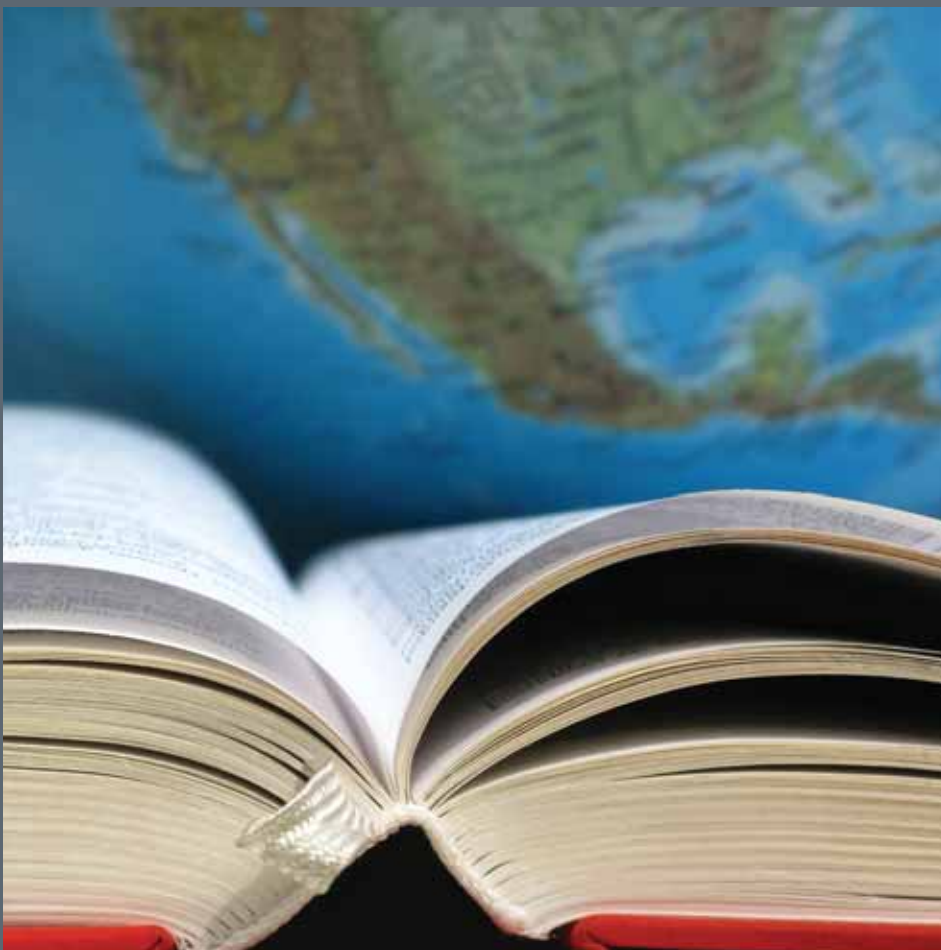


LLM INTERNATIONAL LAW

Postgraduate and research opportunities



LLM International Law
LLM International
Economic Law
LLM International Trade
and Commercial Law
LLM Public International Law
LLM International
Human Rights Law
LLM WTO Law
LLM by Research



WELCOME



There are many good reasons for choosing to continue your studies. Expanding your knowledge and professional skills must be one of the surest ways of improving your prospects.

Knowledge of international law in all its aspects is becoming ever more necessary not only for those seeking a career in law, but also for those wishing to work in business, in government and for NGOs involved in development and humanitarian work. We offer a diverse programme which is flexible enough to accommodate both those who wish to specialise in particular areas of international law as well as those who prefer to gain a broader understanding of a range of topics in international law.

Increasingly, employers are looking for that extra qualification when appointing new staff, and employees are keen to maintain and enhance their level of knowledge and skills or to make a career change.

The postgraduate team in the Law School are here to make studying for your postgraduate qualification as career-focused as possible.

We hope that the information provided in this brochure stimulates your interest and we look forward to receiving your application.

Professor Meryll Dean
Head of Law School

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85%

of our law research was judged to be internationally recognised with 10% world leading

RAE 2008
(Assessed every five years)



'I was attracted by the quality of teaching recommended by the good university guide.'

*Chayapa Chomchaiya,
LLM Alumna*

Outstanding teaching, strong research and students happy to sing the praises of both

*The Sunday Times
University Guide, 2012*

WHY STUDY LAW AT OXFORD BROOKES?

Oxford Brookes University has been providing high quality postgraduate education for thousands of people from all over the world for many years and has a strong tradition of innovation and excellence in teaching.

Success for Law in the RAE

Oxford Brookes strives to provide high quality research for the real world – research that improves the quality of people's lives. The Law School performed exceptionally well in the last round of the five-yearly Research Assessment Exercise (2008) with 85% of research activity in Law judged to be international and 10% of this 'world leading' in terms of originality, significance and rigour. Consequently we are now outranking many high achieving research universities in the UK. Building on these excellent results, the work of our leading researchers – such as Professor Ilona Cheyne's work on law and environmental ethics, and Dr Sonia Morano-Foadi's studies of European citizenship, governance and internal migration within the EU – continually updates and enriches our programme of taught courses.

Excellence in teaching and learning

With consistently high ratings in the university guides, published in the UK's national press and marks of excellence awarded to the Law School by government teaching quality assessors, we are confident that you will receive some of the best teaching available in the UK.

You will benefit from a range of teaching and learning strategies including lectures, seminars and workshops. Your fellow students are drawn from countries around the world giving you the opportunity to enjoy a truly international exchange of ideas.

Career Focus

The LLM programmes in International Law are designed to equip you with specialist knowledge and skills for a successful career in a rapidly globalising world. With your career in mind, particular emphasis is placed on skills training with opportunities provided to practise legal reasoning skills both orally and in writing. Special support is provided for international students, particularly those whose first language is not English, to ensure that they find their feet quickly and are able to participate fully.

Linking teaching with research

We include aspects of our research in all our courses, teach specialist modules in our areas of expertise and supervise dissertations in our specialist subjects. The LLM course team are all research-active specialists who publish in their areas of expertise. For details of our specialist research groups see page 14.

You will be encouraged to become involved in the Law School's activities and have the opportunity to work with staff who are at the forefront in a wide range of internationally recognised and world-leading research. Research seminars are open to all and give you the opportunity to engage with the very latest research findings, to enrich your learning and make the most of your time as a student here in Oxford.

Learning research skills

A major part of your LLM is research orientated, including designing and researching your dissertation. You will receive a sound grounding in legal research methods training to develop your skills and to enable you to prepare and present your work according to research guidelines. You will also learn how to apply theoretical perspectives and research methodologies to a legal problem and you will be encouraged to explore your own research ideas.

Progression to PhD

Many of our LLM students choose to continue their academic studies with an MPhil or PhD, having been inspired by one of the modules or by research being undertaken within the school. Our taught master's programmes (LLM) and our LLM by Research provide an excellent foundation for this type of meticulous, advanced-level study and prepare you for a period of academic endeavour that is both demanding and rewarding.

OXFORD – A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND STUDY

As one of the most famous cities in the world, Oxford offers everything any student could want and more. It is a bustling, cosmopolitan city with excellent shopping, restaurants, cafés, pubs and clubs.



Oxford is an exciting, vibrant and comfortable place to live. It is an ancient and scholarly city with a very young population who enjoy Oxford's lively music scene, cafés and theatres as much as its world class museums and galleries. Frequent buses link Oxford to London and international airports.

Headington Campus

The Headington Campus is located just a mile from Oxford's beautiful and historic city centre. You will find the Law Department offices and the Law resources room in Headington Hill Hall, a magnificent old building set in beautiful gardens.

Accommodation

Oxford Brookes University has nine halls of residence providing approximately 3,400 single study bedrooms, of which 660 are

catered. A number of flats are allocated to postgraduate students only. All study bedrooms are networked so you can gain access to the internet, university intranet and email. If you are an international student, your place in university accommodation is guaranteed provided you meet the deadlines set by the Admissions Office.

Some of our accommodation is designed to suit different needs, such as wheelchair users, married couples and students who need single-sex accommodation.

For further information and to view our accommodation online, please visit www.brookes.ac.uk/accommodation

Staying e-connected

Computing facilities are plentiful and available to all postgraduates at Oxford Brookes

University. You will automatically be allocated an email address and have access to the internet from all computer rooms. Wireless technology enables you to connect to the university network with your own computer from within the university area. There are around 750 networked PCs in 37 open-access rooms, a number of which are open 24 hours a day.

Libraries

Oxford Brookes has four libraries open throughout the week and at weekends which house a wide selection of books and journals. You can also take advantage of the Library's excellent Electronic Information Network (LEIN), giving you access to a range of bibliographical searching tools, databases and electronic journals. As an Oxford Brookes postgraduate student you will also be

‘Oxford is one of the most recognised academic cities in the world and is known for its international academic community.’

Natalie Westerbarkey, LLM alumna



permitted to use Oxford University's Bodleian Law Library, one of the largest in the world.

New library and teaching building

Due to open in summer 2013, the building brings together library and teaching space and social areas, IT resources and essential support service such as careers and student welfare.

Going out

There's plenty to do in and around Oxford and, with London so close, you are never short of new things to experience. You will find Oxford Brookes Students' Union in the Helena Kennedy Student Centre, just two minutes from the Law Department. Here you will find The Venue, Oxford's largest nightclub with a capacity for 1,200 people, which hosts club nights, bands and DJs. In addition the Students' Union runs a number of bars and

coffee shops across the campuses and in residential halls.

Societies and sport

Although your first priority will be your studies there should still be some time to try new things, make new friends and socialise. As well as the Law Society there are around 70 clubs and societies run by the Students' Union. Whether you like rowing, football, music, drama or photography, or if you are interested in culture, politics or religion, you will find a club or society catering for like-minded people. The Sports Centre offers something for everyone. You may want to use the fitness suite or weights room or perhaps join one of the many university sports teams. Facilities include badminton courts, squash courts, basket ball courts, football, hockey and rugby pitches and a climbing wall and tower.

Welfare and support

The Students' Union supports students through its Advice Centre providing free welfare advice and information on all aspects of university life, from finances and housing to legal and welfare issues. Counselling and support are available for any student who needs them.

Worship

Oxford is home to a great diversity of faith communities that are open to and welcome students. As well as a chapel at Harcourt Hill, there is both an ecumenical chaplaincy room and a Roman Catholic chaplaincy in Headington. Muslim students have access to prayer rooms on all three sites at Headington, Wheatley and Harcourt Hill. A mosque and a synagogue can also be found in the city.

LLM INTERNATIONAL LAW

Generates opportunities for working in law, business or government



Mohmd Ayed M Alassmari

After graduating from King Abdulaziz University, I spent a year in America before joining the Ministry of Labour in Saudi Arabia as an International Organisations specialist. Due to the need for experts in International Law in my country, I was able to get a scholarship to take a master's and PhD in the UK.

I decided to take the Oxford Brookes Pre-Master's course in order to improve my academic English before beginning my postgraduate studies. For me it was a crucial turning point in my studies – in a class of its own in terms of the preparation I received and the research methods and study skills I learned.

Oxford is a beautiful city and the highly qualified LLM staff show real understanding of and interest in their subject. My personal tutor and dissertation supervisor is simply the finest lecturer I have ever been taught by and will hopefully continue to be my supervisor when I start my PhD in International Human Rights Law in September.

International law encompasses issues relating to the recognition of states, war, peace, the role of international organisations, liability for international crimes as well as questions relating to trade regulation and international financial systems. In Semester 1 you will be introduced to the theoretical basis and main aspects of public international law particularly issues relating to the recognition of states and state responsibility, the law of treaties,

international institutional law, and the judicial settlement of international disputes. In Semester 2, you are able to choose from the complete range of options available on the LLM programme, relating both to public international law – such as International Human Rights Law – and international economic law – such as WTO Trade Regulation and International Investment Law.

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International Law	Option 1	Dissertation
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SPECIALIST MODULES

- International Humanitarian Law
- European Union Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Labour Law
- International Trade Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental Law
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- International Investment Law
- World Trade Regulation
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Regulatory Theory in Cyberspace
- International Law on the Use of Force
- International Corporate Governance

STUDENT SUPPORT

You will be offered guidance and support from a number of people including the LLM Director, your Academic Adviser and the law administrative team. The LLM has a dedicated student support co-ordinator who can give advice on the course, finance, accommodation or personal issues which may be affecting your study and will also regularly update you with

information on visiting speakers, careers advice and course announcements. She can also help you to access other support services in the University such as 'Upgrade', which offers confidential advice on study skills, and English language support through Oxford Brookes International.

LLM INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND COMMERCIAL LAW

Opens up a range of opportunities for a successful career in international trade

In this rapidly globalising world, a sound understanding of international trade and commercial law is one of the most sought-after attributes of modern legal practice. Law firms, enterprises and governmental organisations place a high premium on graduates with commercial law expertise and skills. This course will enable you to develop a deep understanding of the context and application of international trade and

commercial law. As well as a sound appreciation of the substantive legal principles in international law, you will be given the academic support needed to develop appropriate legal, research and communication skills. With this highly professional approach to the subject, the programme is ideally suited to the student from a law, business, management, politics or other social science background.

Semester 1	Semester 2	Summer
International Law	International Trade Law	Dissertation
Advanced Legal Research Methods	Option 2	
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SPECIALIST MODULES

- European Union Law
- International Labour Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Investment Law
- World Trade Regulation
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- International Corporate Governance

YOUR CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Graduates from the LLM succeed across an impressive range of careers from policy makers and human rights activists through to high-flying diplomats and commercial lawyers. The Careers Centre provides advice on graduate jobs including help with career choices, workshops to develop skills

such as writing CVs and interview techniques, access to online vacancy listings and a well-stocked careers information library. LLM staff can also advise you and direct you to possible careers and employers depending on your particular needs and ambitions.



Graziely Souza

Brookes is a great university; from the structure of the course to the support of the lectures, learning here is a pleasant process.

The LLM in International Trade and Commercial Law gives me the expertise to deal with the demands of a globalised economy, something that an undergraduate degree alone could not provide.

The LLM will hopefully lead me to a career in a multinational company dealing with import and export of goods, services and logistics.

From the start, I have found Oxford Brookes staff very helpful; every e-mail or call was always responded to, and my concerns answered in a very special way.

Oxford is a lively and multicultural city that has lots to offer; its charming architecture, the parks and the night life make it a great city to experience.

I would certainly recommend those who have the possibility to study abroad to actually take advantage of it. This is an immeasurable experience that widens the views of professional and daily life, brings confidence and gives an asset to any professional.

LLM INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Prepares you for a career in this expanding area of international law



Alfred Fullah

After working as a teacher and Trade Unionist in Sierra Leone, Alfred did a Social Policy MA at Oxford Brookes. He then became a Citizens Advice Bureau adviser, and has returned to Brookes to do an LLM.

“I’m undertaking this course to enhance my understanding of how International Law applies globally and nationally. It’s a fascinating and well-taught course.

The tutors are skilled and inspirational; their support and encouragement is brilliant. They lead and guide us, but also enable us to express ourselves and engage with the subject in a lively and creative way. It’s valuable to get feedback from colleagues as well as tutors.

The LLM helps bring together my UK and Sierra Leone experience within a clear legal and academic framework; I hope this will open up new career opportunities in rights, social justice and poverty alleviation.

I remember how supportive Brookes was to me when I arrived in this country, new to the British education system and even to computers; they could not have looked after me better.

I would recommend Brookes to international students – and have already done so.”

Human Rights issues have been central to the development of international law in the post World War II era and have more recently dominated developments in national constitutional law. The LLM in International Human Rights Law is broad in scope, offering the opportunity to gain a critical understanding of the history and theoretical underpinnings of international human rights, international and regional human rights

systems, and the practical application of human rights norms in a range of contexts, in particular in times of conflict. In Semester 1 you will be introduced to the theoretical basis and main aspects of public international law of which international human rights law is an important sub-category. In Semester 2, you are able to choose from a wide range of specialist topics within this field.

Semester 1	Semester 2	Summer
International Law	International Human Rights Law	Dissertation
Advanced Legal Research Methods	Option 2	
	Option 3	

SPECIALIST MODULES

- International Humanitarian Law
- European Union
- International Labour Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental
- International Refugees and Migrants
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Regulatory Theory in Cyberspace
- International Law on the Use of Force

PURSuing AN ACADEMIC CAREER IN LAW

Your interests will be reflected in the modules you choose and some students feel moved to continue their academic studies and become specialists themselves. See page 14 for information on research degrees. Several of our LLM graduates have chosen to become

researchers, publishing and lecturing on their work and moving on to doctoral studies. Students progressing from an LLM to a full-time research degree in law at Oxford Brookes are eligible to request consideration for the Annual Prize of £500.

LLM PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Foundations for a global career in the legal arena

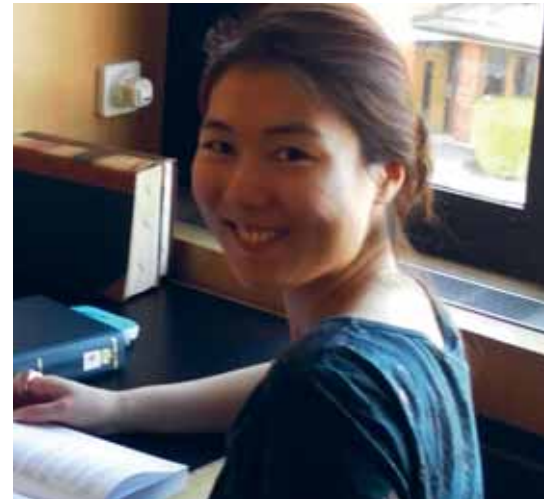
In the last few decades international organisations, individuals, enterprises and peoples have increasingly been recognised as subjects in international law as well as nation states. The LLM in Public International Law provides a theoretical and practical understanding of this complex and ever-changing international legal order. In Semester 1 you will be introduced to the theoretical basis and main aspects of public international

law including questions of state responsibility, the law of treaties, international institutional law, the judicial settlement of international disputes and issues relating to armed conflict. In Semester 2, you are able to choose from a wide range of specialist topics including: international criminal law; refugees and migrants; the protection of human rights and questions relating to the use of force in international trade.

Semester 1	Semester 2	Summer
International Law	Option 1	Dissertation
Advanced Legal Research Methods	Option 2	
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SPECIALIST MODULES

- International Humanitarian Law
- European Union Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Labour Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Refugees and Migrants
- World Trade Regulation
- International Law on the Use of Force



Lin Zheng

After attaining her LLB, Lin passed the Chinese bar exam and worked at a prestigious law firm in China before doing her LLM at Oxford Brookes.

"Oxford Brookes is an inspiring place to learn. The great selection of LLM options available gave me the freedom and inspiration to achieve my dream. The course provided me with the knowledge I needed to further my career, and the support I required to develop my legal English skills, which is of great importance in the international arena.

I have joined a corporate law team at a leading multinational law firm in Beijing, thanks to my LLM.

I fell in love with Oxford on my first visit; it is incredible to live in a city with such a fascinating history, and to study in an environment with such academic prestige and importance.

Life in Oxford and at Brookes has been busy and exciting. The course was challenging, the people are friendly and supportive, and the city is beautiful. It was a fantastic experience at Brookes, and I would like to recommend the university, city, and challenge to all."

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each year we aim to organise a number of activities for LLM students. In addition to social events, these activities will typically include a visit to the European Parliament in Brussels at the invitation of a serving MEP and a trip to the international courts in The Hague. As well as observing a trial

in progress, students on a recent trip talked to a senior legal adviser to the Office of the Prosecutor about his role. Another extremely popular trip is to the Houses of Parliament in London where you will have the opportunity to view this historic political institution in action.

LLM WTO LAW

Become an expert in this unique and complex international organisation



Joe Cartledge

After growing up in Oxford, attending high school next to Oxford Brookes, my tennis ability earned me a scholarship to university in California. Whilst playing pretty much full time I studied Political Science, at which point my interest in international affairs took root. My understanding of international law and my interest in organisations such as the United Nations were enhanced significantly on the LLM. The individual research skills garnered on the course are being utilised now on the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) and will be enormously beneficial for any career in law.

Oxford Brookes has a renowned Law School, the GDL and LPC are amongst the top courses in the country. As such, I was aware that my professors would be of a particularly high calibre. Teaching on the LLM was approached in a particularly concise way which made my subsequent choice to undertake the GDL at Brookes an easy decision.

Oxford is a fantastic place to be a student for all sorts of reasons, including its unique selection of pubs, but access to the Bodleian library whilst completing my dissertation was completely invaluable.

The World Trade Organisation is the cornerstone of worldwide economic relations, and although it was only established in 1994, it has produced a rich practice of law and policy. Its dispute settlement system is one of the few working and functioning obligatory dispute settlement mechanisms in the international community and has had a significant impact on the development of international law. With the steady increase in international trade in goods and services, the

role of the WTO has risen in response, and since the judicial branch of global governance is far more developed within the WTO than in any other international organisation, law plays a much greater role. You will gain an overall understanding of WTO law as part of international law and study international aspects of trade regulation by the WTO as well as addressing particular problems challenging the international trading system.

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International Law	World Trade Regulation	Dissertation
Advanced Legal Research Methods	Option 2	
	Option 3	

SPECIALIST MODULES

- European Union Law
- International Trade Law
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Regulatory Theory in Cyberspace

THE CENTRE FOR LEGAL RESEARCH AND POLICY STUDIES

The Centre provides a pool of expertise for the application of the law in policy-related areas and fosters relationships with outside agencies and other academic institutions. As an LLM student you will automatically become an associate member and be encouraged to attend our seminar series, take part in debate and

engage with current research activities. In the course of the seminar series, resident academics along with guest speakers from other universities and from outside the academic sector give presentations on research themes of interest to students on the LLM programme.

LLM INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

Develop your understanding of contemporary international economic law

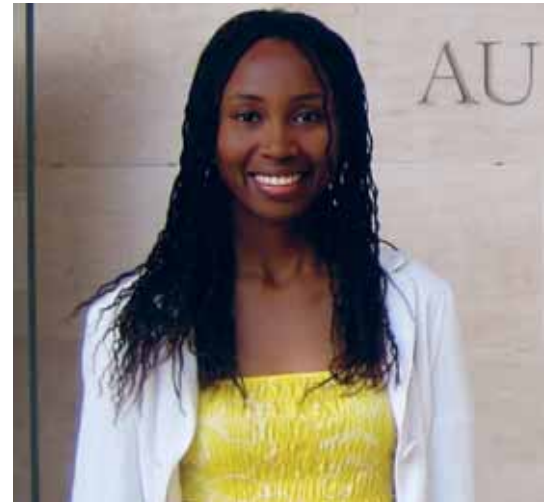
International economic law is a rapidly developing area of international law and commercial interaction concerned principally with international trade, investment and finance. The course aims to provide a theoretical and practical understanding of the regulatory framework of the international trading system as well as addressing a range of other legal issues arising from different

kinds of international business transactions. The course begins by providing you with a general understanding of international law in Semester 1. In Semester 2 you can choose to focus on more specialised questions of governance through study of the World Trade Organisation or on the legal aspects of international business transactions, international investment, or arbitration.

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SPECIALIST MODULES

- European Union Law
- International Labour Law
- International Trade Law
- International Investment Law
- World Trade Regulation
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Regulatory Theory in Cyberspace
- International Corporate Governance
- Independent Study module



Wanjiku Githuka

I decided to take the LLM in order to retool my law career outside my field of experience and to explore the idea of pursuing an academic career. I was impressed by the array of modules and by the way that Oxford Brookes specifically reached out to international students. Prior to participating at the Jessup Moot Court, I had very little experience of public speaking. Doing so at length before an elite group of English judges gave me a shot of confidence, especially as our Jessup group reached the UK quarter final.

The course enabled me develop my research methodologies and I was invited to assist in drafting research proposals. I even participated in seminars with undergraduates taking European Law. This experience confirmed my goal of pursuing an academic career at some point and informed my appointment as a short term guest lecturer at the Kenyatta University in Kenya. I am currently working as an Associate Protection Officer with UNHCR charged with co-ordinating and implementing the protection and voluntary repatriation of Eastern Congolese refugees currently resident in the Zambian camp.

JESSUP MOOTS

Each year Oxford Brookes aims to enter a team in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, a prestigious event organised by the International Law Students Association. Students from over 90 countries and 600 institutions compete for the World Championship in which a hypothetical

case is set before the International Court of Justice on issues of international law. Moots provide you with excellent experience in public speaking, thinking quickly in a stressful situation and, for some, communicating effectively in another language.

GUIDE TO MODULES

International Law

The principal aim of the compulsory module in international law is to introduce students to the international legal system and the general rules that govern the international community. The philosophical underpinnings of international law, including the nature, origins and basis of international law, are examined as are the main sources of international law, including custom, treaties and judgments. A special focus is given to the nexus between international and municipal law, including state responsibility and governmental obligations to other countries and the international community at large as well as the role, functions and powers of the United Nations.

Advanced Legal Research Methods

This module, which is compulsory for all LLM students, provides an opportunity for students to develop core skills in legal research. Expert guidance is provided in locating and using international law sources especially electronic sources. Particular attention is also paid to analysis of legal texts, reasoning skills, presenting research, both orally and in writing and appropriate referencing. The Oxford Brookes Library has an expanding collection of international law materials and provides access to a wide range of online databases.

International Trade Law

This module provides an overview of the legal systems governing international trade. International Trade Law has two dimensions: one governs the commercial relationship between traders, including the laws of sale of goods, transportation and finance of trade, etc, which is of a 'private law' nature; the other deals with the regulatory relationship between government agencies and traders, including the laws of tariffs and duties, antidumping, subsidies and countervailing measures, etc, which are 'public law' by nature. The module covers both the transactional and the regulatory elements, with particular emphasis placed on current issues such as Incoterms, UCP, e-commerce, and the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

International Investment Law

This module provides students with the opportunity to examine the laws, policies and legal issues affecting foreign investment and foreign enterprises, with special emphasis on the developing world and emerging markets. The rules, principles and institutions of public international law that affect direct foreign investment are explored, followed by an examination of host country laws that both encourage and regulate foreign investment. The political risks for foreign investment and the legal protection mechanisms necessary to eliminate or reduce such risks are considered, including investment insurance mechanisms and bilateral investment treaty (BIT) programmes as well as the dispute settlement regime for international investment law.

International Human Rights Law

This module examines the protection of human rights under international law. It considers the protection afforded under the United Nations system, the European system, focusing on the European Convention on Human Rights, the Inter-American system, and the African system. The major international instruments are critically assessed and the effectiveness of the protection provided is questioned. Special attention is given to a range of topics which are of current interest, including issues relating to globalisation, corporate liability for human rights violations and the protection of social and economic rights.

International Criminal Law

This module focuses on the development of international criminal law following the establishment of the International Criminal Court. The remit of the Court is examined as well as the specific crimes over which the ICC has jurisdiction, namely genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. Individual and command responsibility is considered including the question of immunity, particularly for Heads of State and former Heads of State as well as the issue of universal jurisdiction.

International Humanitarian Law

International humanitarian law is the branch of international law that deals with armed conflict. The focus of this module is the principles relating to the protection of civilians during armed conflict which derive principally from the 1949 Geneva Conventions. It examines the rationale behind this body of law, the function in this field of both governmental and non-governmental agencies and the enforcement of the international rules.

International Refugees and Migrants

This module looks at the ways that nationality is conceived and realised in a post-colonial age of nation-states, in the light of the commitment in international law to nationality as a human right. It also considers how law deals with the movement of persons and peoples in terms of national identity and conferment of formal national membership, and how these issues affect current regional groupings and are affected by them. The issues will be examined with reference to the provisions of international law, the rules and practice of regions (eg Europe) and case studies of individual countries.

European Union Law

This module provides an introduction to the constitutional and administrative law of the European Union. It begins with an examination of the political development and legal nature of the European Union and the operation of its institutions. Discussion then focuses on the nature of Community Law, its relationship with national law and the role of the European Court of Justice. Finally, the administrative law of the European Union is critically examined.

World Trade Regulation

This module focuses on the regulative law and legal framework of sales of goods as provided for by WTO law. The module explains the WTO law on the sale of goods, the so-called GATT 1994. Students will be introduced to the core norms and principles of GATT 1994 law including the most favoured nation principle and the principle of national treatment, and the latest jurisprudence of the panels and Appellate Body. In addition, the lawful exemptions to free trade in goods will be considered as well as the two additional new instruments for certain exemptions from GATT rules, the SPS and the TBT agreements.

International Commercial Arbitration

This module introduces students to international commercial law and arbitration, including arbitral agreements, applicable law, the enforcement of arbitral awards and arbitrations involving State parties. The course also addresses the international regulation of the conduct of foreign investment and critically examines the role international commercial law and arbitration plays in the process of economic globalisation.

International Environmental Law

This module provides an in-depth understanding of issues relating to international environmental law and global policies. The module begins by examining the role of international law in dealing with environmental issues and the sources of international environmental law. Discussion then focuses on issues of governance, including national, supranational and international institutions and their regulation of the environment. Issues in environmental litigation are examined followed by discussion of key contemporary debates relating to environmental protection including the subject of human rights and the tension between protecting the environment whilst promoting international trade.

International Labour Law

This module focuses on the work of the International Labour Organisation (the ILO). It starts by considering the history and workings of the ILO and the various theoretical issues raised by the search for universal and international standards for labour rights. The main part of the course is devoted to an examination of fundamental labour standards, as identified by the ILO itself, those being rights to freedom of association, the abolition of forced labour, non-discrimination and the reduction of child labour. The difficulties of enforcement of these standards are examined. Reference is also made to other international standards such as those of the UN and the EU.

International Intellectual Property Law

This module aims to explore how, with the rise of information and technology as key global assets, intellectual property laws have been fashioned and constantly transformed to identify, regulate, manage and protect those assets. It examines the process of harmonisation of intellectual property across the world in the context of the international trade regime, the proliferation of overlapping, and often contradictory claims among the diversity of stakeholders as well as policy issues located in ethics, culture and human rights.

International Law on the Use of Force

This module provides an in-depth understanding of one of the most topical and controversial areas of international law: the law governing when force can be used by States in international society. At the heart of the subject is the prohibition of the use of force and the established exceptions of self-defence and collective security. However, the module also critically addresses the controversial exceptions of humanitarian intervention, pre-emptive self-defence and self-defence against terrorism and the relatively uncontroversial existence of peacekeeping operations. These topics are examined in light of the Charter of the United Nations and customary international law.

International Corporate Governance

This module aims to introduce students to the principles of corporate governance that influence the management of modern companies worldwide. In particular, it focuses on corporate regulation in the wake of the recent scandals in the USA and in Europe. The existing corporate governance models will be examined and the future of corporate governance will be also considered. Other areas covered include investors' protection, shareholders' rights and board architecture. Theories of regulatory competition and harmonisation of law will be also explored along with related issues of corporate social responsibility.

Regulatory Theory in Cyberspace

This module considers legal and policy issues that have evolved with the rise of cyberspace; examines current and prospective normative principles and rules for its governance by all stakeholders; and considers future developments in regulatory issues emanating from the divergence of international factors in play. The module will focus on defining the legal and technological issues which make cyberspace a unique zone of discourse for the study of international/transnational regulation and the methods of control which can potentially be adopted.

Dissertation

Your LLM dissertation is an extended and supervised piece of work on a particular aspect of international law chosen in consultation with your course tutors. It is an opportunity to gain knowledge through systematic academic enquiry and for you to demonstrate your ability to explore and present legal arguments. The style of research may range from empirical investigation to textual analysis. You will develop transferable skills in research and information and project management. You will be encouraged to choose an international law topic of personal interest or one related to your occupation.

PLEASE NOTE

Optional modules are subject to staff expertise and availability and we cannot guarantee that they will always run.

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Felipe Romero Moreno

The LLM by Research at Oxford Brookes gave me the opportunity to focus upon a very concrete and specific field of law, namely the conflict between online copyright infringement and the rights to privacy of internet subscribers. Becoming an expert within a particular area of the law not only is attractive to prospective employers, but it also provides you with substantial career enhancement opportunities.

Having a right of entry to the Bodleian library was a privilege and significantly enriched and enhanced my law investigation skills. I was also helped by my supervisor and director of studies who offered extremely useful input, direction and insightful comments throughout my studies – especially when it came to my research thesis. I consider myself to have acquired valuable skills in analysis, methodology and interpretation and taking the LLM by Research has confirmed my interest in pursuing my academic studies further to PhD.

RESEARCH DEGREES

Research at Oxford Brookes enjoys an international reputation, attracting high quality staff and students and helping to generate major funded projects. You will be joining a supportive community of research scholars and benefit from expert supervision and a strong programme of research training.

Research expertise

Undertaking a PhD, MPhil or LLM by Research at the School of Law enables you to carry out detailed examination of a particular area of law under the supervision of a member of staff with similar research interests. We have extensive expertise in law research and can offer supervision across a wide range of specialisms.

You will be directly supervised by a team consisting of a director of studies and at least one other supervisor.

Our Centre for Legal Research and Policy provides a focus for research and a bank of expertise for the application of the law in policy-related areas. It fosters relationships with outside agencies and other academic institutions as well as facilitating debate and promoting interdisciplinary research within the university. It is a forum for all law staff and students at Oxford Brookes who are engaged in research activities and comprises the following research groups:

Applied Study of Law and Religion – takes a legal perspective on how law and religion interact, focusing on the individual believer, the religious organisation, and the State.

Criminal Justice – promotes and shares ideas linked to Criminal Law, Criminal Justice and Criminology.

Critical Approaches to Law – provides a space of contestation and provocation in which the relations between law, religion, the political, art, space, gender, and race can be interrogated through critical frameworks.

Human Rights – invites debate and consideration of the interplay between human rights and other areas of public international law.

Information Law and Policy Research – facilitates research and scholarship and creates and transfers knowledge in the area of information law from intellectual property in the information age through to communications and media law.

International Economic Law – promotes research and teaching in the area of international economic law, which is broadly defined to include any international or domestic legal rules dealing with or related to international economic relations.

Migration Research – provides a forum for discussion and potential collaboration on issues relating to migration, including nationality and citizenship.

For further details of our current research and supervision opportunities, visit www.law.brookes.ac.uk

Support and training

As a research student you will undertake an in-depth examination of your chosen area of law research and you will be offered extensive training and support.

We offer a rigorous research training programme covering:

- Research methodology (generic)
- Research methodology (advanced and specific to law)
- Time and project management
- The student/supervisor relationship
- Presentations
- Writing up stage of the PhD
- Preparing for oral examination
- Career development for employment both within and outside the academic sector.

As well as the extensive holdings in Oxford Brookes University's libraries, you will have access to one of the largest research libraries in the world, the Bodleian, and to the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies library in London, easily accessible by a frequent bus service.

PREPARATION COURSES

For students who do not meet our entry requirements, Oxford Brookes International offers a range of preparation courses for study at postgraduate level. Courses are designed and taught by highly trained and experienced academic staff who are specialists in teaching English for academic purposes, and are accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English.



LLM Pre-Master's pathways

Jointly taught by Oxford Brookes International and the Law Department, our Pre-Masters courses will help you reach our English language and academic entry requirements. The Pre-Master's diploma includes modules to develop your academic reading and research, academic writing and seminar skills to the level needed for postgraduate study. You will also take law modules specially tailored to your own needs and to the LLM.

You have the option of a Pre-Master's Diploma (two semesters, Sept-May or Jan-Aug) or the shorter Pre-Master's Certificate (one semester, Jan-May or June-Aug) depending on your current language level, qualifications and how prepared you are for UK Higher Education. The Pre-Master's Diploma can be offered as a two year programme with the LLM during

which you can progress to your chosen LLM course provided you achieve an average of 55% on the Pre-Master's. Please note that we require a minimum of IELTS score of 5.5 (with 5.0 in Reading and Writing) for admission to the Pre-Master's Diploma.

Academic English courses

To help you meet the language requirements Oxford Brookes International has academic English courses throughout the year. These will improve the specific language skills that you will need to study successfully at the postgraduate level. They will also familiarise you with the study and support services available at Oxford Brookes before your LLM. You can start at a level to suit your current English skills, and progress onto the Pre-Master's or directly onto the LLM without having to take an external language test.

During the summer an IELTS Preparation course is also available.

Find out more

For more information about these courses please contact Oxford Brookes International email: pathways@brookes.ac.uk or visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/pathways

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Oxford Brookes University has a community of almost 19,000 students, including nearly 5,000 postgraduates. Around 20% of our students come from nearly 150 different countries worldwide.

As an international student you may have particular concerns about living and studying in the UK. As a way of helping you to settle in, the university has developed a strong support network to provide you with any information or guidance you might need during your time here at Oxford Brookes.



The International Student Advisory Service

(ISAS) is dedicated to helping you with any queries you might have about issues such as immigration, employment, cultural differences or even money matters. ISAS will be there to support you from pre-arrival right through until you return home at the end of your course. The issues they can advise on include immigration, employment, families, adjusting to living in the UK, cultural and money matters. ISAS sends all international students a Pre-arrival Guide to help prepare you for study in the UK. It contains full information on accommodation and an accommodation booking form. Staff from Oxford Brookes International make regular visits overseas and we encourage you to make contact with us if we are attending an educational fair in your country. You can find out if we are due to come to your country by visiting www.brookes.ac.uk/international/country/visits

English language

If your first or main language is not English you must show the university that you have the necessary English language skills to study at postgraduate level. Please see entry requirements on page 18. We recognise the need to support you with your English language skills throughout your studies, and offer free short courses, tutorials, independent study resources and personal guidance so you can make the best of your time here. For more information please visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/support/english

Health care

The university offers an on-site medical centre and dental service. As an international student on the LLM you will be entitled to receive general medical care under the National Health Service (NHS), provided you register

with a UK doctor. Care includes free visits to the doctor but there will be charges for medical prescription items, dental treatment, eye tests and glasses. We advise you to obtain medical insurance for expenses not covered by the NHS.

Scholarships and Bursaries for International Students

For the latest information on scholarships and bursaries visit www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/finance

Living costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you should allow a minimum of £10,000 for the cost of your accommodation and food for a year of study. Expenses for students living outside university halls of residence may be as much as 20% higher. The latest information on tuition fees and accommodation costs are on

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Philipp Schmidinger, LLM alumnus



our website at www.brookes.ac.uk/international/finance

Mode of attendance

The LLM programme is taught during the two semesters of one academic year, followed by the completion of your dissertation during the summer. You should therefore plan to spend approximately one full calendar year in Oxford, beginning in September.

Teaching and assessment

Postgraduate students in law benefit from a wide range of teaching and learning activities including lectures, seminars and talks by visiting speakers. The Programme Director and your Academic Adviser will provide you with academic advice and support during your course but you will undertake a significant amount of independent study and carry out

independent research. Assessment methods vary, depending on the course you take, but usually involve one or more of the following: essays, written assignments, project reports, individual and group presentations and dissertations.

Part-time working opportunities

As an international student you will be able to work in the UK during your studies, but your nationality will determine what conditions you must meet:

- Students from within the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland can work in the UK without any restrictions, but some EU nationals may have to register first. Find out more: www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk
- If you are from outside the EEA and you are in the UK on a student visa, you

should be given a passport sticker that allows you to work part-time for up to 20 hours a week during semester time and full-time during your holidays. Find out more: www.ukcisa.org.uk

Working in the UK after graduation

From 6 April 2012 students who have completed a UK degree (or 12 months of a PhD) may be able to apply for a Tier 2 (General) visa if an employer offers you a graduate level job, sponsors your application, and pays you a minimum amount (at least £20,000 a year).

Find out more about working in the UK after your studies at: www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/working_after.php and www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/working



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

LLM courses

You will normally be required to have (or to be expecting) an upper second class honours degree (or the equivalent degree standing from other countries). The degree may be in law, or in a related discipline such as international relations, business or politics.

If your first or main language is not English, an IELTS minimum score of 6.5 (with 6.0 in reading and writing) or 92iBT is required.

For details of other acceptable English language tests please visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/apply/

If you do not meet the entry requirements, Oxford Brookes International offers a number of preparation courses for study at master's level, including:

- Pre-Master's courses to help you meet the language and academic requirements
- Academic English courses to help you meet the language requirements

For more information see page 16 or visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/pathways

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Alumni

The School of Law rewards the loyalty shown by Oxford Brookes graduates who register for one of its postgraduate degrees by offering an alumni discount of 10% on the tuition fee.

Oxford Brookes scholarships

Visit our website for scholarships offered annually to students who either have an excellent academic record or who demonstrate significant potential. Each award will be paid towards the full-time UK, EU or international tuition fee. All scholarships are for a period of one year only and do not include a maintenance grant.

All candidates for scholarships MUST complete an application form which will be sent to all eligible applicants once an offer of a place has been made. For the latest information on scholarships and bursaries offered by Oxford Brookes, visit www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/finance

Other scholarships

For information on other scholarships from organisations such as the British Council, and other public funding bodies visit www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/finance



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Oxford Brookes promotes an inclusive and supportive environment, enabling all members of the university (staff and students) to reach their potential and celebrate their diversity. We embrace the spirit of all equalities legislation and are committed to tackling all forms of unfair discrimination and to the development of policies and practices to ensure these objectives. We seek to make our courses as inclusive as possible and welcome applications from all sections of the community and from

people at all stages of their life. For further information on the university's commitment to equal opportunities and diversity, please refer to the Equal Opportunities Policy for Students, the university's Race Equality Policy and the Students' Charter – available from www.brookes.ac.uk or on request from the university's Equal Opportunities and Diversity Manager (+44 (0) 1865 485929



“Oxford Brookes is an inspiring place to learn.... Life in Oxford and at Brookes has been busy and exciting. The course was challenging, the people are friendly and supportive, and the city is beautiful. It was a fantastic experience at Brookes, and I would like to recommend the university, city, and challenge to all.”

Lin Zheng, Alumna now part of a corporate law team at a leading multinational law firm in Beijing.

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