical nature, particularly on any topic relating to EU free movement and citizenship, children's rights and family law in a European or international context.

SENIOR LECTURERS**WARREN BARR, LL.B, LL.M(TH)**

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Charity Law, Property Law, Landlord and Tenant Law.

Warren's research strategy is twofold:

- (i) Scholarly research into areas of landlord and tenant and property law (particularly housing);
- (ii) A focus on aspects of property law within charity law research, including empirical research.

To date, his research has centred on the relationship of charities and their property holdings, and the legal and practical difficulties that arise from managing this relationship. This research is of value to the voluntary sector, distinctive as well as of academic interest. Warren has also published in issues of landlord and tenant law, in particular on the blurring of the boundary between contract law and property law in relation to the regulation of tenancies.

Areas of Research Supervision

- Landlord and Tenant Law (including commercial landlord and tenant and housing law)
- Charity Law (with a particular interest in how charity law and property law impact on one another)
- Property Law (Land, Equity and Trusts).

SVEN BOSTYN, LIC.JUR, LL.M, PH.D

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Patent law and biotechnological and computer implemented inventions.

Sven works primarily in the area of intellectual property law. His main focus of research up to now was patent law. Within the domain of patent law, major attention is directed towards the patentability of biotechnological inventions, plant variety right protection, plant and animal patents, methods of medical treatment, pharmaceutical inventions, computer implemented innovations, and in general (compulsory) licensing in patent and know-how matters. Also the relationship between patent law and health care, clinical trials, biodiversity, access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge and IP. Competition law issues relating to intellectual property rights.

This all in comparative perspective, with major emphasis on Europe (EPO, European Union, national states) and the United States, WIPO and WTO developments.

His research interests focus around four main themes:

- 1) There is a concern that overuse/abuse of IP systems in our current society brings into peril the continuation of IP systems as we know them today. His research will look into the future of IP systems. Investigation as to whether an IP system for the 21st century is required, and what such a system should look like;
- 2) The interaction between competition law and intellectual property law, and the question of whether and to what extent competition law should intervene in intellectual property rights, and if it intervenes, how such intervention should materialize (covering issues such as essential facilities, patent ambush, refusal to deal, (ab)use of the IP system to perpetuate IP protection, the relationship between competition law and patent evergreening strategies etc.);
- 3) Evergreening of pharmaceutical patent protection and the relationship with health care;
- 4) Intellectual property law and developing countries issues, including WTO issues; access to genetic resources, biodiversity and traditional knowledge and the role of IP protection including reward systems such as benefit sharing.

Areas of Research Supervision

- All areas of intellectual property law
- All areas of competition law relating to intellectual property law
- Areas relating to relationship between intellectual property law and development agenda of developing countries.

All modules are taught by experts and scholars in their fields, many of whom are well-known, leading researchers. Students benefit from an extremely active academic community and are given plenty of opportunities to develop research skills and knowledge base which is then applicable to a wide range of career paths. Post-LLM positions typically include jobs with leading law firms in the city, service within the public and private sector within the country, and work with international organisations. The University is a really friendly and supportive environment.

DR GAETANO PENTASSUGLIA
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SAMANTHA HALLIDAY, LLB

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Medical Ethics and the Law (especially Reproductive Ethics and the Law); European Contract Law and Comparative Law.

Sam's research interests centre on comparative medical ethics and the law, particularly in relation to reproductive and the end of life issues. In reproduction Sam has published comparative work on abortion and the regulation of embryonic stem cell research, concentrating upon European legislative responses to these issues. In relation to the end of life, Sam has written about the regulation of active voluntary euthanasia, non-treatment decisions at the end of life and advance directives, again adopting a European approach. She is currently completing a monograph, 'A Comparative Approach to Reproductive Ethics and the Law'.

ANNE MORRIS, LL.B

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Medical Law (End of life, consent, children); Feminism; Sex Discrimination (sex equality; pregnancy, gender issues).

Anne's research interests focus around Medical Law and Ethics and Discrimination Law. In Medical Law Anne has a focus on issues of consent including questions of competence (including in relation to children); decision-making at the end of life (especially in relation to the withdrawal of treatment and assisted suicide); and gender issues in health law. Anne has also written in the area of wrongful life/wrongful birth. In Discrimination Law Anne is particularly interested in gender issues.

JOSEPH SAVIRIMUTHU, LLB, LL.M

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Cyberlaw, Regulatory Theory, E-Commerce and Information Security.

Joseph's research focuses on the legal, regulatory and strategic implications of the Internet and communication technologies. In particular, he examines and analyses how communication technologies challenge the traditional approaches to protecting identity, privacy, security and innovation, and how law can and should respond to these developments. As part of his research outreach activities, he is actively involved as a member of the UN Expert Panel on Online Dispute Resolution and act as an Academic Consultant to The Mediation Room, a commercial online dispute resolution company.

Areas of Research Supervision

- All areas of Internet Law and Regulation
- Identity and Privacy
- Online Child Safety
- Information Security and Directors Digital Resilience.

BRIAN THOMPSON, LL.B, M.LITT

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Public Law, Planning Law, and Environmental Law, British-Irish Constitutional Relations.

Brian is a Public Lawyer with a specific focus on Administrative Justice; Parliament and Parliamentary-Executive Relations; and British Irish Constitutional Relations.

Recently his work has concentrated on Administrative Justice reflecting and reinforcing his experience as a member of the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council and of the Panel of Specialist Advisers to the House of Commons Public Administration Select Committee, and as an Adviser on Public Law to the Northern Ireland Ombudsman.

Areas of Research Supervision

- Administrative Justice – Ombudsmen, Complaints, Tribunals, Judicial Review
- Parliament, Parliament-Executive Relations; UK's Devolved Legislatures
- British-Irish Constitutional and Political Relations.

LECTURERS**PAULA CASE, LL.B, PH.D**

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Tort, Medical Law, regulation of the medical profession, civil claims for child abuse.

Paula's research interests are:

- 1) regulation of the medical profession (particularly fitness to practise decision making by the General Medical Council and interim sanctions);
- 2) civil liability for childhood sexual abuse (particularly issues of limitation periods and of vicarious liability for abuse); and
- 3) liability for psychiatric damage.

Areas of Research Supervision

- Regulation of the professions, fitness to practise hearings
- Sexual abuse claims in the civil courts
- Standard of care in medical negligence cases
- Psychiatric damage claims in the civil courts

SAMANTHA CURRIE, LL.B, PH.D

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EU Law (free movement of persons; EU social law, eastern enlargement), Migration.

Samantha's research interests focus on aspects of both European Union law and migration law and policy. Four main themes can be identified:

- 1) migration in the context of EU eastward enlargement;
- 2) Union citizenship;
- 3) the cross-border posting of workers in the EU; and
- 4) gender and migration.

Samatha's approach to research is often socio-legal and combines doctrinal analysis of the law with empirical, qualitative research.

Areas of Research Supervision

- EU Migration Law and Policy
- Enlargement of the EU
- EU Economic Law
- Socio-legal research.

ELEANOR DRYWOOD, LICENCE EN DROIT (FRANCE), LLB, PH.D

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EU migration law (asylum and immigration; fundamental freedoms), Children's Rights in EU and international law.

Eleanor's research interests are primarily centred on three main themes:

- 1) The EU's developing children's rights agenda, including a particular emphasis upon methods for incorporating a children's rights perspective into law-making processes – to date, this work has focused upon the regulatory framework in relation to young third-country nationals;
- 2) Asylum and refugee law at national, European and international level, especially the legal status, rights and entitlements of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children;
- 3) The development of participative, socio-legal research methods that capture the impact of laws and policies upon young people, particularly those from vulnerable or hard to reach groups – and that can be applied at a cross or supra-national level.

Areas of Research Supervision

- Aspects of asylum and immigration law at national, EU and international level
- Children's rights, particularly in a supra-national (European or international) context
- Parts of EU law and policy, primarily those with a social or fundamental rights dimension, or that seek to adopt a cross-national, socio-legal perspective.

MICHAEL GORDON, MA (CANTAB)

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Constitutional Law, Constitutional Reform, Constitutional Theory, Parliamentary Sovereignty, Jurisprudence.

Michael has research interests in two broad areas:

- 1) Public law, in particular constitutional law, practice, theory and reform, especially from a UK perspective; and,
- 2) Legal and political theory, in particular the relationships between law and politics, rights and democracy, and theories of government and constitutionalism.

His present research is focused on the doctrine of parliamentary sovereignty.

Areas of Research Supervision

Michael is interested in supervising research in any aspect of constitutional law, practice, or reform, whether in relation to the UK's constitutional arrangements or with an international or comparative perspective. Michael is also interested in supervising research projects exploring any aspect of constitutional theory, especially those which consider how legal and political philosophy can be applied in practice.

RUTH LAMONT LLB (HONS), PHD LAW, UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

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Conflict of Laws, Family Law, Gender Equality.

Ruth's research has focussed on the regulation of family life through private international law, particularly by the EU, focussing on the role of gender and equality policy in the development of European law. Her current research is focussed on the regulation of aspects of family life by the EU and the interaction between different policy frameworks both at European and domestic level, concentrating on:

- 1) The interaction between domestic family law in England and Wales with European private international family law;
- 2) The management of cross-border movement of families by the EU and the tension between the policy of free movement of persons and the protection of family relationships through private international law rules on family dissolution.

Areas of Research Supervision

- Private international law
- European
- Domestic family law, particularly the gender implications of the law.

KIRON REID, LL.B, BARRISTER AT LAW

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Criminal Law, Criminal Justice and Civil Liberties, including police powers and police accountability.

Kiron's key area of research are the criminal law aspects of civil liberties, in particular focusing on police powers, protest and policing. Kiron has related interests in emergency / anti-terrorist legislation and emergency powers and is also interested in substantive criminal law, particularly aspects related to the extension of the criminal law to conduct not previously included, and use of strict liability.

Areas of Research Supervision.

- Criminal Law: General Principles
- Police Powers
- Police accountability and police complaints.

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International Economic Law, EU Law, International Investment Law.

Mavluda's research focuses on the scope of state responsibility under international investment treaties. Mavluda is also interested in institutional aspects of international investment law, international energy and investment law, and international economic law generally, including WTO law.

Areas of Research Supervision

- All areas of International Investment Law and Policy
- International Investment and Energy Law
- Investment Treaties and Free Trade Agreements of the EU
- Law and Policy of the WTO, with particular focus on the interplay between international trade, global justice and economic development.

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Banking Law, Commercial Law, Company Law.

Robert's research interests stem from issues relating to Financial and Banking Law. He is particularly interested in the confidential nature of the banker-customer relationship and the inroads made in recent years to banking secrecy. He is also interested in issues surrounding financial capability and exclusion, including, depositor/consumer awareness and access to mainstream financial services and products.

Areas of Research Supervision

- All areas of Commercial Law (including the Sale of Goods, Consumer Credit and Agency Law);
- All areas of Banking Law (particularly, banker-customer confidentiality, financial crime and bank supervision/regulation)
- All areas of Company Law (including particularly, issues arising through the Companies Act 2006).

CHRISTINE SCHWÖBEL, PH.D
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Public International and Transnational Law, Global Constitutionalism, Global Governance, the Public/Private Dichotomy in International Law, The interrelationship between International Criminal Law and International Human Rights Law.

Christine's research interests broadly span three areas of international and transnational law:

- A critical appraisal of the contemporary debate on global constitutionalism and similar frameworks including global governance and global administrative law ideas

- The role and nature of private law in international law and transnational law
- An enquiry into the assumptions which underlie international criminal law. In this context, Christine is also interested in the interrelationship between international criminal law and international human rights law.

Areas of Research Supervision

- All areas of public international law with a view to an appraisal of the field as a discipline and discourse
- Critical approaches to international criminal law



For the most up-to-date details of the School research themes see <http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/index.htm>

FEMINIST LEGAL RESEARCH UNIT
<http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/flru/research.htm>

The Feminist Legal Research Unit (FLRU) was established in 1993 and brings together academic staff undertaking research into issues of equality and non-discrimination from a feminist perspective.

FLRU is always interested in hearing from like-minded researchers and research units in the UK and abroad in order to discuss ongoing research into law and gender, equality and feminist theory. If you are interested in any of our projects or our seminar programme or are organising a conference that might be relevant to FLRU members, we would like to hear from you.

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The research interests of FLRU members span a range of fields, including Healthcare and Body Employment Equality, Domestic Violence, Children's Rights and Gender Mainstreaming. Further information and contact details can be found on the Unit's web pages at www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/flru/index.htm

THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE CHILD, THE FAMILY AND THE LAW
<http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/cscfl/index.htm>

The Centre for the Study of the Child, the Family and the Law is an interdisciplinary research centre that facilitates collaboration between academics, practitioners, representatives from children's rights NGOs and statutory and governmental bodies, as well as children and young people.

The Centre aims to undertake and produce authoritative participatory and multi-disciplinary research on legal and social policy and practice, as well as issues of national, European and international concern affecting children and their families.

A full review of the Centre will be undertaken from the summer of 2011 onwards, to ensure that its aims and activities reflect key policy priorities externally, but also to respond to and fully exploit the expertise of staff within the University.

LIVERPOOL EUROPEAN LAW UNIT
<http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/LELU/index.htm>

LELU brings together researchers within the School of Law and Social Justice working in the field of European law and policy. The Unit is committed to driving forward critical understanding of the European Union - its institutions and values, constitutional principles and substantive policy fields - with a particular emphasis on EU citizenship and the social dimension to European integration.

Areas of research strength include

- EU institutional and constitutional law
- The relationship between the EU and national legal orders
- Law of the Single Market (including free movement, harmonisation, competition law, intellectual property)
- EU citizenship, especially issues of migration and social protection
- The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (including asylum and immigration, judicial cooperation in civil matters and EU criminal law)
- Equality and mainstreaming
- EU family law, with a particular emphasis on children's rights within the EU.

Members of the Unit frequently publish their research in monographs, edited collections and peer reviewed journals. We also organise regular conferences, workshops and seminars designed to generate new knowledge and analysis concerning topical EU affairs. Knowledge exchange forms an important component of our activities: we aim to share the findings of our research with interested groups beyond the academic community; and to inform and influence the activities of policymakers and other stakeholders.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW UNIT

http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/human_rights/index.htm

This cluster brings together researchers within the School of Law and Social Justice working in the field of Human Rights and International Law. With the generous support of the Law School and University, the Unit is undertaking a Human Rights and Group Diversity programme. This is primarily intended to provide an opportunity to engage students, academics and the general public in a discussion of topical aspects of international human rights from the perspective of group diversity, as well as to disseminate information about publications and public events in this broadly defined area. Main themes include political rights and non-discrimination, socio-economic rights and the protection of minorities and indigenous peoples in multicultural and multinational states. The programme welcomes collaborative work with academic institutions, global legal advocacy networks, and independent scholars. As part of this IELU strand of activity, the Law School has already hosted numerous talks with national and international experts, attracting considerable attention from a wide range of researchers and practitioners. Keynote speeches and lectures have been delivered by leading academics, and representatives of the United Nations, Council of Europe and the NGO community. The Unit also hosts a popular and prestigious Annual Laws of War course.

CHARITY LAW AND POLICY RESEARCH UNIT

<http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/clpu/index.htm>

The main focus of the Charity Law and Policy Unit is on researching the law as it affects the charity sector. The Charity Law and Policy Unit has always concentrated on providing relevant research of high quality and in making the results of that research available to the charity sector and its advisers.

The research work of the Charity Law and Policy Unit (formerly the Charity Law Unit) was originally library based, with activity ranging from contributions to academic journals, in particular, Charity Law and Practice Review and The Conveyancer, through editorship of a leading text on Charity Law for practitioners, Tudor on Charities, to providing the legal component of the UK element of the Johns Hopkins Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project. The Charity Law Unit has also worked, in conjunction with the National Council for Voluntary Organisations and the Charity Law Association, on a new legal structure for charities. More recently, the Charity Law and Policy Unit has established a firm reputation for high quality empirical work undertaken with charities, support groups and umbrella bodies.

The Charity Law and Policy Unit publishes the results of research projects, where appropriate, not only in legal academic journals and through its own reports published on its website, but also in other more accessible forms for the sector. The results of the research are also disseminated by participation in conferences both in this country and abroad.

DILEMMAS IN HEALTH LAW CLUSTER

<http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/health/index.htm>

This research cluster focuses on health and wellbeing incorporates research into what makes and keeps people healthy and contributes to their wellbeing, as well as the causes, and experience, of illness. They focus on macro, meso and micro levels of health research including analysis of policy discourses, professional discourse and practices and the everyday interactions between patients, carers, physicians, primary care professionals and others.

The research is informed by an ethic of respect for the value of lay knowledge in partnership with professional knowledge and by the understanding that discourses around health encapsulate both symbolic struggles for power and knowledge whilst being rooted in materialist realities of bodies experiencing illness, incapacities and/or suffering.

Areas of research

Addiction; ageing; biomedical and lay epistemologies in illness/disease; Care-giving; chronic illness; critical public health e.g. smoking cessation; death including suicide; constructions of deviance; decision-making processes including democracy and consumerism in health care decision-making; disability; ethics; critical evaluations of and engagement with 'evidence'; harm reduction; health wellbeing and issues of social exclusion; health organisations including hospitals, primary care Trusts, walk-in centres etc; medical professions; mental health law; organ transplantation; policy evaluation in health/social care; professional identities within health and social care; primary care; self-care; risk; socio-legal perspectives on drug-licensing laws and pharmacogenomics; science and technology studies; unplanned medical care .

Methodologies

Qualitative and ethnographic methodologies; narrative research; ethnomethodology; discourse analysis.

GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS REGULATION UNIT

<http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/governance/index.htm>

The Governance and Business Regulation Unit (GBRU) is an interdisciplinary research group which seeks to promote and support research and knowledge exchange activity across a wide range of issues relevant to governance and regulation. Members of the GBRU have a broad range of interests though the key themes of the Unit's work are:

- The potential, and the limits, of state power
- The blurring of boundaries between the public and private spheres (eg as states contract out functions to private / third sector organisations; and / or impose public functions / public law obligations upon private actors)
- The growing complexity of relationships between local, state and international autonomy and authority under the influence of globalization (eg as states find their ability to address economic / social policy problems either constrained or enhanced by international structures and international law)
- Market regulation (addressing imbalances of power between market participants etc).

Members of the GBRU have expertise across a number of disciplines, areas and topics including:

Due process and competition law enforcement; Anti-trust claims and regulation; Corporate governance failings in the banking sector; Consumer empowerment and financial services; Intellectual property law; The governance of charities; Principles of public benefit in charity law; Lex mercatoria in transnational commercial law; Bank confidentiality and public interest; Anti-money laundering regulation; Corporate governance in China; Regulatory policy and technology governance; Corporate information security governance.

Staff within GBRU welcome all inquiries and applications concerning:

- Our specialist LLM in International Business Law
- Doctoral research in a relevant area of law at Liverpool
- Visiting fellowships from academic colleagues working elsewhere in the EU and beyond.

CRIME, ORDER(ING), URBAN CHANGE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

<http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/crime/index.htm>

Research work in crime, social order and social justice has a long history in the University of Liverpool beginning with the work of Charles Booth at the turn of the nineteenth century, continued by J.B. Mays in the 1950s, through to the work of Howard Parker and others from the 1970s onwards. The school's research interests in this field have been enhanced in the co-joining of the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology with the Liverpool Law School to comprise the School of Law and Social Justice. Thus this research cluster reflects a wide range of interests that span law and social justice. As a group we are committed to exploring social justice as a contested concept around three interlinked themes; crime, governance and urban life. These broad themes afford the opportunity for linked interdisciplinary work that nevertheless remains focused on the long-standing commitment of the School to engaged social research. Currently this is exemplified by the School's work on Liverpool as a Capital of Culture (Impacts08) and the housing of Democratic Audit within the School under the Directorship of Stuart Wilks-Heeg.

This work ranges from research on surveillance and the city (Roy Coleman), police powers, complaints and accountability (Kiron Reid), urban unrest in Liverpool and illicit diamond production in Sierra Leone (Diane Frost), criminal law, corporate organisations and business regulation (Rob Stokes), state crime and human rights (Dave Whyte), European criminal law (Michael Dougan), crime, disorder and community (Lynn Hancock), youth criminology and juvenile justice (Barry Goldson), gender, crime and community (Karen Evans), local democracy, governance and accountability (Stuart Wilks-Heeg), risk theory, crime and identity (Gabe Mythen), victimology (Sandra Walklate), drugs (Nicole Vitellone), anti-social behaviour (Michael Mair), culture and urban regeneration (Beatriz Garcia).

On-Campus Module Summaries

See www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/prospective for details of modules running each year.

All modules are 20 credit value, unless otherwise noted.

Advanced Issues in EU Economic Law (LAW589)

This module aims to develop further critical understanding of EU economic law by studying a range of advanced topics relating to the European Single Market and other aspects of economic integration within the EU. The syllabus for this module may change from year to year, depending on current topics of scholarly and policy interest. Present topics include:

- the freedom of establishment for self employed persons
- corporate freedom of establishment
- cross-border acquisitions and the treatment of “Golden Shares”
- the Treaty free movement provisions and private barriers to trade
- harmonisation of national laws to promote the functioning of the Single Market, including the existence and scope of EU legal competence and forms / degrees of harmonisation
- political and legal management of the Single Market through measures designed to promote mutual trust, surveillance and transparency etc
- theories of regulatory competition and critiques of social dumping, and their relevance to / impact upon EU economic law.

Aspects of Banking Law (LAW568)

This module analyses the role of the Banking sector within the economy and issues relating to bank regulation (particularly the shortcomings of the regulators); the development of the banker/customer relationship with particular emphasis on bank confidentiality and the money laundering regimes; mitigating factors in banking transactions (eg undue influence and duress) with particular reference to the impact of third party behaviour (O’Brien and the subsequent cases).

Commercial Conflict of Laws (LAW584)

This gives an introduction to the conflict of laws – its theoretical basis, the purpose of the rules, issues of particular relevance to business concerns. The syllabus covers issues such as where to litigate (the jurisdiction of the English courts under the common law rules and under the Brussels Convention/ Regulation, and under the Lugano Convention); choice of law in contract, tort and in relation to movable and immovable property – relevant issues including jurisdiction, renvoi and expropriation; E-commerce – what system should govern? It also covers the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments – common law rules, Brussels Convention / Regulation and the Lugano Convention.

Comparative Medical Ethics and the Law (LAW592)

As a social science law cannot be considered as a purely national subject. Indeed in a subject like medical ethics and the law, where it is particularly important for students to understand the impact of the cultural context of their own and others' reactions to the issues, a comparative approach is invaluable. Consideration of how the same legal problems have been resolved in different jurisdictions can help both in the critical comprehension of the issues of medical ethics and the law within England and Wales, but also in the development of a critical ability to discover the best possible way of reforming the law.

Commercial Intellectual Property Law in a Global Economy (LAW586)

This module aims to critically evaluate the respective IP rights, allow students to evaluate whether conditions under which they can be obtained are fulfilled in a real life case, prepare students to enforce IP rights in the real world, prepare students to draft licensing agreements, challenge students to critically evaluate the impact of IP rights in a global economy. Seminar syllabus may include:

- Copyright
- Database protection
- Trademarks
- Designs
- Patents
- Contemporary issues in IP law: IP in the digital era
- Contemporary issues in IP law: TRIPs Agreement and IP rights
- Enforcement of IP rights
- Cross-border enforcement of IP rights
- Licensing IP rights.

Corporate Information Security (LAW572)

This module aims to develop the student's understanding of the nature of Information Security; the varied threats to Information Security and the legal, technological and business responses to the threats. The syllabus covers an introduction to Information Security Threats; Cryptography; E-Signatures; The Legal Response to information Security Threats in the UK, EU, US and Australia; Standard Setting in Information Security; Information Security in Corporations and the Workplace.

Dissertation (60 credits) (LAW540)

The dissertation involves in-depth research over a period of some time, resulting in a 12,000-15,000 word piece of extended analytical and critical quality. This seeks to build on skills gained and developed by LLM students over Semesters 1 and 2 of the programme, in particular in relation to Legal Research Training and the subject-based knowledge gained in any relevant taught module(s). (The dissertation is usually, though not always, undertaken in a topic which lies within the general subject-matter of one or more of the modules in the taught stage of the programme). Each student is assigned a Supervisor who provides general guidance on the progress of the student's work on the dissertation. This includes advising on the selection of the topic and its parameters, the structure of the dissertation, research methodologies and commenting on draft work.

Law of the Single Market (LAW520)

The syllabus will focus on several core aspects of the European Single Market, in particular:

- Customs duties and charges having equivalent effect; discriminatory internal taxation
- Free movement of goods: quantitative restrictions and measures having equivalent effect; Treaty derogations and mandatory requirements; private barriers to movement and relationship with fundamental rights
- Free movement of services: definition of economic services; barriers to movement of services (including comparison with free movement of goods); case-studies on public services and posted workers
- Harmonisation for the completion of the internal market: competence to harmonise, forms of harmonisation and their relationship to the primary Treaty provisions; market management by the Commission; theories of regulatory competition and social dumping.

EU Migration Law (LAW567)

This module covers a range of problems which arise in relation to migration in EU law and policy, including:

- The status and rights of EU migrant workers and their families
- The legal status of EU migrant students, retired people and the self-employed
- The status and rights of non-economic migrants
- The impact of EU enlargement on mobility entitlement
- The position of third country nationals in EU law and policy
- Problems arising for migrants in the context of family breakdown
- Migration of companies and firms The correlation between citizenship and free movement
- Legal, socio-legal and political discourses on migration.

EU Civil and Social Law (LAW588)

This module offers students the opportunity to develop further their knowledge of EU Law, by exploring a range of specialist topics relating to civil issues (democratic participation; fundamental rights) and to social law and policy within the Member States.

The module will focus on topical and controversial issues in EU civil and social law and policy, such as:

- EU fundamental rights including fundamental rights as general principles of Union law
- Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union relationship between the EU and the ECHR
- Covers “clashes of rights” in the EU, particularly the relationship between economic and civil /social rights
- EU equality law (including discrimination on grounds of sex, race and disability)
- EU rules on the reconciliation of work and family life
- Gender main streaming within the EU
- The application of new forms of governance (such as the open method of coordination) to social issues at EU level.

Fundamentals of International Law (LAW563)

This module provides students with a critical introduction, with comparative elements, to international law and places the issues covered into the political and historical context of international relations.

Critical Approaches to International Criminal Law (LAW524)

This module aims to provide students with a strong understanding of the theory and practice of the rapidly growing field of International Criminal Law. Foundational questions regarding the history and institutional structures of international criminal justice will be explored in depth. The course is specifically directed towards a critical appraisal of the current theory and practice of the field; critique which goes beyond the common efficiency and enforcement discussions. Issues of hegemony, show-trials, victors' and donors' justice, and the supposedly redemptive and pacifying nature of international criminal justice will be explored. Students are introduced to the practice of ICL through discussions and mooted exercises.

Minority Groups, International Human Rights and the Courts (LAW569)

The course aims to provide a thorough grounding in the application of international human rights law standards to ethno-cultural minorities and indigenous peoples primarily (though by no means exclusively) from a judicial and quasi-judicial perspective. It discusses the theory, history, definition and development of the rights of minority communities as they relate to equality, identity, the role of territory, as well as access to natural resources. It draws special attention to the role of global, regional and domestic judicial discourse in shaping up the complex relationship between individual and collective interests within multicultural and/or multinational polities, and the wider interplay of transnational economic growth, sustainable development and the human rights of indigenous peoples.

International Human Rights Law (LAW579)

The course aims to introduce students to the theory and practice of international human rights law and the international law framework. Against the background of the history and narratives of human rights protection, it critically assesses the international human rights system, with particular reference to the evolving dimensions of non-discrimination, civil and political rights, socio-economic rights and self-determination. It includes an assessment of universal and regional systems, as well as themes of discourse relating to the impact of human rights on general international law.

Foundations of EU Law (LAW509)

This is an introduction to the legal order of the European Communities and the development of that legal order, including:

- The three-pillar structure and mechanisms for revision of Treaty provisions
- The powers and duties of the institutions, notably the Commission, Council, Parliament and Court
- Relationships between Community institutions and Member State laws and institutions
- Law and policy-making in the EU
Mechanisms of accountability
- Major features of Community law including direct and indirect effect, supremacy, the principle of attribution, subsidiarity, remedies and fundamental rights and general principles
- Judicial review and enforcement of EC law, including individual enforcement.

Intellectual Property Rights in Life Sciences (LAW587)

Critically evaluate IP rights in life sciences, allow students to evaluate whether conditions under which they can be obtained are fulfilled in a real life case, prepare students to make a well founded and critical evaluation of the question whether and to what extent, if any, intellectual property rights should be granted in life sciences, the consequences of allowing such grant of IP rights for scientific research and effects in a global economy.

- Overview of patent system
- Rationale of patent system
- Patents for pharmaceuticals
- Methods of treatment, surgery and diagnostic methods and patent protection
- Patents for biotechnological inventions
- Ethical issues relating to patenting in life sciences
- Exclusions from patentability
- Patenting in life sciences and the future of scientific research
- Access to drugs, patent protection and developing economies
- Biological resources used in obtaining patent protection in life sciences and benefit sharing to suppliers of those resources.

International Corporate Governance (LAW577)

A spate of high profile corporate governance failures resulting in the spectacular corporate collapse of seemingly sound and hugely successful public companies, has propelled the issue of corporate governance into the legal and financial spotlight around the world – in the US, Europe, Asia and Latin America. Enron, World Com, Barings Bank, Tyco, HealthSouth, Royal Ahold and Pharmalat, to name but a few of the more sensational collapses, have called for detailed examination and investigation of the legal and financial backdrop against which these disasters have been played out. Corporate governance, the role, duties and liabilities of directors, the function of the shareholder, and importantly, the part played by the professional agents of these separate organs of the company, have become issues of compelling focus for company lawyers and other corporate regulators on a global scale.

This module will offer a comparative study of the legal frameworks within which corporate governance as a concept has developed over the last fifteen years or so, throughout these various jurisdictions, and would be an extremely relevant and interesting option for students undertaking the taught International Business Law programme.

International Financial Crime (LAW585)

The module aims to: Develop critical thinking around the legal framework governing the reduction of financial crime; stimulate the academic interest of students in a challenging and vibrant area of law; develop the ability to engage in the current academic debates surrounding international responses to financial crime.

The syllabus will include: Money Laundering; Terrorist Funding; Fraud Sentencing; Financial Crime; The Proceeds of Crime; Market Abuse and Insider Dealing.

International Human Rights Controversies (LAW580)

This module compliments LAW579 (International Human Rights Law) and includes coverage of the following issues: international human rights controversies; domestic implementation of international human rights standards; universal and regional systems of monitoring; UN Charter-based and treaty-based procedures; the role of international courts and state responsibility and human rights violations.

International Law and Foreign Investment (LAW542)

This module considers the problems concerning the legal regulation of foreign investment and examines responses at the national, bilateral and multilateral level. The legal frameworks developed at these levels, and the law and policy issues involved will be examined. The concerns of both developed and developing countries will be examined. In addition the interrelationships between foreign investment regulation and environmental and social concerns will be addressed, and the role of civil society in international law and policy-making considered.

International Peace and Security (LAW564)

This module will enable students to: Develop an understanding of the nature of the international legal system and its contributions to conflict resolution international society. Critically appraise the content and function of international law rules on the use of force and on peacekeeping. Apply the principles and rules on conflict resolution, the resolution of past and present international and national problems.

Law of Business Organisations (LAW571)

This introduces the different forms of business organisations (eg partnership, LLP, types of company permitted under the Company's legislation). Students will explore the relationships arising out of the different business organisations including the relationship between the partners; partners and third parties; contractual obligations; rules of Agency Law as applicable to partners and dissolution of the partnership. The module then looks at the limited liability partnership and changes introduced as a result of this type of business entity to the general partnership. It will explore the different types of limited liability company, the legal effect of establishing such a company and rules relating to management and contractual capacity.

Law of the World Trade Organisation (LAW526)

The role of traditional international law in international economic relations; the principal non-state actors (World Bank Group, WTO, UNCTAD, OECD, and regional trading blocs such as the EU); basic GATT/WTO principles; WTO dispute settlement; treatment of selected issues under the WTO such as dumping and subsidies, foreign investment, regulation of multinational corporations, protection of the environment, transfer of technology. (Not all issues will be studied in any one year).

Legal Research Training (LAW532)

The module consists of a structured series of exercises designed to develop a range of appropriate skills and to introduce intellectual perspectives and ideas over a range of international, European and domestic subject areas. Students will work individually and in groups on reading, writing and oral presentations and some time will be devoted to counselling on writing skills. An assessment will be made of each student's IT skills and sessions offered to introduce new technologies and enhance existing skills.

Legal Regulation of Health Care Decision-Making (LAW536)

The aim of this module is to: Investigate and elucidate the law which applies in the context of health care decision-making. Examine the meaning and role of 'competence' as it applies to adults and children. Examine the conflict between 'medical paternalism' and patient autonomy. Examine decision-making in different contexts including the end of life.

Medical Malpractice Litigation (LAW515)

Topics of this module include: an overview of the system of medical malpractice litigation – the extent of litigation and possible responses to the risk of litigation. Alternative mechanisms for handling medical accidents. NHS complaints procedures. The law – the basis of liability; contract or tort. The Bolam test and its implications for the litigation process. The role of medical experts in establishing negligence. Proving causation. "Informed consent." Practical considerations - Limitation periods. Access to medical records. Vicarious liability and NHS Indemnity. Financing claims.

Mental Health Law and Policy (LAW560)

The aim of this module is to: Introduce students to the nature of mental health law and its underlying policy. Examine the three dominant philosophies of mental health: constructionist, clinical psychopathology, and anti-psychiatry. Examine the conflict between 'medicalism' and 'legalism'. Examine the Mental Health Act 1983 – considering both the civil and criminal provisions in detail. Examine the rise of community care and the 'least restrictive care environment'. Examine mental capacity and its role in mental health care provision. Examine reform proposals.

Trust Confidence and Power in Health Care (LAW556)

The module aims to provide a critical analysis of the current crisis of confidence in health care, its causes, its implications and the extent to which the law can effectively address these issues. The sessions apply the notions of trust, confidence and power to a number of specific aspects of the professional/patient relationship, which cast the frailty of the trust relationship in sharp relief.

Law of International Business and Energy (LAW591)

The module will explore the existing legal instruments and policies on the organisation of upstream and downstream energy activities, including in oil, gas, electricity and nuclear power sectors. The principal focus of the module is on different types of legal regimes used for the allocation of the rights to explore, develop, and distribute energy resources. Primarily aimed at the international regulation of energy in the business context, the module will also examine applicable rules and practices on negotiation of energy-related contracts and dispute settlement.

The module aims to equip students with the understanding of the key legal arrangements and regimes applicable to the commercial exploitation of energy resources.

Contemporary Issues In Business Ethics (LAW583)

In the last few decades, business ethics as an interdisciplinary area has experienced a tremendous blossoming in major economies. Covering a range of controversial issues concerning business in a global economy, this module is designed to provide students an overall knowledge and appreciation of the growing importance of business ethics in the contemporary environment.

The great divide between corporate governance and corporate social responsibility in the contemporary environment, particularly in the post-crisis context will be specifically discussed. The interrelationship between law and ethics will also be explored, to discover how the legal system encourages the practical transition to a more stakeholder-enhanced and sustainable corporate culture.

Postgraduate Online-Taught Programme Modules

(All in partnership with Laureate Online Education)

Full details of modules running on the online Masters programmes can be found in separate pdf brochures available here:

- LLM in International Business Law
- LLM in International Finance and Banking Law
- LLM in Technology and Intellectual Property Law

<http://www.uolohcampus.com/index.php?mod=dcp&act=navigationindex&navigationid=936>

Applicants are advised to check the website and relevant pdf brochure for details of modules running, as these may differ in content and number from the list below.

Aspects of Banking Law (LAW568)

'Aspects of Banking Law' aims to analyse the role of the banking sector and issues relating to bank regulation. The module focuses particularly on the shortcomings of banking regulators. You will study the development of the banker/customer relationship with an emphasis on bank confidentiality and money laundering regimes. You will also look at mitigating factors in banking transactions, such as undue influence and duress, with special reference to the impact of third-party behaviour (O'Brien and the subsequent cases).

Commercial Contracts

You will develop an understanding of the substantive law of contracts in the UK and the EU. Contracts are a prominent feature of not only business, but also consumer law, residential leases, the sale of property and so on. This module deals with how contracts are formed, which contracts are valid, when a contract has been breached, defences to contractual liability, the various remedies for breach, and quasi-contractual theories of liability based on detrimental reliance and unjust enrichment.

Competition Law

This module aims to develop your knowledge of competition law and enable you to apply it to practical problems. It covers the main areas of competition law in the EC. You will develop and demonstrate knowledge of the principles and legal rules of EC competition law and engage in a critical analysis of the main judicial decisions and administrative practice of the EC authorities. You will also apply your knowledge of EC competition law and suggest solutions to practical problems.

Conflict of Laws in Business and Commerce

This module aims to introduce the theoretical basis of conflict of laws and the purpose of rules in law. It provides an introduction to conflict of laws, including its theoretical basis, the purpose of the rules and issues of particular relevance to business. You will study issues such as where to litigate, and the jurisdiction of the English courts under the common law rules, the Brussels Convention/Regulation and the Lugano Convention. You will cover the choice of law in contract, torts and in relation to movable and immovable property, including issues such as jurisdiction, renvoi and expropriation. You will develop a view on what system should govern e-commerce and examine the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.

Copyright

This module aims to give students the skills to analyse the legal rights in works of authorship. You will examine copyrightable subject matter, the duration and ownership of copyrights, the exclusive rights of copyright holders, defences, infringement and remedies.

Dissertation

Students undertake a piece of original research to demonstrate their mastery and integration of knowledge acquired during the programme. The dissertation topic will be chosen in conjunction with the students personal dissertation advisor, an academic supervisor, who will provide support throughout the study and writing process. The dissertation will apply new knowledge and work experience and must have merit beyond the narrower scope of the students particular need.

Law of the European Single Market

This module aims to examine the core aspects of the European single market. Focuses on a range of issues affecting trade in the single market, such as customs duties and discriminatory internal taxation; the free movement of goods and services; treaty derogations and mandatory requirements; private barriers to movement and relationship with fundamental rights; forms of harmonisation and their relationship to the primary Treaty provisions; market management by the Commission; and theories of regulatory competition and social dumping.

Information Security

To develop your understanding of the nature of information security and the varied threats to it, as well as the legal, technical and business responses to those threats. A wide range of information security threats and responses are covered. You will examine technical issues such as cryptography and e-signatures and study the legal response to information security threats in the UK, EU, US and Australia. You will also consider the issues surrounding setting standards in information security and the impact of information security on corporations and the workplace.

International Economic Law

International economic law examines the role of traditional international law in economic relations. It allows students to explore principal non-state actors, such as the World Bank Group, WTO, UNCTAD, OECD, and regional trading blocs such as the EU. You will also study basic GATT/WTO principles, WTO dispute settlement and the treatment of issues including dumping and subsidies, foreign investment, regulation of multinational corporations, protection of the environment and transfer of technology.

Law of the World Trade Organisation (LAW526)

'International Financial Services Law' provides a basic overview of financial services law by identifying and developing issues regarding regulation of financial services in the 21st century.

This module introduces the importance of the increasing internationalisation and globalisation of financial markets and services, and the need to see international financial services law as an important part of international business law. You will come to appreciate both the contractual aspects of financial services law, as well as regulatory approaches that are increasingly international ones.

International Law and Foreign Investment (LAW542)

This module examines responses to the problems of the legal regulation of foreign investment at the national, bilateral and multilateral level. You will study legal frameworks as well as the law and policy issues involved. You will also examine the concerns of developed and developing countries. In addition, you will address the interrelationships between foreign investment regulation and environmental and social concerns, and consider the role of civil society in international law and policy-making.

International Money Laundering Regulation

This module aims to provide a comparative study of UK and international responses to the problems of money laundering and economic crime. You will undertake a comparative survey of major countries, including the history of financial crimes and their regulation, methods of money laundering, the uses and abuses of off-shore financial centres, and international regulation of money movements. You will also learn about the increasing role that tax counsel plays in compliance and due diligence investigations.

International Taxation Law

The fundamental legal principles of taxation of international income are introduced in this module. It examines issues such as taxation of the income from inbound and outbound investment, double taxation, fiscal incentives for investment and income tax treaties.

Internet Law

Internet Law introduces the conceptual and practical dimensions of internet technology and their effect on an emerging legal architecture. You will examine the impact of the international communications infrastructure on economic, political and social institutions. It will cover a range of themes against the background of globalisation, drawing material from a number of jurisdictions and from a wide range of perspectives (not limited to law).

Law of Business Organisations (LAW5711)

This module aims to analyse the relationships arising out of different business organisations and in particular the legal effects of establishing limited liability companies. It introduces different forms of business organisations, such as partnerships and LLPs. You will explore the relationships arising out of different business organisations, including those between partners; partners and third parties; contractual obligations; rules of agency law as applicable to partners, and dissolution of the partnership. You will then look at the limited liability partnership and the changes to general partnership it has entailed. Finally, you will explore the different types of limited liability company, the legal effect of establishing such a company, and rules relating to management and contractual capacity.

Legal Methodology (LAW532)

This module aims to provide a comprehensive grounding in the specialist skills and perspectives necessary for independent legal reading and presentation. The structured exercises that comprise this module will help you develop appropriate skills and introduce you to intellectual perspectives over a range of international, European and domestic legal subject areas. You will work on reading, writing and presentation techniques and receive specific counselling on legal writing skills.

Patent Law

This module aims to provide assess the legal aspect of patenting inventions and examine trademark law in global arenas. It assesses the nature of industrial rights, notably patentable inventions and Trade marks, and investigates the interaction of those rights in both the UK and European arenas.

Admissions Information

There are separate application forms for postgraduate research and taught programmes. For both, the easiest way to make an application is to apply online. Go to www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/applying/online.htm

If you are unable to apply online, you can apply by either:

- Downloading a copy of the Postgraduate Application Form from the University's website at: www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/applying/offline.htm and returning it to us by post or e-mail;
- Completing a hard copy of the Postgraduate Application form, available from the address below. If you complete a hard copy of the Postgraduate Application Form, you will need to know the Programme and Major codes for the programme of study you wish to undertake, in order to complete Section 2. The Programme and Major codes can be found in this brochure under the relevant programme entry.

ALL APPLICANTS

In addition to the information required on the application form, you will need to send copies of the following documents to the Postgraduate Admissions team with your application:

- School or college transcripts/certificates
- University transcripts
- Degree certificates
- Evidence of English Language proficiency
- (EU and international applicants only)
- Personal statement
- Two references
- Proof of funding
- Research proposal (for PhD and MPhil applicants only).

NB: We would advise that photocopies and scanned documents are acceptable at application stage. However, originals may be required should your application be successful. Applicants should make sure they have included all materials with their application to avoid undue delays in the application process.

RESEARCH APPLICANTS

Students applying for research degrees (PhD and MPhil) should in addition, follow these steps:

- Check our research details towards the end of this document and our website to see if we can offer expert supervision in your chosen area of specialisation.
- Prepare a brief research proposal (typically 500 words plus references) to outline the research project you would like to undertake.
- Submit a full application with all supporting documents, including a clear statement on how you intend to fund your research degree.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR APPLICATION

The Postgraduate Admissions team will acknowledge receipt of your application and will pass it to the appropriate academic department(s) for consideration.

APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

We welcome applications from students with disabilities and consider them on the same academic grounds as those of other students. If you have a disability, medical condition and/or support needs it is important that you inform the University so that you receive appropriate support. To discuss your situation or to obtain a copy of the University's booklet, "A guide to support and services for students with disabilities", please contact a member of the Disability Support Team on T: +44 (0) 151 794 4714 / 6676 or at E: dsteam@liverpool.ac.uk

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Full details of the admissions procedures for taught programmes operated by individual departments may be found in the departmental Postgraduate Admissions Policies, which are available on the University's website www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate

DEADLINES

Although the University does not have an official deadline by which postgraduate applications should be received, it is strongly advised that applications are made by no later than June of the proposed year of entry. This is particularly so for International Students, as an offer letter is required as part of the VISA admissions process to the UK and sufficient time must be left to complete this process. If you have any questions or doubts, please contact the department concerned or the Postgraduate Admissions Team:

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Please note, it is a mandatory requirement for some postgraduate applicants who need Entry Clearance to study in the UK, to have an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate.

It is your responsibility to check if this scheme applies to you. See www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/applying/atas.htm for more information.

REPRESENTATIVES OVERSEAS

In some countries the University works with local representatives who can provide more information and help you with the application process. For further details, please visit: www.liverpool.ac.uk/international

CPD AND ACCESS TO LLM MODULES

The Law School will be trialling open access to some of its LLM module provision, open to legal (and other) practitioners who may want to take a particular module instead of a whole LLM, or may wish to attend a particular session in a particular module. Full details are available from www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/prospective

