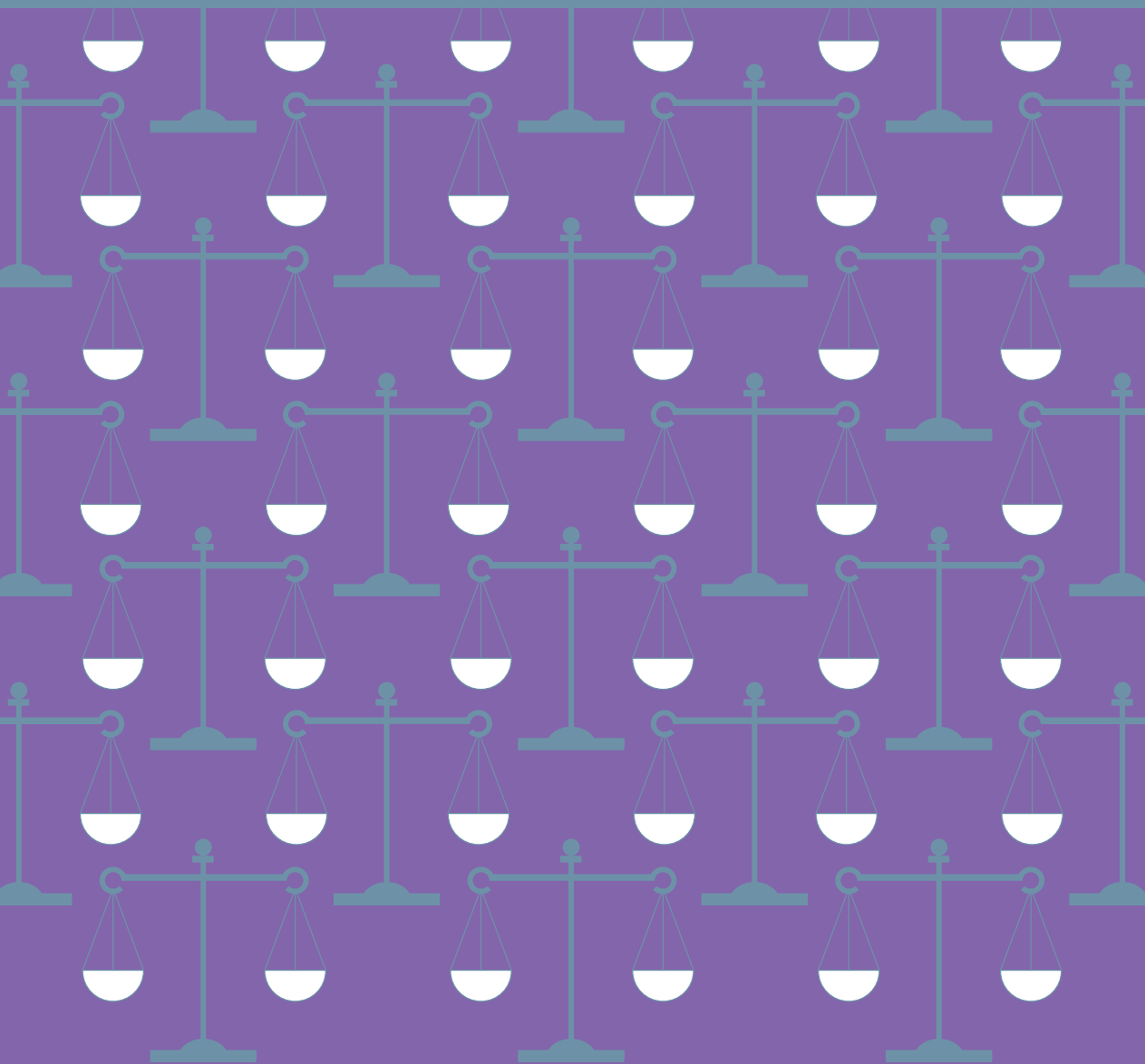


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The University of Westminster's School of Law offers a broad and innovative range of postgraduate academic and professional courses.

The School has an extremely strong suite of Masters courses based in fields of business, finance, international and European institutions and entertainment. All of our postgraduate Masters courses are orientated to the world of practice in their areas. Many, like the Corporate Finance Law LLM have substantial input from industry, based in world centres of excellence like the City of London. Most are also linked to centres of excellence built on our research expertise. Academics teaching these courses are active researchers in our research centres. For example, the International Law LLM is linked with the Centre for International Law and Theory and the Entertainment Law LLM is linked with the Centre for Law and Popular Culture.

Our substantial cohort of research students work closely with our internationally recognised research staff. Research students have their own seminar programme and attend weekly staff seminars in term time. Postgraduate students on our LPC and Masters courses have areas of the School of Law building set aside for their personal use and PhD students are located nearby in their own office suite in Great Portland Street. This high level of activity and interaction lends intellectual vibrancy to postgraduate study at the School of Law.

There are an abundance of reasons that make the School of Law the wise choice for postgraduate study. We were one of the original providers of the Graduate Diploma in Law, since which time we have developed vast experience of offering courses directly validated by professional bodies. We have the highest rating possible from the Solicitors Regulation Authority for our Legal Practice Course and we are a leading provider of courses for the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives. Needless to say, our contacts with the professions are among the strongest in the country. Members of staff serve on the committees of the professions and are recent or current consultants to the Legal Services Board, the Bar Standards Board and the Law Society.

All of our courses have been developed by experts to achieve the right academic and practical balance. All practical work is designed and delivered to illuminate the subject, not just to develop skills. The unique practical orientation of our Masters courses and our close proximity to, and relationships with, key organisations are reasons why our graduates have an exceptional track record in gaining relevant employment in international law firms, multinational companies, international and European institutions, top universities and national government agencies.

If you're looking for culture and entertainment, London offers a vast array of options and our historic building is located in the heart of it. Set just behind the city's main retail centre, Oxford Street, there are excellent transport links to all the main attractions that this vibrant city has to offer.

The School of Law offers you a unique learning experience and we are sure that you will enjoy your studies with us. Come and visit us to make up your own mind.

Professor Andy Boon
Dean of the School of Law

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CONFLICT PREVENTION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION MA

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time
(January start available)

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

This course embraces a wide range of public, private and domestic issues relevant to the prevention and resolution of conflicts and disputes, including risks, regulation, and justice. The course includes negotiation and arbitration, and also the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes such as mediation and conciliation.

You will be able to mix with students on other Masters courses in the School of Law. Classes are usually small, allowing for an interactive approach to learning. The course combines academic and practical approaches to teaching and learning.

COURSE CONTENT

The course aims to provide an opportunity for in-depth study of the issues and the practices involved in the field of conflict prevention and dispute resolution, including the mechanisms of prevention, emergence, avoidance, management, resolution and regulation.



CORE MODULES

Perspectives on Conflicts and Disputes

You will be introduced to the field of conflict and dispute prevention and resolution. You will cover domestic, commercial, municipal and international aspects of the subject, and the main processes involved in conflict and dispute prevention and resolution.

Postgraduate Dissertation

This module allows you to develop a knowledge and understanding of a specialist portion of the field of conflict and dispute prevention and resolution. You will have the support of a supervisor for this independent research and writing work. You must agree the topic with the module leader. The topic must not replicate your own prior work or anyone else's work. Your work for this module should provide you with advanced research skills, and advanced skills of analysis, evaluation, synthesis, application and writing, all of which should stand you in good stead for any subsequent academic or practitioner career.

Research Theory and Practice

This module introduces you to the general concepts of legal and social scientific (empirical) methods of research, and gives you a greater understanding of the principles of advanced research. You will consider the relevance of these methods for the study of law; and it will give you an understanding of the legal, social scientific and philosophical debates on methodology. It will also enable you to evaluate your own work and that of other researchers. An excellent piece of work might lead to a publishable article.

OPTION MODULES INCLUDE

Comparative Law

The aim of this module is to enable you to see the 'broader picture' of the globalised legal world through the theories of law transition. You will analyse different approaches to legal problems applied in other legal systems, and identify and evaluate the substantive differences as well as similarities of several legal traditions. You will gain an understanding of the legal concepts in a variety of legal families through comparative research, and build on your knowledge of the English legal system through the solutions adopted in other jurisdictions.

Conflict Resolution: Negotiation

You will examine the theoretical and practical approaches to conflict and conflict resolution, and you will study the structure of conflict within and between organisations. You will also evaluate the ways in which negotiations are formed, and what processes may be applied to enable or disable the negotiation process. The module will develop your understanding of cultural differences within the area of negotiation and associated inter-personal priorities.

International Commercial Arbitration

You will be introduced to the study of international commercial arbitration, from the perspective of the English jurisdiction. The aim is to study four pairs of overlapping relationships: between parties and tribunals; between parties and courts; between tribunals and courts; and between England and foreign fora. There will be focus, inter alia, on the ICC (institutional arbitration) and the New York Convention.

Mediation: Concepts, Evolution and Practice

This module introduces you to the modes and culture of mediation as a dispute resolution process in a range of contexts, with a detailed analysis of the growth of mediation practice and theory (including restorative justice), as well as current and possible future trends. You will become familiar with the conceptual, legal and practical frameworks for mediation, and how it is used in the UK and internationally. You will also develop basic mediation skills, learn to appreciate the roles of those taking part in the mediation processes, and acquire communication and other skills which are particularly useful in the mediation context.

Negotiation: Theory, Contexts and Practice

The aim of this module is to introduce the study and practice of negotiation in the contexts of international and municipal commerce, and international affairs: examining issues arising out of conflicts and disputes in those contexts. Among the areas covered are the relationships between pairs of negotiators; negotiators and the law; negotiators and ambient cultures; and theories and practices of negotiation.



Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

This module will introduce you to the various techniques and institutions available in international law for resolving disputes between states. You will examine diplomatic means of dispute settlement, including negotiation and mediation, and legal means of dispute settlement – arbitration and litigation. You will also consider the availability of alternative mechanisms for the resolution of inter-state disputes, and the range of international courts and tribunals that now exist. The module refers to specific past and pending cases and disputes, and there will be a special emphasis on the law, practice and procedure of the International Court of Justice.

In addition to the above modules, the course also has the following validated modules: Access to Justice, Family Mediation, International Commercial Mediation, and Restorative Justice. Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules will be offered in the same academic year.



RELATED COURSES

- International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law LLM

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

This course is designed to benefit a wide range of individuals, including graduates progressing towards a PhD programme, practising lawyers wanting to further their knowledge and skills, other graduates and practitioners (such as arbitrators, civil servants, insurers, journalists, judges, linguists and mediators), and anyone managing people and risks. The course is also ideal if you are on a gap year between career stages, and for those from the European Union and other countries who want to improve their English for personal and career purposes.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You are expected to have a good UK Honours degree in Law or a non-Law subject (such as – but not limited to – Politics, Psychology, and Management) or the equivalent from a non-UK university, and satisfactory references. Other qualifications or experiential routes can sometimes be agreed. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent in each of the elements. Pre-sessional summer programmes are not normally appropriate for this course.

"I chose one of the two dispute resolution courses at Westminster because the wide variety of modules in the specialist field were ideal for my needs. I found that my course was intellectually demanding and challenging whilst at the same time being rewarding and enriching. The standard of lecturing was of the highest order, both in terms of the content and delivery. All the lecturers – in particular Richard Earle, the Course Leader – were of the highest quality."

MARK DAVIS
MBA, MA AND LLM



CORPORATE FINANCE LAW LLM

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time (January start available)

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

Knowledge of corporate finance law is essential for lawyers, bankers and financiers who are keen to develop professional skills in corporate fundraising, deal structures and transactional management. This course offers an enhanced qualification for professionals working or planning to work in a technically demanding and dynamic global industry. It will appeal to both recent graduates and practitioners considering various fields of work, including law, investment banking, corporate finance, private equity, securities, investments, financial regulation, government agencies and international financial authorities. You will focus on learning how the financial markets work, from the primary markets involving the issuance of equity, debt and derivatives, to the secondary markets involving trading and investments, as well as very large financial transactions in the international capital markets. Importantly, you will also learn how to take account of legal and regulatory risks facing financiers and bankers, structure financial instruments to suit commercial priorities and social welfare policies.

COURSE CONTENT

This course aims to give you a comprehensive understanding of the practical processes and innovative products of the international corporate finance market, including equity and debt capital, derivatives, structured finance, risk management and investment portfolio products. It also develops the soft skills you will need in this area of practice, including negotiations and network building, with meetings with senior lawyers and directors of major companies.

CORE MODULES

Dissertation or Project

The dissertation module allows you to extend your research into a topic of your choice within the broad field of corporate finance law. You will need to agree the topic with the module leader, and it must not replicate materials covered in other areas of your coursework. The Project Module enables you to independently explore research and analyse a given topic or question. It will draw from the areas of general corporate finance law and will be of an applied nature.

Investment Banking Principles and Practices

This module covers the key investment banking principles and practices. You will develop the skills you need to examine, assess and prepare professional level business plans, private placement memoranda and prospectuses. You will also study confidentiality agreements, fundraising from the investment banking perspective, initial public offerings, and stock exchange trends and market requirements.

Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance

You will develop a broad and deep understanding of the legal issues concerning corporate financial transactions, including the interaction of corporate law and finance, and the legal mechanisms for fundraising in the financial markets. There is a special emphasis on the regulations, customary rules and practices of the venture capital market. The areas you will cover include basic accounting, basic drafting, corporate structure, exit routes, finance contracts, regulatory issues, sources and types of investment, tax, and transfer of shares.



OPTION MODULES INCLUDE

These modules are recommended if you are looking to specialise in the financial industry. If you opt for the dissertation you must select four option modules. If you opt for the project you must choose five option modules.

Derivatives and Structured Finance: Law and Practice

You will examine the law and practice relating to structuring, documenting and executing structured derivatives, capital markets and finance transactions. It will enable you to identify, analyse and mitigate the legal and reputational risks inherent in structured finance transactions. The module will give you the tools to analyse, as lawyers, the complexity of international financial transactions relating to derivatives and structured finance, and the skills to examine and critically assess financial products and techniques that constitute the building blocks of modern structured finance.

International Corporate Governance

Corporate governance is increasingly regarded as vitally important to individual companies, the wider market and the economy as a whole. In this module you will examine the legal risks of directors of corporations and stakeholders, and analyse their ethical duties in varying contexts of corporate culture. You will also investigate how decision makers make judgements in an increasingly information-rich and complex world, consider the impact of corporate cultures and values on managers' strategic financial decision making, and examine the impact of global risks, ethical duties and socio-cultural values in financial and corporate capital decision making.

International Energy Finance Law

Focusing on large-scale, capital-intensive projects throughout the world, including oil and gas projects, LNG projects, power generation, renewable energy, and energy infrastructure, you will examine the key stages of the energy finance process, and assesses the major legal models used in international energy transactions. You will learn to address risk allocation and risk mitigation, and analyse and construct legal documentation concerning financing sources, environmental issues, bilateral and multilateral credit support, loans, collateral, and permits.

International Project Finance Law

This module focuses on large-scale, capital intensive projects throughout the world, including power generation, energy, infrastructure and urban regeneration. Project finance lawyers/consultants predict and resolve a large number of potential risks involving political, commercial, credit quality, insurance, default and bankruptcy issues. They draw up documents which capture a 'mini-legal system' reflecting the entire legal process for a wide range of project participants. You will learn to address risk allocation and risk mitigation, and to analyse and construct legal documentation concerning financing sources, environmental issues, bilateral and multilateral credit support, loans, collateral and permits.



Investments for Managers: Theory, Regulations and Social Responsibility

You will gain a comprehensive understanding of investment theory and practice, including regulations governing investment professionals. You will examine the major factors influencing the decision making process in investment management, with special emphasis on issues concerning socially responsible investments. Other areas covered in the module include asset pricing models, hedge funds, new financial products to solve social problems, portfolio theory, strategic product development, and structured risk management products.

Islamic Finance and Securitisation Law

This module will give you a full understanding of the practical and theoretical aspects of Islamic finance and banking, and the essential principles underlying Islamic finance. You will review and assess the modes and legal structures of major financial transactions by Islamic finance institutions, and their corporate governance structures. You will also undertake a legal and financial analysis of securitisation structures in Islamic finance.

Legal Aspects of International Finance

International finance is increasingly transforming itself into a borderless activity, frequently sourcing capital and undertaking investment transactions throughout the United States, Europe, Japan, China and other jurisdictions around the world. During this module you will examine the dominant legal models influencing international financial and investment transactions, especially in light of risk management practice and theory. You will learn to use relevant legal components to analyse and construct innovative financial products.

Money Laundering and Corporate Fraud

You will examine the risks from and remedies for white-collar crime, and evaluate national legislation and international conventions dealing with white-collar crime. You will also be able to identify types of criminal behaviour, determine the liability of those participating in that behaviour, analyse and apply the defences available for defendants, and identify the importance and use of computers and the internet in white-collar crime.

Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules will be offered in the same academic year.

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

This course will be of benefit if you are seeking to work in any of the range of disciplines involved in corporate finance law, including accountancy, corporate banking, corporate finance, corporate law, investment banking, private equity and venture capital, as well as in related fields.



"Studying at a world renowned institution such as the University of Westminster enabled me to access the corporate world with confidence, develop knowledge of my industry and gain a practical foundation that money cannot buy. It opened doors for me and my career progressed from being a solicitor to CEO of a corporate law consultancy firm in South Africa. It also provided me with a stepping stone to be able to compete internationally and be taken seriously."

The Corporate Finance Law Masters degree is truly exceptional. Being taught by directors from the London Stock Exchange, Credit Suisse and Barclays Capital to mention but a few, made the course stand out from its competitors. Not only did the course cement my corporate future, but it also provided me with a network of alumni and friends that will last a lifetime.

Ideally situated in the heart of London the University attracts a diverse group of students from all over the world. This allowed me to gain an inside understanding of law as practiced in a magnitude of different jurisdictions.

Not everything was about loading up on brainpower; the social life was also terrific. The tough part was trying to fit all my social choices into a daily schedule. In my view the University of Westminster's School of Law is a truly pragmatic choice for a rewarding future."

DEWALD EDWARD JANSE VAN RENSBURG
CORPORATE FINANCE LAW LLM

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to hold a good Second Class Honours degree (or non-UK equivalent) with an average of 55 per cent or above in Law or a related subject. We will also consider applicants who lack standard qualifications but have significant professional or managerial experience in a relevant field. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.



"I chose the University of Westminster because of the uniqueness of its LLM in Corporate Finance Law programme and the number of scholarships

available for foreign students. Lecturers were very interesting, knowledgeable and professional; the library was incredibly extensive and the sports facilities were great. The location of the University in the heart of London added much to the whole experience of studying in one of the most exciting cities in the world.

After graduation, I came back to Argentina and I am currently working at a top city law firm in Buenos Aires. The LLM boosted my career and provided me with the necessary tools and experience to deal with international clients on a daily basis."

GONZALO OLIVA-BELTRAN
CORPORATE FINANCE LAW LLM

ENTERTAINMENT LAW LLM

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

Entertainment is one area which we can all associate with in some shape or form, and the interaction of this exciting subject with the law produces an interesting and eclectic mix. This course combines the academic analysis and commercial practice elements of entertainment law. The diverse nature of entertainment law will enable you to follow a number of specialisms, all of which are underpinned by the issues of contract and intellectual property.

The course will suit graduates from a law background, or those from a non-law background who have significant relevant experience. It will give you the opportunity to explore new ideas, thoughts and academic experiences within a supportive environment.

COURSE CONTENT

The course aims to develop your understanding of how key fields within the entertainment industries operate, to assess the impact of the law upon them, and give you the practical skills necessary to succeed in a career in entertainment and media law.



CORE MODULES

Dissertation or Project in Entertainment Law

The dissertation module allows you to extend your research into a topic of your choice within the broad field of entertainment law. You will need to agree the topic with the module leader, and it must not replicate materials covered in other areas of your coursework. The project module enables you to independently explore, research and analyse a given topic or question. It will draw from the area of entertainment law and will be of an applied nature.

Entertainment Contracts

You will cover the formation and content of a number of relationships within the entertainment industries. Focusing on contract and contractual theory as well as the broader context of relationships within entertainment, you will examine the negotiation process involved in music business, sports contracts and other media contracts. You will also study the role of professional organisations in the development of contractual term, and analyse deficiencies in contractual bargaining and term formation that have led to legal intervention.

Intellectual Property in the Entertainment Business

You will study the protection provided to creative works by intellectual property (IP) law within a framework of theoretical and economic justifications for IP rights. You will also examine legal issues in the context of the entertainment business, such as substantive protection, control, exploitation, creation and proliferation, balance and enforcement. Other areas covered include authors, copyright, directors, internet, overview of trademarks (registered and unregistered), owners, performers, privacy, media, musicians, the control of ideas, and the law of confidence.

Research Theory and Practice

This module introduces you to the general concepts of legal and social scientific (empirical) methods of research, and gives you a deeper understanding of the principles of advanced research. It will enable you to consider the relevance of these methods for the study of law, as well as giving you an understanding of the legal, social scientific and philosophical debates on methodology. It will also enable you to evaluate your own work and that of other researchers.



OPTION MODULES

At the time of going to press the course is being reviewed and will include option modules covering themes of media, merchandising, music, sport and technology. Please check our website for the latest information westminster.ac.uk/law

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

As an entertainment law graduate you will be able to develop a career in a whole range of professions within the entertainment industry. Perhaps the most popular of these are roles in sports, music, and media and communications law. The subject gives a modern edge to traditional law subjects and is well respected by employers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should hold an Honours degree (Upper or Lower Second Class Honours degree, with average of 55 per cent or above) in Law, but we will consider mature applicants without standard qualifications who have significant professional experience in the relevant field. Please contact us for an informal discussion if you fall outside the standard category. If Law is not the subject of your first degree, evidence of Law-based modules or relevant experience should be supplied. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.



GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW (CPE)

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time (two evenings per week)

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

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This intensive conversion course is designed for non-law graduates of any discipline, or overseas law graduates who wish to qualify as either barristers or solicitors. The course begins with a two-week introduction to the English Legal System and the legal profession. You will then study the seven foundation subjects.

If you successfully complete the course you will be eligible for entry on to the Legal Practice Course (LPC) or the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC).

We have been successfully running this conversion course since 1977 and our students have taken a variety of first degrees at a wide range of universities. Our teaching team contains a rich mix of those who are professionally qualified and others who are active researchers. The course therefore provides a stimulating learning experience. This is reinforced by our small class sizes and the supportive atmosphere within the School of Law.

COURSE CONTENT

The Graduate Diploma in Law will enable you to develop your knowledge and understanding of basic legal principles, their application to the formulation and resolution of legal problems, and an enquiring, logical and critical approach to legal analysis. It builds upon the academic and professional expertise previously acquired by graduate students and develops the relevant skills needed to demonstrate competence in legal practice.

By the end of the course, you will have a greater understanding of the areas of law studied, of the legal process and the inter-relationship between different areas of law in a national and European context. You will also be able to identify, find and use a range of sources of legal information to assist in legal research, analyse legal information and apply it to the solution of problems.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Contract Law

This will introduce you to modern English contract law as part of the wider law of obligations. The course examines formation of a binding contract through agreement, the scope of both positive and negative contractual obligations, factors which affect an otherwise enforceable contract, and remedies available for breach of contract. In addition, the course considers special rules applying to particular types of contract.



"I chose the University of Westminster for the high quality of its teaching. I really like the small tutorial class sizes and feel that lecturers are all

very approachable."

MARCELA NAVARRETE
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW (CPE)

Criminal Law

You will develop your understanding of criminal liability, and be able to analyse criminal law, as well as appreciating its nature, scope and purpose. The course covers the general principles of criminal law, including the definition of a crime, elements of criminal liability, defences, inchoate offences, and complicity. You will also focus on a number of specific offences, including fatal and non-fatal offences against the person, theft and criminal damage.

Equity and the Law of Trusts

You will consider the historical development of equity and the concept of the trust, and the rules on creation of express trusts. The course compares public and private trusts, and trusts for non-profit making associations. It also focuses on the principles of resulting and constructive trusts, trustees' powers and duties, and issues relating to liability for breach of trust. Equitable remedies are examined and, where appropriate, compared with common law remedies. The impact of the Human Rights Act 1998 is also considered.

Land Law

This subject opens with an introduction to land ownership, before considering three main areas of land acquisition – adverse possession, the formalities associated with s.2 of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1989, and an outline of the conveyancing process. You will also look at the landlord and tenant relationship, lease/ licence distinctions and leasehold covenants. Other areas covered include the rules relating to notice in registered and unregistered land, overriding interests, freehold covenants, easements and profits, and co-ownership. The course concludes by studying licences and estoppel, and mortgages.

Law of the European Union

You will develop your understanding of the legislative and judicial structure and functioning of EU institutions, the fundamental characteristics of EU law, its methods and procedures, and its relationship to national law. You will then apply this knowledge to substantive areas of law, such as the economic and social law of the internal market, social policy and competition law. The course shows how EU law has been influenced by its historical, political, economic and social contexts.

Public Law

This module looks at the structure and principal characteristics of the constitution of the United Kingdom, comparing it with other constitutions, and analysing how it affects the exercise of governmental power and the protection of fundamental rights. You will gain a greater understanding of the role of the organs of government and their relations with each other, and the doctrine of Parliamentary supremacy. You will also examine the impact of membership of the European Community on the United Kingdom's constitution, the extent of prerogative powers, mechanisms for the protection of fundamental rights, and the role of judicial review and its relationship with the rule of law.

Tort

You will consider the key areas in the modern law of tort such as negligence, defamation and trespass and discuss the legal rules, concepts and policies involved in relevant case law and statute. The course also examines the wider social and economic issues raised by particular areas of tort, and the operation of the tort system.

Project in an additional area of law

You will be required to write a 4,000 word essay, from a choice of titles covering areas such as employment law, human rights and intellectual property.

Legal Skills

In addition to the legal skills that you learn as part of the course we aim to provide a series of extra curricula activities such as mootings and Pro Bono/clinical work. These help to put your legal knowledge into a practical context.

RELATED COURSES

- Legal Practice Postgraduate Diploma (LPC)

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

The course is designed for those graduates who wish to qualify as a solicitor or barrister. The full-time course also enables overseas students to gain an English law qualification in one year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need a minimum of a Lower Second Class Honours degree in a non-Law subject, or equivalent postgraduate degree. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.

Applications for the full-time Graduate Diploma in Law course must be made online at www.lawcabs.ac.uk. Applications for the part-time Graduate Diploma in Law course must be made via ukpass.ac.uk

EUROPEAN UNION LAW LLM

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time (January start available)

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

This specialist course in European Union (EU) law aims to equip you with a deep knowledge and understanding of wider EU law, as well as specific areas of this unique legal system. The variety of options will enable you to follow the areas that you are most interested in academically and professionally. One of the aims of this course is to develop your analytical skills and your ability to apply EU law in everyday professional legal practice.

COURSE CONTENT

As a graduate of the course, you will have enhanced knowledge of EU institutional and substantive law. Tailor-made option modules allow you to study all major areas of EU law, ranging from the internal market, through to EU criminal law and human rights, to external relations, with particular emphasis on the legal aspects of recent EU enlargements.



CORE MODULES

Dissertation or Project in Dissertation

There is no formal set syllabus for this module; instead, you will discuss and agree the dissertation syllabus with the module leader and your supervisor.

Foundations of European Union Law

The module offers advanced study in foundational elements of the European Union legal order. It will provide students with an in-depth understanding of the way in which EU law rights are enforced in the national courts and tribunals. The module will facilitate a detailed understanding of the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union. The module will also aim to nurture students' skills of critical analysis and advanced problem-solving.

Procedural Law of the European Union

This module will give you an overview of the avenues of redress before the Court of Justice of the European Union. You will examine a range of issues including the access to and grounds for judicial review, infringement procedure, preliminary references, and the action for damages.

Research Theory and Practice

The module will consist of four separate but inter-related parts. Part one focuses on research methodology, including an introduction to theories of knowledge and truth, the relationship between theory and methodology, and research ethics. In part two you will cover a range of legal research methods, such as statutory interpretation, case law, and quantitative and qualitative research. In part three you will examine issues around planning and conducting research, including research design, collecting and processing data, and writing up literature reviews. Part four concentrates on developing your communication skills in relation to writing up and presenting research.



"The LLM in European Union Law at the University of Westminster offers more than just an insight into the working mechanisms

of the EU institutions and Member States. It provides you with the possibility to gain an in-depth and up-to-date knowledge of the most crucial theoretical and practical aspects of EU law. The reading and study tasks assigned are all-embracing but controllable and give a diverse indication of the various topics ranging from Enlargements of the EU to Criminal Law of the EU. Classes are like discussion groups where each student's opinion is appreciated; discussions often continue after class in restaurants and cafeterias. The module tutors are warm, easily approachable and keen to help with problems.

The benefit of this course is that it appeals to people of diverse backgrounds, hence it encourages cultural awareness. Furthermore, studying in London presents a unique opportunity to experience life in this vibrant, multicultural environment, and students are particularly attracted by the wide selection of historical, cultural, and social activities that are on offer.

Overall, this course provides for an extremely enjoyable atmosphere and thus I could not have made a better choice; consequently I have returned to the University of Westminster to pursue a research degree in European Union Law."

SEN SEMAH DERVISH
EUROPEAN UNION LAW LLM



OPTION MODULES INCLUDE

Criminal Law of the European Union

This module focuses on the evolution of EU criminal law, including the role of EU legislation and case law of the Court of Justice. The issues you will cover include decision making in EU; Europol and Eurojust; Schengen Convention; the European Arrest warrant; trafficking in human beings; Treaty of Lisbon; and selected other EU legislation.

Enlargements of the European Union

You will examine the history of the EU enlargement policy, the terms of accession (Accession Treaties of 2003, 2005, 2011), accession procedure, and the national constitutions and the enlargement process. You will also focus on the application of EU law, and future enlargements of the European Union.

External Relations of the European Union

This module concentrates on the evolution of the external policies of the EU, from the Common Commercial Policy to the comprehensive policy based on the Treaty of Lisbon. You will look at the legal and institutional framework for the external policy of the EU, membership in international organisations, and enhanced multilateralism and bilateralism as models for integration. You will also cover the European Neighbourhood Policy, EU relations with the US and Russia, and current issues in EU external relations.

International and European Refugee Law

This module focuses on the root causes of forced migration, the changing meaning of the term 'refugee', and its legal definition. You will examine the protection afforded to refugees within the EU, the role of the UNHCR, and the European asylum system.

International Environmental Law

You will study the principles and levels of environmental law, pollution and trans-boundary pollution, and state responsibility in international law. Other areas covered by the module include conservation and biodiversity; environmental impact assessments; environmental media; environmental risk; human rights; and waste management.

Introduction to EU Competition Law

This module will develop your understanding of the principal issues in EU competition law, specifically article 101 TFEU, article 102 TFEU, the control of mergers and the state aid regime. There is an emphasis on how the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Commission have applied the law to control anti-competitive activities and firms. You will analyse the legal implications of monopolistic behaviour, the law relating to the control of mergers and takeovers, and evaluate areas of reform and change in the response to competitive behaviour of firms.

Law of the Internal Market of the European Union (Business Law of the European Union)

You will explore the key elements of the EU's internal market. The module starts with the evolution of economic integration between the member states, and follows with an in-depth analysis of the main elements of the internal market. This includes free movement of goods, free movement of persons, right of establishment and free movement of services. In order to present the internal market from a broader perspective two lectures are devoted to recognition of diplomas and public procurement. There will also be an emphasis on free movement of capital and payments.

Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules will be offered in the same academic year.

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

The course will give you the knowledge and skills which will improve your chances of being employed in the Bar, consultancy, the public sector, legal and professional training, the diplomatic service, international organisations, and national and EU institutions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You are required (other than in exceptional circumstances) to hold an Upper Second Class Honours degree (or equivalent) in Law or a relevant field. If your first language is not English, you are required to have an IELTS score of 6.5 (unless your first degree was taken in English). The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.

INTERNATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION LAW LLM

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time (January start available)

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

The course is intended for anyone wishing to demonstrate a commitment to contentious law in international and commercial legal contexts. The taught part of the programme includes modules which reflect the three main forms of dispute resolution process, namely adjudication (litigation and arbitration), alternative dispute resolution (ADR – principally mediation), and negotiation.

This course should be distinguished from the International Commercial Law LLM course (see page 32) which is primarily concerned with non-contentious aspects of commerce (modules include competition law, trade, and insurance).

Class sizes are, in general, quite small, and you will be able to mix with students on other Masters courses in the School of Law.

COURSE CONTENT

The course provides an opportunity for in-depth study of the substantive and procedural issues involved in the field, and also the acquisition of skills involved in some of the processes. It is centrally concerned with law and other rules (international and commercial) which are applicable in adjudication and also in the other dispute resolution processes.

In addition to taught modules, there is also the dissertation module which provides an opportunity for developing a specialist knowledge of a small area of the field, which might lead to a publishable article.



CORE MODULES

Perspectives on Conflicts and Disputes

This taught module introduces some of the essential elements of dispute resolution, and is designed to enable anyone to develop insights into the nature of international and commercial disputes and how they might best be resolved effectively.

Postgraduate Dissertation

This module allows you to develop a knowledge and understanding of a specialist portion of the field of international and commercial dispute resolution. You will have the support of a supervisor for this independent research and writing process. You must agree the topic with the module leader. The topic must not replicate your own prior work or anyone else's work. Your work for this module should provide you with advanced skills in research, analysis, evaluation, and writing, all of which should stand you in good stead for any subsequent academic, professional or other career.

Research Theory and Practice

This taught module introduces you to the principles of advanced research for the purposes of writing and practice. You will consider the relevance of methods for the study of law, including the discovery and application of sources; and it will also provide you with an understanding of the legal and other debates on methodology, enabling you to evaluate your own work and that of other writers and practitioners.

OPTION MODULES INCLUDE

LITIGATION

International Commercial Litigation

This module introduces you to the study of international commercial litigation, and examines issues arising in regard to jurisdiction, judgments and other procedural issues. You will also cover intra-European Union and traditional English aspects of cross-border commercial litigation.

Private International Law: Substantive Commercial

The aim of this module is to introduce you to the study of the substantive aspects of commercial private international law (ie excluding most jurisdictional issues, judgments and related procedural issues). You will cover a range of subjects (such as contractual and non-contractual obligations, and proprietary rights) including traditional English, and intra-European Union aspects of substantive commercial private international law.

ARBITRATION

Comparative Commercial Arbitration: Law and Practice

You will be introduced to the study of comparative international commercial arbitration (excluding international arbitration between sovereign states and non-sovereign entities in the context of cross-border direct investment). You will examine the law and practice of international arbitration in the major arbitration centres of the world other than England (save for essential comparative purposes), and explore how different legal systems, and arbitrators from different legal cultures, interact in the course of resolution of disputes by arbitration.

Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration

This module introduces you to the study of public international arbitration between sovereign states and non-sovereign entities in the context of cross-border direct investment. You will examine the investment and disinvestment relationships between disputing parties (state and private) and the nature, function and interpretation of foreign investment instruments. You will also explore the relationship between international law and municipal investment laws, and tribunals and awards.

International Commercial Arbitration

You will be introduced to the study of international commercial arbitration from the perspective of the English jurisdiction. The aim is to include four pairs of overlapping relationships: between parties and tribunals; between parties and courts; between tribunals and courts; and between England and foreign fora. There will be focus, inter alia, on the ICC (institutional arbitration) and the New York Convention.

MEDIATION**Mediation: Concepts, Evolution and Practice**

This module introduces you to the modes and culture of mediation as a dispute resolution process in a range of contexts, with a detailed analysis of the growth of mediation practice and theory (including restorative justice), as well as current and possible future trends. You will become familiar with the conceptual, legal and practical frameworks for mediation, and how it is used in the UK and internationally. You will also develop basic mediation skills, learn to appreciate the roles of those taking part in the mediation processes, and acquire communication and other skills which are particularly useful in the mediation context.

NEGOTIATION**Negotiation: Theory, Contexts and Practice**

The aim of this module is to introduce the study and practice of negotiation in the contexts of international and municipal commerce, and international affairs: examining issues arising out of conflicts and disputes in those contexts. Among the areas covered are the relationships between pairs of negotiators; negotiators and the law; negotiators and ambient cultures; and theories and practices of negotiation.

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL**Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes**

This module will introduce you to the various techniques and institutions available in international law for resolving disputes between states. You will examine diplomatic means of dispute settlement, including negotiation and mediation, and legal means of dispute settlement – arbitration and litigation. You will also consider the availability of alternative mechanisms for the resolution of inter-state disputes, and the range of international courts and tribunals that now exist. The module refers to specific past and pending cases and disputes, and there will be a special emphasis on the law, practice and procedure of the International Court of Justice.



"On getting to the School of Law, I found the environment exciting and interesting. The academic and supporting staff were

friendly and highly professional in their relationship with us."

YAHAYA USMAN-WOWO
INTERNATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL
DISPUTE RESOLUTION LAW LLM

**ADJUNCT DISCIPLINE****Comparative Law**

The aim of this module is to enable you to see the 'broader picture' of the globalised commercial world through the theories of law transition. You will analyse different approaches to legal problems applied in various legal systems, and identify and evaluate the substantive differences as well as similarities of several legal traditions. You will gain an understanding of the legal concepts in a variety of legal families through an example of comparative research, and build on your knowledge of the English legal system through the solutions adopted in other jurisdictions.

In addition to the above modules the course also has the following validated modules: International Commercial Mediation, Online Dispute Resolution, and Regulating Risk Environments. Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules will be offered in the same academic year.

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

The course is designed to benefit a wide range of individuals who are committed to developing their knowledge, skills and insights into contentious international and commercial dispute resolution. The range of individuals who can benefit include: paralegals and newly qualified practitioners who need to fill in the gaps left by their existing qualifications and experience to date; more experienced practitioners such as potential judges, arbitrators, and mediators; and other professionals who need to have advanced appreciation of international and commercial law, such as civil servants, diplomats, directors, insurers, journalists, linguists, and managers.

The course is also ideal if you want to progress towards a PhD programme. The course will also be beneficial for you if you are taking a gap year between career stages, and if you are from continental European Union or other countries and want to improve your English for career purposes.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should have a good Honours degree in Law or any non-Law subject from a UK university, or the equivalent from a non-UK university, and satisfactory references. Other qualifications or experiential routes can sometimes be agreed. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent in each of the elements. Pre-sessional summer programmes are not normally appropriate for this course.

RELATED COURSES

- Conflict Prevention, Dispute Resolution MA
- International Commercial Law LLM

INTERNATIONAL BANKING LAW LLM

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

This intellectual and rigorous course is highly practical, and will develop your understanding of the context and institutional framework of international banking and finance law. You will explore the role of regulation in international banking and finance, the relevance of banking contracts and relationships, the wider financial law framework, and the role of banks in international trade and investments. There is a strong emphasis on developing your transferable skills, including effective learning, communication skills, written presentation, analysis and problem solving, independent study, research and time management.



CORE MODULES

Dissertation

The dissertation module enables you to gain a deep knowledge of the concepts and principles of international banking law. You will need to agree the topic with the module leader, and it must not replicate materials covered in other areas of your coursework, or comprise of work submitted for any other award. The dissertation will help you to develop your powers of analysis, synthesis, application and evaluation, and your advanced research skills. It will also introduce you to legal practical research skills and the range of specialist resources available for studying your chosen area.

International Banking Law and Regulation

This module will enable you to gain a deep understanding of how banks are regulated, especially in an international context. You will analyse and evaluate the concepts and contexts of international banking law, and increase your awareness of the underpinning socio-economic and political contexts within which international banking law operates.

OPTION MODULES INCLUDE

Derivatives and Securities Law

This module examines the law and practice relating to structuring, documenting and executing structured derivative, capital markets, and finance transactions, with a particular focus on the management of the associated legal risk. You will develop the skills and knowledge to analyse (as lawyers) the complexity of international financial transactions relating to derivatives and structured finance, and be able to assess financial products and techniques. You will also become familiar with, identify, analyse and mitigate the legal and reputational risks inherent in structured finance transactions.

Restructuring and Insolvency Law

This module will develop your understanding of the cross-border issues in corporate insolvency. You will examine the legal framework of cross-border insolvency, the role of law in regulating how such issues are solved, and the rules on the distribution of assets to creditors in a cross-border context. You will also evaluate the areas of reform and change in the legal and socio-economic response to cross-border insolvency.

International Corporate Governance: Managing Global Risk, Ethics and Cultures

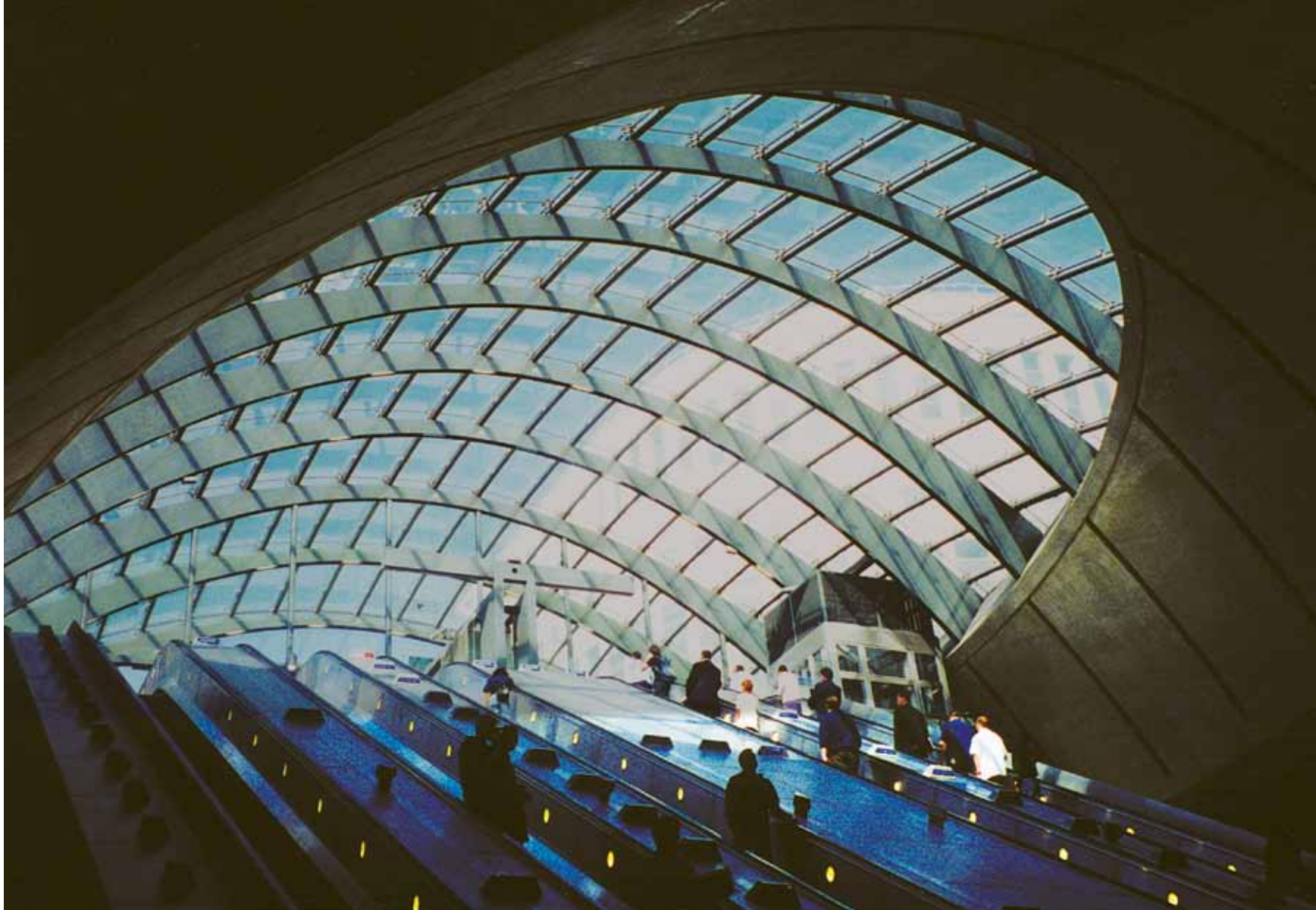
Corporate governance is increasingly regarded as vitally important to individual companies, the wider market and the economy as a whole. In this module you will examine the legal risks of directors of corporations and stakeholders, and analyse their ethical duties in varying contexts of corporate culture. You will also investigate how decision makers make judgements in an increasingly information-rich and complex world, consider the impact of corporate cultures and values on managers' strategic financial decision making, and examine the impact of global risks, ethical duties and socio-cultural values in financial and corporate capital decision making.

International Project Finance Law

This module focuses on large-scale, capital-intensive projects throughout the world, including power generation, energy, infrastructure and urban regeneration. Project finance lawyers/consultants predict and resolve a large number of potential risks involving political, commercial, credit quality, insurance, default and bankruptcy issues. They draw up documents which capture a 'mini-legal system' reflecting the entire legal process for a wide range of project participants. You will learn to address risk allocation and risk mitigation, and to analyse and construct legal documentation concerning financing sources, environmental issues, bilateral and multilateral credit support, loans, collateral and permits.

Legal Aspects of International Finance

International finance is increasingly transforming itself into a borderless activity, frequently sourcing capital and undertaking investment transactions throughout the United States, Europe, Japan, China and other jurisdictions around the world. During this module you will examine the dominant legal models influencing international financial and investment transactions, especially in light of risk management practice and theory. You will learn to use relevant legal components to analyse and construct innovative financial products.



Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules will be offered in the same academic year.

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

This course will benefit if you are seeking legal, managerial, operational, professional or research opportunities in a range of sectors including: acquisitions; asset management; capital markets; central banks; commodities; compliance/legal consultancy; corporate banking; derivatives; foreign exchange and money markets; insurance; international financial organisations; private banking/wealth management; private equity/venture capital; retail banking; risk management; and trade finance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum qualification is a Second Class Honours degree (or equivalent from a non-UK institution) in Law or a related subject. We will consider mature applicants who lack standard qualifications but have significant professional or managerial experience in a relevant field. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW LLM

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time
(January start available)

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

The course balances the best of a rigorous, traditional legal education with a contemporary perspective. Our areas of specialisation address today's most important business and legal challenges, including the study of the evolving commercial relationships in the international arena, the role and impact of electronic commerce, the resolution of commercial disputes, and the gradual harmonisation of international commercial law.

This Masters is not merely about what you learn in the classroom, it is also about actual practice in today's world of globalisation and international commerce. That is why the LLM provides, in addition to a strong academic dimension, a concentrated, real-world-oriented legal education.

The course offers you the opportunity to develop strong academic and practical skills in a highly competitive and intellectually satisfying area of law. It is ideally suited to those who come from a commercial law, international business, management, or economics background.

You will have the opportunity to explore your own ideas, gain knowledge and enhance transferable skills in a supportive environment. You will benefit from a strong programme of visiting speakers, excellent online materials and learning resources, top quality instruction and a professional and practical focus in a department with a strong research profile.



CORE MODULES

Dissertation

The dissertation module allows you to extend your research into a topic of your choice within the broad field of international commercial law. You will need to agree the topic with the module leader, and it must not replicate materials covered in other areas of your coursework, other than any Dissertation Proposal written as part of the Research Methods and Theory module.

Foundations of International Commercial Law

This module enables you to analyse the key principles for the application of international commercial law, and the context within which it operates. You will develop your understanding of the legal rules affecting the international sale of goods contract, and high-level research skills in this subject and its related fields.

OPTION MODULES INCLUDE

Carriage of Goods

You will explore the contractual and legal relationships of persons involved in a carriage of goods arrangement. This module covers the international carriage of goods by sea, air, road and rail, with sea carriage as the main focus. The module deals with the two principal forms of contracts used for the carriage of goods by sea, the charterparty, and the contract of affreightment. The emphasis of the module is to examine legal principles against the backdrop of current shipping practice and documentation.

Corporate Social Responsibility Issues in Business and Law

This module provides a human rights framework enabling a rigorous approach to identifying business and corporate responsibilities within the social sphere. It will equip you with the necessary tools for business decision-making processes on social responsibility and human rights obligations. You will gain a greater understanding of the distinction between the legal and the ethical demands on business in relation to human rights and corporate social responsibility, the ways in which the two intersect, and be exposed to a range of methods and best practice in the business environment in relation to human rights.

European Union Business Law (The Law of the Internal Market of The European Union)

This module explores the key elements of the EU's internal market. You will start with the evolution of economic integration between the member states, and follow this with an in-depth analysis of the main elements of the internal market. This includes free movement of goods, free movement of persons, right of establishment and free movement of services. In order to present the internal market from a broader perspective two lectures are devoted to recognition of diplomas and public procurement. There will also be an emphasis on free movement of capital and payments.

"Studying at the University of Westminster was a great learning experience for me. The faculty and staff at the University are extremely helpful and encouraging; both in terms of support with assignments and in providing constructive feedback. I also got an opportunity to interact with people from different backgrounds and nationalities and make friends who made this whole learning experience even more worthwhile. Currently I am doing my Bar Professional Training Course at City University London and this would not have been possible if the tutors at University of Westminster had not encouraged and supported me to pursue my long sought after dream of becoming a barrister"

SABEEN JOKHIO
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW LLM

International Economic Law (World Trade Organisation and Trade Agreement Law)

This module allows you to explore the key elements of international economic law and the role of the World Trade Organization (WTO): the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), an in-depth analysis of the WTO's institutional structure, decision making and membership, the main agreements falling under the WTO umbrella, including the GATT, the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), and the Agreement on Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). You will discuss rules on unfair trade and look in depth at the role of regional trade agreements.

International Tax Law

You will analyse the nature of tax, taxation and tax bases in the law, giving you the opportunity to survey the legal and non-legal implications of cross-border taxation. You will also study the interaction between states and taxpayers, treaty law and tax conventions, and the role of international bodies such as the OECD.

Law of International Sales

This module will give you the opportunity to examine the law governing the international sale contract. You will be introduced to the intricacies of international sale transactions, especially the content of the contract of international sale, the use of standard trade terms (such as the INCOTERMS 2000), and the rights and remedies available to sellers and buyers. You will also examine the role of documentation in international sales, and will have the chance to discuss the role of Vienna convention on the international sale of goods.

Legal Aspects of Electronic Commerce

You will examine the legal and commercial framework for electronic commerce, and the key aspects of the law of contract in that context. You will also study relevant English and EU legal provisions on aspects of electronic commerce, including online data transmission, online marketing, electronic payments, copyright and domain name disputes. The module also looks at how current law could be applied to resolve difficulties thrown up by electronic commerce and IT.

Multinational Corporate Entities

This module will introduce you to the study of several facets of multinational corporate entities. These include the role and effect of multinational corporate entities in cross-border trade and investment, the power balance between multinationals and sovereign states, and international and national approaches to control of multi-nationals. You will also consider the international and national consequences of incorporation of businesses, and the accountability of the multinational personnel.

Protection of Commercial Industrial Property Rights (Intellectual Property)

You will develop your knowledge of commercial industrial property/ intellectual property law, combined with an appreciation of how modern intellectual property rights (IPR) operate in the international online environment. The module analyses commercial property rights in an international context, with a particular focus on challenges to IP in the new online environment. Topics covered include copyright and fair use, trademarks and domain names, patents and design rights, and confidentiality rights.

Research Theory and Practice

This module is designed to prepare students for LLM Dissertation work. It introduces you to the general concepts of legal and social scientific (empirical) methods of research, and develops your understanding of the principles of advanced research. You will consider the relevance of these methods for the study of law, as well as giving you an understanding of the legal, social scientific and philosophical debates on methodology. It will also enable you to evaluate your own work and that of other researchers. Finally you will work on your Dissertation Proposal.

Other standard option modules frequently offered for this course include Introduction to EU Competition Law and Marine Insurance Law.

Up to three additional option modules can be taken from other Law LLM courses, including:

- Comparative Commercial Arbitration
- Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration
- International Banking Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Commercial Litigation
- Private International Law: Substantive Commercial

Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules will be offered in the same academic year.



ASSOCIATED CAREERS

Former students have found employment in accountancy, banking and finance, commodities, corporate and commercial law, export-import, insurance, international and national trade and marketing bodies, international organisations, IT, shipping and freight, tax, and the public sector.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will typically be expected to have a good Second Class Honours (or equivalent) degree in law or an equivalent non-law degree and significant legal experience. You will also be considered without standard qualifications provided you are sufficiently motivated to study effectively on a Masters programme and/or have had a significant amount of relevant experience. If your first language is not English, you will normally need an IELTS score of 6.5 (including 6.0 in writing), TOEFL 92, or equivalent. If your IELTS score or equivalent is below 6.5 in one or more areas, you may be asked to take a pre-sessional English programme at Westminster before starting your course.

"I am very glad that I attended the University of Westminster, and the people I met will always be in my mind and in my heart. My favourite modules were Commercial Conflicts of Law, International Carriage of Goods, International Tax Law, Payment and International Trade Finance Law and International Trade Law.

The knowledge I acquired has been very helpful for my career. I am now Head of the Legal Department at a large construction company constructing one of the sites for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Russia."

IVAN MERIAKRI
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW LLM

RELATED COURSES

- Corporate Finance Law LLM
- International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law LLM

INTERNATIONAL LAW LLM

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

This specialist international law course provides an innovative focus on contemporary legal and political issues in the international community. It takes an interdisciplinary approach to international law, exploring both social science and legal perspectives. The diverse range of subjects means it is appropriate for students from a range of subject backgrounds, including law, social sciences, humanities and international relations.

COURSE CONTENT

The course will enhance your understanding of the key principles of public international law, the main developments within the public international law framework and the process of globalisation and its significance for international law.



CORE MODULES

Dissertation

The dissertation module enables you to gain a deep knowledge of the concepts and principles of international law. You will need to agree the topic with the module leader, and it must not replicate materials covered in other areas of your coursework, or comprise work submitted for any other award. The dissertation will help you to develop your powers of analysis, synthesis, application and evaluation, and your advanced research skills. It will also introduce you to legal practical research skills and the range of specialist resources available for studying your chosen area.

Public International Law

You will analyse the sources and subjects of international law, state responsibility, and the implementation of international law into municipal law, and gain an overview of the defining legal principles of international relations. You will also focus on the settlement of international disputes and the enforcement of international law. The module will help to develop your general transferable skills, including oral and written communication, independent study, time management, research, and problem solving.

Research Theory and Practice

This module introduces you to the general concepts of legal and social scientific (empirical) methods of research, and develops your understanding of the principles of advanced research. You will consider the relevance of these methods for the study of law, as well as giving you an understanding of the legal, social scientific and philosophical debates on methodology. It will also enable you to evaluate your own work and that of other researchers.



OPTION MODULES INCLUDE

International Energy and Climate Change Law

This module will introduce you to the principles of international law relevant to the development and use of energy resources. You will examine the principles relating to permanent sovereignty over natural resources, 'shared' resources and resources outside areas of national jurisdiction. You will also consider the impact of other principles of international law on the energy sector, such as international environmental law, foreign investment and trade law, and human rights. The module has a strong focus on the evolving international legal framework on the mitigation of climate change, and its impact on international energy law and policy.

International and European Refugee Law

This module examines the protection afforded by states to refugees under international refugee law and international human rights law, and the way in which these areas of law interact with each other in the provision of rights and solutions for refugees and other persons in need of international protection. The first part of the module examines the institution of political asylum and the international refugee and human rights protection regimes, and analyses selected issues, such as the UN Refugee Agency, persons fleeing armed conflicts, and terrorism. The second part of the module examines the leading role of the European Convention on Human Rights and EU law in matters of concern for refugees, such as detention, family life and prohibition against torture.

International Environmental Law

You will study the principles and levels of environmental law, pollution and trans-boundary pollution, and state responsibility in international law. Other areas covered by the module include conservation and biodiversity; environmental impact assessments; environmental media; environmental risk; human rights; and waste management.

International Human Rights Law

The module introduces you to the protection of human rights in international law. You will gain an overview of the historical and philosophical background of human rights, and a greater understanding of the protection of human rights at the international level through the UN and regional systems (with particular emphasis on Europe). You will also study contemporary issues in international human rights law, such as humanitarian intervention, responsibility to protect, terrorism and torture.



International Humanitarian Law

This module covers the regulation of the rules and customs of war, including the status and protection of prisoners of war, the protection of civilian populations, the use of certain weapons, the status of combatants and belligerents, and the criminal consequences of the violations of the laws of armed conflict. You will gain a deep knowledge of international humanitarian law, and a thorough understanding of practice and law relating to key concepts, such as prisoners of war, combatants, protected persons, neutrality and war crimes.



International Law and Development

You will study law and policy relating to international development, including the right to development in international law, international development assistance and poverty alleviation, and law and policy relating to overseas development assistance in the UK and the EU. The module will give you a greater understanding of the global challenges for development, and will give you the skills to undertake informed policy and advocacy work internationally.

International Law of the Sea

This module will introduce you to the comprehensive legal framework of the international law of the sea. You will examine the various maritime jurisdictional zones recognised in international law, including principles relating to the territorial sea, archipelagic waters, international straits, contiguous zone, continental shelf, exclusive economic zone, high seas, and deep seabed. The module also considers the resolution of competing claims to maritime areas and resources, and focuses on concerns arising from human use of the oceans, such as maritime security and piracy, exploitation of offshore resources, fisheries management, the conservation of marine biodiversity, and marine pollution.

Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

You will be introduced to the various techniques and institutions available in international law for resolving disputes between states. This module examines diplomatic means of dispute settlement, including negotiation and mediation, and legal means of dispute settlement – arbitration and adjudication. You will also consider the availability of alternative mechanisms for the resolution of inter-state disputes, and the range of international courts and tribunals that now exist. The module refers to specific past and pending cases and disputes, and there will be a special emphasis on the law, practice and procedure of the International Court of Justice.

United Nations Law

This module covers the institutional and legal aspects of the United Nations. In particular, you will focus on: the composition and functioning of its main organs (Security Council, General Assembly, Secretariat, International Court of Justice, Economic and Social Council, Human Rights Council); membership of the UN; the provisions of the Charter dealing with the use of armed force; the collective security system; peacekeeping operations.

Please note that option modules are subject to student demand and staffing availability, therefore not all modules will be offered in the same academic year.

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

On completion of the course, you will be able to specialise in a wide range of careers or academia. Graduates have worked for organisations such as Amnesty International, the United Nations, or in legal departments within international organisations and governments. There are also opportunities for further research or teaching.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should hold a good Second Class Honours degree (or equivalent from a non-UK institution), with an average of 55 per cent or above in Law, Social Science, International Relations or a related subject. Applicants who lack standard qualifications but have significant professional experience in the relevant field or related professional qualifications may be considered. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. Please visit the International Law LLM course page on our website for more information on the specific IELTS requirements westminster.ac.uk/law. The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.



“Coming from a background in languages, and working in the management consulting field, I had worried about my inadequacy in this new field and my adaptability in class. However, when classes commenced these worries quickly went out the window. I found that the course structure, lecturers, teaching styles and student body provided for a truly invigorating and advanced learning atmosphere. The classes were very international, comprising students from all over the world and equipped us with our very own United Nations. We were all given an opportunity and encouraged to learn, share, participate and progress throughout the course, practicing the cardinal rule of sovereign equality of all class members.

It was a great experience and hopefully, we'll all attain our career expectations.”

CHICHI UMESI
INTERNATIONAL LAW LLM

RELATED COURSES

- International Relations MA

LEGAL PRACTICE LLM

Length of course

One year part-time

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

This course enables you to make further use of your Legal Practice Postgraduate Diploma (LPC). It will interest LPC graduates who want to enhance their qualifications, and practitioners wishing to gain a more in-depth understanding of the principles underlying their daily work. There are two pathways available, allowing you to utilise credits gained through the LPC and obtain 60 additional credits towards achieving a Masters qualification. You can tailor the course to particular interests, choosing to focus either on producing a dissertation or incorporate some element of teaching. The course also enables you to obtain Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points for your study.

The University of Westminster has been delivering the LPC since 1993, and we have a well-established reputation for delivering this course. Supervision of LLM students is usually carried out by LPC teaching staff who are professionally qualified and who have a special interest or expertise in the dissertation topic.

COURSE CONTENT

The course will develop research skills acquired on the Legal Practice Course through a specially designed LLM module on research methods. As a part-time course providing students with flexibility in designing and managing their research, it will be of interest to those in practice as well as LPC graduates seeking to enhance their qualifications prior to, or alongside, starting work.



Pathway One – Dissertation only

You begin with classes in research methods. The dissertation allows extended study in an area of your choice, provided it is linked to legal practice or is relevant to legal practitioners. Following the submission of your final research outline, you will have regular meetings with your dissertation supervisor, who will provide guidance on your direction of study, and discuss your methods and approach, the content of the developing work, and the final dissertation. You then build on your research to develop knowledge, concepts and theories which you will explore in a 15,000 word dissertation. This pathway is entirely assessed on the basis of the dissertation.

Pathway Two – Dissertation and taught module

You begin with classes in research methods, before choosing one 20 credit module from our LLM modules and attending LLM classes. Formal lectures develop a framework of essential knowledge within each module, while tutorial sessions might include small group work, problem-based tutorials, review sessions, workshops or debates, as well as student presentations. You will be assessed in your chosen module. In the second semester you plan, research, write up and submit an 8,000 word dissertation worth 40 credits. You will be expected to choose a topic for your research dissertation linked to the areas covered in your option module, and to ensure that your topic is relevant to legal practice. You must pass the dissertation and the option module to be awarded the LLM.

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

LPC graduates will conclude their studies with enhanced qualifications and advanced research skills. Pathway Two will provide specialist knowledge of an area of legal practice, but both pathways will enhance your employability. The experience of advanced research may offer alternative careers outside legal practice. Practitioners will be able to gain a more in-depth understanding of the principles underlying their daily work.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants would normally have passed the LPC. If you do not have the LPC you must demonstrate equivalent qualifications and practical experience to achieve credits required for admission. If you have passed The Law Society Finals or Bar Vocational Course and can demonstrate evidence of recent practice together with CPD, you may be considered for admission. If you follow Pathway One you will need to demonstrate that you have given some consideration to your intended dissertation. If you follow Pathway Two you should demonstrate your interest in a particular LLM course. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. The university offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.

RELATED COURSES

- Legal Practice Postgraduate Diploma (LPC)

LEGAL PRACTICE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA (LPC)

Length of course

One year full-time; two years part-time (evening)

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

This is the compulsory vocational course for anyone intending to become a solicitor, and is regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA). We have offered the LPC since its introduction in 1993, and have always delivered a highly rated course.

The SRA approved Westminster to deliver the latest version of the LPC with effect from September 2009, and we are continuing to build on our proven track record in delivering a high-quality course at affordable rates. Fee discounts are offered to students who have previously studied at Westminster.



COURSE CONTENT

Full-time

The full-time course begins with an intensive foundation period which will introduce you to the underlying areas of law and practice such as Professional Conduct and Regulation, Taxation, Financial Services, and Solicitors' Accounts. It also covers the course skills of Writing, Drafting, Advocacy, Interviewing and Advising, and Practical Legal Research. You will go on to study the three Stage 1 LPC core practice areas – Business Law and Practice, Property Law and Practice, and Civil and Criminal Litigation – together with Wills and Administration of Estates. Stage 2 of the course involves completing three electives (subject to availability) from the elective subjects list below.

Part-time

The part-time (evening) course mirrors the full-time course in content and provides a convenient and affordable route to becoming a solicitor. Students study Property Law and Practice and Civil and Criminal Litigation in Year One (as part of Stage 1 of the course), together with one Stage 2 elective. Students complete both Stages 1 and 2 of the course in Year Two by studying Business Law and Practice and Wills and Administration of Estates together with two further electives.

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

Clinical

This elective gives you the opportunity to undertake real client legal work in a supervised structured environment. The focus is on experiential learning through reflection, analysis and planning. You will discuss your learning experiences which will then be recorded in experiential learning log sheets, and your work will also be subject to file review, which will measure the quality of work you are undertaking. The aim of the elective is to improve the substantive quality of legal casework undertaken and to engender experiential professional learning within and beyond this course.

Commercial Law

This elective will give you a broad working knowledge of the law and practice in this area, which relates to City practice and commercial law practice in high street firms. It builds on the commercial aspects of the Business Law and Practice course, providing an additional range of knowledge about commercial law (including Intellectual Property). The practice of commercial law exists in an international and European Union (EU) context, and this is an area which is directed and changed, often rapidly, under EU and international influences. Increasingly, commercial clients (whether selling electronically or by traditional marketing methods) see their home market as being the EU.

Commercial Litigation

You will focus on civil litigation within a commercial context, with an introduction to the subject and a study of alternatives to litigation. Other issues covered during the elective include arbitration, freezing injunctions, interim injunctions, search orders, security for costs, and specialist courts. You will also examine the foreign element of commercial litigation, looking specifically at EU countries and EU judgments regulation.

Commercial Property

Commercial property is a vitally important subject for students wishing to join firms that conduct property work and act for commercial clients. This elective builds on your previous study of Property Law and Practice, focusing on the disposal of interests in land in a commercial context, the main contents of a typical commercial lease, and landlord and tenant law. You will also study the key principles of acquiring greenfield sites for development, the secured lending principles when acting for a prospective mortgagee of development land, and the main issues when acting for property dealers who buy and sell reversions occupied by business tenants.



Corporate Finance

This elective deals with public companies, equity finance and the regulation of the Stock Exchange. It does not deal with banking or loan finance.

E-Commerce

This elective concentrates on the legal issues arising from web presence and online trading. You will consider a range of topics, including the legal status of websites, the information websites must give to customers, who owns the rights to websites, and where e-traders can be sued. You will look at and apply the relevant law to real-life situations on live websites. The small group sessions are case-study based, and in many cases students access and view trading websites during sessions and for private study in order to advise the client.

Employment

You will study contentious and non-contentious employment law, and examine individual employment rights from the perspective of both employees and employers. Following an introduction to the key elements of employment law, you will look at a range of topics including discrimination, employment contracts, maternity and parental rights, redundancy, termination of employment, transfer of undertakings, tribunal practice and procedure, and unfair dismissal.

Entertainment and Media

The entertainment and media elective entails the study of law, contracts and practice within a series of diverse industry sectors – advertising, film, music, publishing and sport. It aims to cover the breadth of work and issues involved while at the same time ensuring that the course does not become overly general.

Family Law

Family is a special area of law and people need particular skills to work in this field. You will learn about the role of the solicitor in working with parties who may have an important continuing relationship. You may work with very different types of firms depending on your interests – such as high asset divorce, the high street mixture of divorce, children and finance, or care proceedings, involving children at risk, for a local authority. The course starts by focusing on the emotional impact of being a family lawyer, and goes on to cover children, divorce, domestic abuse, finance and public funding.

Housing Law

Housing law is quite a specialist practice area and concerns rented, rather than owner-occupied housing, but still affects many people. Many high street housing lawyers have public funding contracts and also do welfare benefits work. Other housing lawyers work for local authorities or firms that advise organisations such as housing associations. The main areas of work involve advising and representing in landlord and tenant issues such as possession, disrepair and harassment actions. Housing lawyers also help people enforce their statutory rights in the area of homelessness and housing benefit.

Immigration Law

This elective aims to give you a foundation to understand the legal context of immigration and asylum law, and an understanding of the processes and procedures used by the administrative institutions regulating immigration. By the end of the course you will have studied the major legislative provisions governing immigration law, and have sufficient knowledge to advise and assist clients in all major areas of the subject.

If you take the Immigration Law elective you can also seek exemption from Level One of the Legal Service Commission's Immigration and Asylum Accreditation Scheme. We are the only LPC provider currently authorised to recommend its students to the ISC for Level One exemption in this way. Students seeking Level One exemption through Westminster will need to pay an additional fee.

Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

The aim of this elective is to give you an introduction to personal injury and clinical negligence litigation, by building on the knowledge you acquired during the Civil Litigation course. In the clinical negligence part of the course there is more 'law' than you will have been used to on the LPC, to ensure that you understand the concepts of tort law that are applied to the facts of any given case. The elective is divided into two main parts: establishing liability for personal injury in the workplace, and modern clinical negligence litigation.

Private Acquisitions

This elective is concerned with two types of acquisition: the sale and purchase of a business as a going concern (a business acquisition) and the sale and purchase of a private company by share transfer (a share acquisition), in both cases from an unlisted company or private individuals. It will introduce you to important aspects of practice as a commercial solicitor dealing with the sale and purchase of private companies and businesses.



"Westminster's Legal Practice Course appealed to me as being accessible to students and for offering a wide range of modules."

JOE JACKSON
LEGAL PRACTICE POSTGRADUATE
DIPLOMA (LPC)

RELATED COURSES

- Graduate Diploma in Law (CPE)
- Legal Practice LLM

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

The Legal Practice Course (LPC) is the compulsory vocational course for intending solicitors.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must currently be enrolled as a student member of the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) and hold a current certificate of completion of the academic stage of training. The latter is usually available where you have graduated with a qualifying Law degree, passed a Common Professional Examination or a Diploma in Law. The SRA may accept other qualifications.

The University requires a minimum of a Lower Second Class Honours in a qualifying Law degree or equivalent postgraduate qualification. If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. The University offers pre-sessional summer programmes if you need to improve your English before starting your course.

Applications for the full-time LPC course must be made online at www.lawcabs.ac.uk

For applications for the part-time LPC course, please contact the University directly:
T: +44 (0)20 7911 5017
E: lpcadmin@westminster.ac.uk

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LEGAL EXECUTIVES (CILEX) COURSE

Length of course

This will vary according to the point that you enter and exit the course. Please visit our website for further information and to download our full CILEX prospectus westminster.ac.uk/cilex

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

See westminster.ac.uk/fees

Training to be a Chartered Legal Executive offers a flexible and accessible route to a career as a lawyer. You can start on the CILEX course at one of a number of different levels, depending on your qualifications. These range from graduates who can take a one-year Graduate Fast-Track Diploma, to those with few formal qualifications who can start at Level 3 and proceed to Level 6. At Westminster we cater for all the different routes that you might want to take.

Our lectures and seminars are delivered by seasoned legal professionals with industry experience, drawn from the ranks of academics, solicitors and barristers. We use a range of teaching methods to facilitate different styles of learning. As a university, the learning resources at the School of Law are first class, with IT access to legal and academic materials, a comprehensively stocked law library (three floors of studying space), research support and well-trained library staff. Our IT resources are not confined to the University premises; our subscription to online materials allows you to access these materials remotely, from your home.



COURSE CONTENT

On all levels of the CILEX course you will receive pastoral care and regular access to a personal tutor. This is in addition to the guided tuition described below, and will help to ensure that you achieve your full potential on the course.

Level 3 Certificate Year One

The course runs on Mondays (5.30 – 9pm) during term time. You will receive tuition in relation to Introduction to Law and Practice, Law of Tort, Criminal Law, Criminal Litigation and Legal Research.

Level 3 Year Two

The course runs on Wednesdays (5.30 – 9pm) during term time. You will receive tuition in relation to Civil Litigation, Employment Law, Land Law, Law of Contract and Client Care Skills.

Level 6

We offer a range of subjects at this level of study covering substantive and practice law papers as well as professional skills. For specific details of subjects on offer, please refer to those listed under Level 6 Single Subject Certificate below. Subjects are timetabled during term time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (6 – 8pm).

Fast-Track Diploma for Law Graduates

This is suitable for students who hold a qualifying law degree. One of the practice units you select must relate to your law degree. The practice units currently on offer include Civil Litigation, Conveyancing, Criminal Litigation, Employment Practice and Family Practice. Additionally, you will be required to take Client Care Skills. Subjects are timetabled during term time on Mondays and Wednesdays (6 – 9pm) and Thursdays (6 – 8pm).

Level 6 Single Subject Certificate

This is suitable for students seeking to boost their knowledge in a specific area of law. For practice units on offer, see the Graduate Fast-Track Diploma above. Substantive law units on offer include Criminal Law, Equity and Trusts, European Law, Family Law, Land Law, Law of Contract, Law of Tort, Public Law and Employment Law. The professional skills units on offer are Client Care Skills and Legal Research. Law and practice units are timetabled during term time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (6 – 8pm). Professional skills are timetabled for 8 – 9pm on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the academic year. Please note that the Level 6 units we offer are subject to student demand and staffing availability.

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

Qualification as a Chartered Legal Executive is becoming increasingly valuable. Chartered Legal Executives can now become partners in law firms, judges and work in the full range of legal organisations, from multinational commercial law firms to local authorities and high street firms. They are well-regarded members of the legal profession.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

These vary according to the qualification you wish to take. For further information, please contact our Course Enquiries Team 9am – 5pm, Monday-Friday on T: +44 (0)20 7915 5511 or E: course-enquiries@westminster.ac.uk

To apply please visit our website: westminster.ac.uk/cilex

POSTGRADUATE OCCASIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME

Length of course

Variable

Location

Central London (Regent)

Course fees

Variable. See westminster.ac.uk/fees

This is a highly flexible programme of studies for those who do not wish to enrol on an LLM course initially. Most LLM modules can be taken on an individual basis. You can study any particular module that you are interested in, up to a maximum of 40 credits, as long as you meet the minimum entry requirements for the course hosting that module. This is ideal for students who, for various reasons, are unable to attend the full LLM course. For example, if you wish to study Law of International Sales but cannot enrol for the full International Commercial Law LLM because of work commitments, you can sign up as an occasional student for that module and attend class.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact Chris Priestnall,
School of Law School Manager
E: c.priestnall@westminster.ac.uk



CPD SHORT COURSES

The School provides (in association with the British Institute of Law Librarians) the Legal Foundation course, which provides an introduction to law for law librarians. Please contact Avis Whyte
E: whytea@westminster.ac.uk
or visit westminster.ac.uk/courses/professional-and-short/law/biall-legal-foundations-course

There is also an occasional programme of lectures attracting CPD points for solicitors. Contact Guy Osborn
E: g.osborn@westminster.ac.uk

"Generally, I consider the University of Westminster to be one of the best institutions in the world today. I chose it for my postgraduate programme for many reasons. It offers an array of topical and internationally relevant courses and academic programmes. I particularly wanted to major in international and commercial dispute resolution in order to work for the UN or ECOWAS and not surprisingly, only the University of Westminster ran a full LLM in this field.

On getting to the School of Law, I found the environment exciting and interesting. The academic and supporting staff were friendly and highly professional in their relationship with us. From the uncertainties of the introduction and induction weeks, to the emotional outbursts and farewell hugs of the graduation days, the whole experience at Westminster was a rollercoaster of memorable and tremendous events for me. However, meeting friends of diverse backgrounds and cultures, unreservedly integrating together in an environment that promotes academic excellence was what I found most interesting. We often joked that the English students were the foreigners amongst us as they were clearly outnumbered in our midst; therefore, even though we all came to Westminster as ambassadors of our nations to the UK, we left as University of Westminster's ambassadors to our home nations.

Academic freedom is also unprecedented at Westminster. To have completely disagreed on points and principles with my supervisor from start to finish and to still end up with a distinction in my dissertation was most extraordinary and unforgettable for me.

"THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE AT WESTMINSTER WAS A ROLLERCOASTER OF MEMORABLE AND TREMENDOUS EVENTS FOR ME."

The School of Law is in the heart of central London, which provides an assortment of social activities. From shopping, to sightseeing, tourism to simply socialising, the list is endless. The School is close to historical monuments and sites like Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, the British Museum, Tate Modern, Oxford Circus, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, the London Eye and the River Thames, which is simply amazing.

The opportunities now open to my career are limitless and interesting. I have widely travelled and worked in collaboration with, and as consultant to, several international organisations, state and non state parties alike.

I currently work as a Senior Legal Officer at the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation and have so far had a successful career in Law, conducting litigation, legal research and consultation.

I would advise anyone looking to study law in the UK to enrol at the University of Westminster and get a head start with their career, while benefiting from a rich socio-cultural environment that pervades academic and professional excellence. Thank you Westminster."

YAHAYA USMAN-WOWO
INTERNATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL
DISPUTE RESOLUTION LAW LLM

"THE OPPORTUNITIES NOW OPEN TO MY CAREER ARE LIMITLESS AND INTERESTING."





RESEARCH AT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise we submitted the work of 28 of our staff; 85 per cent of the School's research was judged to be of international quality, with 35 per cent of that valued as being of international excellence. This reflects the extraordinary growth in the research profile of the University of Westminster's School of Law over the last 15 years. A key component of our reputation for quality research and our dynamic research environment is the strength of our research degree students.

We offer both MPhil and PhD research degrees in Law and Law-related topics, with training and supervision in these two research degrees on both full-time and part-time tracks. We currently have over 35 registered research students, one of the biggest Law research degree programmes in London. Research students have their own dedicated office space with computing and telephone facilities and a community area. They are also encouraged to attend the weekly research seminar series, which is devoted to speakers from both within and outside the University, as well as the various other research events that form part of the vibrant research community of the School. Where possible, we attempt to involve research students in teaching, and help them gain a Postgraduate Certificate in Education so that they are properly qualified teachers. This enables them to graduate with a rounded portfolio of skills and qualifications.

Our PhD programme is administered by the Graduate Centre in the Department of Advanced Legal Studies. Our research centres produce a wide range of work within core areas of law, including: commercial, banking and corporate law; criminal law; European Union law; international law; maritime and transport law; and the legal profession. Our research also takes place within interdisciplinary fields such as: Law and Geography; Law and Literature; Law and Philosophy; Law and Art; Law and Society; and Law, Gender and Sexuality. We welcome applications from prospective research students who are interested in any aspect of law and legal institutions. More information is available at westminster.ac.uk/courses/research-degrees



"My first degree was a Business and Management BA in Lithuania, and then I did a Commercial Law LLM, but coming to Westminster was my first experience of studying in the UK. The learning environment for studying towards a Law PhD at Westminster was good, and the location was excellent. The main library I used was the institute for Advanced Legal Studies library, which was just a ten-minute walk away in Russell Square, and there were many other facilities close by.

I arrived in London a few months before my PhD started, so that I could earn some money and get used to the city. My supervisor was very good and supportive, and the other PhD students were also really helpful – in the end it was like a big family.

I'm a lecturer now, and without my PhD from Westminster, I wouldn't have the job I'm doing. I teach Competition Law, which is the area I specialised in for my PhD, and I'm also a visiting lecturer at Vytautas Magnus University in Lithuania."

JURGITA MALINAUSKAITE
LAW LECTURER AT BRUNEL UNIVERSITY,
LAW PhD

RESEARCH CENTRES AND GROUPS

AHRC Research Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality (CentreLGS)

Founded in 2004, this Centre involves a partnership between the law schools at the universities of Kent at Canterbury – the main physical base for the centre – Keele and Westminster. The overall aim of CentreLGS is to pioneer work that analyses, investigates and deepens understanding of the relationship between law, gender and sexuality.

Centre for Capital Punishment Studies (CCPS)

Formed in 1993, CCPS has established a forum for research and debate on the death penalty. This forum aims to encourage students, scholars and practitioners worldwide to participate in the work of the centre. CCPS has maintained a programme of lectures, seminars and conferences and is engaged in a number of research projects.

Centre for International Commercial and Financial Law Studies

During 2012 a new research centre on International Commercial and Financial Law studies will be established. As well as providing a research presence in this field in London, the Centre will manage the teaching of our highly successful LLM degrees in Corporate Finance Law and International Commercial Law.

Centre for International Law and Theory

This Centre brings together diverse yet overlapping strands in the study of international law, with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary and critical theoretical analysis. The Centre focuses on the link between the applied and the theoretical, as it seeks to facilitate common scholarly activities and projects, and provide the sort of supportive context within which radical new research can flourish. Drawing on our strengths in international law, governance, criminology, economics, human rights and legal theory, the Centre encourages collaboration both at a national and international level, through public guest lectures, open fora such as conferences, workshops and seminars, internships, guest invitations, and online publications.

Centre for Legal Profession and Legal Services

Westminster's School of Law has been at the forefront of research into the legal profession and related areas. This group builds on the School's strongest bodies of research in the legal profession, access to justice, dispute resolution, globalisation, legal ethics and legal education. Funders include the ACCA, the ACLEC, the ESRC, The Law Society and the Nuffield Foundation.

Centre for the Study of Law, Society and Popular Culture

We have an established reputation in the broad field of law and popular culture, which includes sport, film, media and music. This reputation has been achieved through curriculum development, academic publications, conference papers and links with a broad range of professionals. The Centre has recently secured funding for a Knowledge Transfer Partnership with Brentford Football Club.



RESEARCH APPROACH

We offer both MPhil and PhD research degrees in Law and Law-related topics, with training and supervision in these two research degrees on both a full-time and part-time basis. Normally, you are expected to study for a period of at least 33 months (or 45 months in the case of part-time enrolment), and to have completed your doctoral research within a maximum of four years (eight years if part-time). We currently have over 35 registered research students. The PhD programme is administered by the Graduate Centre in the Department of Advanced Legal Studies. Supervisors are allocated to students, and the Centre oversees their supervision and monitors their progress. In all cases students have more than one supervisor and this team may include experts from other institutions. Research students are assured of regular supervision.

Research students have their own dedicated office space with computing and telephone facilities and a community area. A research seminar series is run weekly for all staff and researchers during term time; this is devoted to speakers from both within and outside the University. Research students are strongly encouraged to attend. In addition a research methodology seminar series specifically for graduate research students runs throughout the year. Where possible we attempt to involve research students in teaching. This enables them to graduate with a rounded portfolio of skills.

PhD opportunities

Our research programmes and centres produce a wide range of work within core areas of Law, including Commercial, Banking and Corporate Law; Criminal and Comparative Law; EU Law and Competition Law; International Law; Human Rights; Entertainment, Media and Intellectual Property Law; International Trade Law; Public Law and Maritime and Transport Law. We also produce work within interdisciplinary fields, such as Law and Geography; Law and Literature; Law and Philosophy; Law and Society; Law, Gender and Sexuality, and many others. We welcome applications from prospective research students who are interested in any aspect of law and legal institutions, and we particularly encourage interdisciplinary and critical approaches. From time to time, the School will also offer PhD studentships to highly qualified applicants. More information is available at westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees-law

Course structure for MPhil/PhDs

You will usually first enrol as an MPhil/PhD student. You will then be required to pass a formal interview (with an independent assessor) about half way through your course of study before you can transfer to full PhD student status. Only in exceptional situations (usually when an applicant already has an MPhil degree) can students register directly for PhD study.

Within four months (or six months if part-time) of initial enrolment, you will be required to submit a formal application for MPhil/PhD registration. This includes a fully developed, detailed plan of academic work. MPhil/PhD registration is only confirmed when this application has been formally approved by the University.

Once admitted as a PhD student, you will have a supervisory team with a Director of Studies. We provide a research training programme which you will take alongside your own research activities. The PhD is assessed by the submission of a thesis and a viva voce examination by a panel that includes an external examiner.

Entry requirements for MPhil/PhDs

You should normally hold at least an Upper Second Class Honours degree, and preferably a Masters degree. If your secondary level education has not been conducted in the medium of English you should also demonstrate evidence of appropriate English language proficiency, normally defined as 6.5 in IELTS (6.0 in every band).

HOW TO APPLY

The University of Westminster accepts applications through the national, online UK Postgraduate Application and Statistical Service (UKPASS) system. Once you have registered you can apply free of charge.

Before submitting an application you need to contact a prospective supervisor to discuss your research ideas. Our research interests are listed on our website westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees-law. Alternatively, candidates may direct initial enquiries to Dr Oliver Phillips (o.phillips01@westminster.ac.uk) or Professor Reza Banakar (r.banakar@westminster.ac.uk).

The admissions timetable is available at westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees-law

For more information and to apply visit westminster.ac.uk/research-degrees

If you are suitably qualified and we can offer supervision in your chosen area, you will need to attend a formal interview; telephone interviews may be arranged if you are based abroad.

If you have any enquiries regarding the admission process you can contact our Research Office team on +44 (0)20 7911 5731 or email researchadmissions@westminster.ac.uk

HEADS OF DEPARTMENT



Professor Andy Boon
Dean of the School and
Head of the Department of
Advanced Legal Studies

Professor Boon was a solicitor in private practice (1976 – 82) before joining London South Bank Polytechnic as Senior Lecturer. He was Honorary Legal Adviser at South Lambeth Citizens Advice Bureau (1982 – 89), and Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced legal Studies, before joining the University of Westminster in 1989 as a Principal Lecturer in Law. Professor Boon has served on various training and education committees for the Law Society and the General Council of the Bar of England and Wales. He has also published numerous papers on lawyers, legal profession, legal education and professional ethics.

His teaching areas are lawyers' skills and common law, and his research interests include legal profession, practice, ethics and education, civil litigation, and dispute resolution.



David Amos
Head of the Department of
Professional Legal Studies
and Head of the Department
of Applied Legal Studies

David is the Head of Professional Legal Studies, which is responsible for the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) and the Legal Practice Course (LPC). He is also the Head of Applied Legal Studies which is responsible for the CILEx courses. He qualified as a solicitor in 1993. He started teaching at Leeds Metropolitan University in 1998. At Leeds, he was the Course Leader for the part-time LPC. He moved to Manchester Metropolitan University in 2005 where he was the Course Director for the LPC.

David joined Westminster in June 2009 to set up the Department of Applied Legal Studies and the new Solicitors Exempting LLB degree. He is currently module leader for Client Care Skills on CILEx and teaches on the CILEx Civil Litigation course. He also contributes to various areas of the LPC.

David was a member of the Solicitors Regulation Authority working party on the Written Standards for the LPC. He is also on the SRA validation panel for the LPC and related courses and has performed a similar role for the Law Society of Scotland and other universities. He is employed as an external examiner by the SRA. He is also a Council member of the Central Applications Board.

KEY STAFF



Pamela Abrams,
Senior Lecturer
Course Leader,
Legal Practice LLM

Pamela is a qualified barrister and solicitor. She worked as a civil litigator prior to joining the University in 1996. She teaches on the Solicitors Exempting Degree LLB and on the Legal Practice Course. She has carried out legal policy research for the Nuffield Foundation, Department for Constitutional Affairs and the Law Society. Her teaching areas are Tort, Litigation and Legal Ethics, Methods and Skills. Her research interests include the legal profession, funding and reform of civil procedure.



Richard Earle,
Senior Lecturer
Course Leader, Conflict
Prevention, Dispute
Resolution MA
Course Leader, International
and Commercial Dispute
Resolution Law LLM

Richard is formerly a practising solicitor, and is the creator and course leader of the LLM in International and Commercial Dispute Resolution Law, and the Conflict Prevention, Dispute Resolution MA. He teaches several modules on the Masters degree programme.

His academic focus is on legal and other aspects of conflicts and disputes; international and commercial prevention and resolution processes; corporate foreign direct investment and arbitration; and international tax and taxation. He has previously published on issues in international commercial arbitration and international tax law.



Chris Ellins,
Senior Lecturer
Course Leader,
Entertainment Law LLM

Chris has been the course leader of the Entertainment Law LLM since 2007 and has taught on the programme since its inception in 1999. He specialises in Intellectual Property Law and European Union Law and has research interests in these areas. Chris has been in legal education since 1993. He established and teaches the modules Intellectual Property and Merchandising in the Entertainment Business. He also lectures in general Intellectual Property Law and European Union Law. He is a current university external examiner and also a former practising solicitor.



Gerard H. Kelly,
Senior Lecturer
Deputy Director, Corporate
Finance Law LLM and
International Banking
Law LLM

Gerard currently teaches on the Corporate Finance Law and International Banking Law LLM programmes. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin (LLB, First Class) where he was the recipient of the Julian Prize and the University of Oxford, where he was awarded a Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Scholarship (B.C.L., Distinction). Gerard is also an Attorney-at-Law admitted to the Bar of New York and a Solicitor (non-practicing) in Ireland. Before returning to academia, Gerard practised corporate law with a leading New York headquartered firm in London. His research interests are primarily in the field of environmental law and regulation, especially the development of market trading and expansion of the European Union's Emissions Trading Scheme.



**Derek Lavery,
Senior Lecturer
Course Director, Graduate
Diploma in Law (CPE)**

Derek qualified as a solicitor in 1991, and worked full time in private practice until 1999, his principal areas of practice being civil litigation, personal injury and employment law.

Derek joined the School of Law in 1999 as a member of the LPC team. He became leader of the part-time Graduate Diploma in Law in 2004, and is now the overall Course Director of the GDL programme. Derek's areas of teaching include Contract Law on the GDL, Civil and Commercial Litigation on the LPC; he also teaches Solicitors' Accounts and Advocacy.

Derek's other current duties include that of Learning, Teaching and Quality Representative on the University's Course Validation and Review Panel and a School of Law Staff Appraiser. He has been involved in validation and monitoring of a number of external law courses, including that of LPC External Examiner for the SRA.



**Dr Adam Lazowski,
Reader in European Law
Course Leader, European
Union Law LLM**

Adam is a Reader in Law at the University of Westminster. He obtained a Masters degree in 1999 and a PhD in 2001 from the Faculty of Law of the University of Warsaw. Between 1999 and 2003, he lectured at the University of Warsaw. During the next two years, he worked as a senior researcher in European law at the TMC Asser Institute (The Hague). Adam's scientific interests include the law of the European Union as well as public international law. His research has so far led to a number of books, articles, contributions to edited volumes and conference papers.

At the University of Westminster Adam is a co-leader of the EU Law LLM and teaches the following modules: Procedural Law of the European Union (LLM), Internal Market of the European Union (LLM), Criminal Law of the European Union (LLM), Enlargements of the European Union (LLM), External Relations of the European Union (LLM), EU and UK Competition Law (LLB) and EU Law (LLB).

In 2003, his monograph on non-judicial remedies in EU law received first prize in a nationwide competition for the best book on EU law organised in Poland by the Foundation for the Promotion of European Law. Since 1999, Adam has actively participated in various EU law training programmes for practitioners in Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia and Estonia. In Estonia, he served as a mid-term expert in an EU-financed biannual project. In that capacity, he provided extensive training to national lawyers as well as co-writing a distance-learning course combined with a series of case studies aimed at Estonian judges. Over the past years Adam delivered guest lectures at University of Sussex (UK), University of Surrey (UK), University of Warsaw (Poland), University of Tartu (Estonia), Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), European Law Academy (ERA) in Trier (Germany), European Institute of Public Administration (Luxembourg), University of Zagreb (Croatia), University of Luxembourg and University of Rotterdam (the Netherlands).



**Dr Simon Newman,
Senior Lecturer
Course Leader,
International Commercial
Law LLM**

Simon took his undergraduate degree in Law at University College, Oxford in 1994, and completed his PhD (awarded May 2000) at the University of Sheffield, on 'The European Community and the Philosophical Basis of Copyright Law: Author's Rights, Freedom of Contract, and the Information Society'. From 2000 he was Research Assistant then Research Fellow in Information Technology Law at Queen Mary, University of London. In 2004 he joined the University of Westminster as a Senior Lecturer.

His primary teaching areas include e-commerce Law, industrial and intellectual property rights, and Contract. He also researches in these areas, with a particular focus on the philosophical basis for – and arguments against – current IP laws. Recent research publications include 'The development of copyright and moral rights in the European legal systems' and 'Human Rights and Copyrights: A Look at Practical Jurisprudence with Reference to Authors' Rights'.



**Catherine Pedamon,
Senior Lecturer
Deputy Director,
International Commercial
Law LLM**

Catherine joined the University of Westminster in 2010 and currently teaches on a number of LLB and LLM courses, including teaching modules in Law of International Sales, Law of International Trade, Corporate Social Responsibility Issues and Comparative Law. She is a graduate of the University of Paris II - Pantheon-Assas. She holds a Masters from Harvard Law School where she was a Fulbright Scholar, in addition to her Masters degree from the University of Paris II. She is admitted to the New York and Paris bars and has practised internationally in New York, Paris and London with leading law firms.

Before joining the University of Westminster, she set up the LLM in International Business Law with Professor Barry Rider at BPP Law School. She started her academic career at the University of Texas at Austin teaching comparative finance and corporate law. She was research assistant to Professor von Mehren at Harvard Law School working on comparative law. Her fields of interest include international trade law, corporate social responsibility and comparative law. She has written articles on corporate social responsibility, the harmonisation of practices in international project finance and arbitration.



**Dr Oliver Phillips, Reader
School Research Director**

Oliver has a Law degree from the University of Cape Town, and a PhD from the University of Cambridge. Prior to Westminster, he was based at Goldsmiths, Birkbeck, Keele and Columbia (New York) Universities. Oliver supervises both undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations and oversees the administration of the research in the Law School. His own teaching and research interests are drawn from the broad fields of crime and deviance, sexuality and gender, post-colonialism and rights. He has written widely on law, sexuality, and HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa, and remains a guest lecturer at the Southern and Eastern African Regional Centre for Women's Law (SEARCWL) at the University of Zimbabwe. He has many years of experience campaigning for political and sexual rights in the region and serves on the board of numerous international and Southern African advocacy organizations and charities, including the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC). Oliver acts regularly as an expert witness to Immigration and Asylum Tribunals considering applications for asylum from Zimbabweans.



**Dr Marco Roscini,
Reader in International
Law Course Leader,
International Law LLM**

Marco holds a PhD from the University of Rome 'La Sapienza'. He specialises in the international law of armed conflict, nuclear non-proliferation law and international criminal law. His scholarship has appeared, or is forthcoming, in important peer-reviewed journals. His books and articles have been widely cited in legal literature and judicial decisions. He is the Co-ordinator for the International Law and Armed Conflict Cluster at the Centre for International Law and Theory at the University of Westminster. He is also a member of the International Law Association's Committee on Nuclear Weapons, Non-proliferation and Contemporary International Law and of the European Union Non-proliferation Consortium. He is on the Editorial Board of several scientific journals. His current research interests include the international law of armed conflict (in particular cyber warfare), non-proliferation law (in particular nuclear weapon-free zones and the WMD-free zone in the Middle East) and the fragmentation of international law.



**Dr Martin J. Skirrow,
Director of Legal Practice
Director of the Full and
Part-time LPC**

Martin has overriding responsibility for the Legal Practice Course (as validated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority). He was awarded his Doctorate in 1988 for research in the field of corporate insolvency and subsequently qualified as a solicitor in 1991, with a leading City practice. Martin has been in legal education since 1995, teaching at Middlesex University and the University of North London before joining Westminster in November 2000. Martin became Director of Legal Practice in September 2006. He now teaches exclusively on the LPC, focussing on Business Law and Practice, Business Accounts, Taxation and Drafting. He also leads the LPC Stage 2 Entertainment and Media elective and is responsible for the delivery of the LPC Immigration Law elective including the Exemption from Level 1 Accreditation scheme.



**Kate Sutherland
CILEx Course Director**

Kate Sutherland undertook Legal Executive studies whilst working in the Paris office of a major City law firm, flying to London to sit her exams. On her return to London, Kate secured employment as a Legal Executive lawyer with a magic circle firm in the City of London. Initially specialising in Corporate Immigration, following her move to another City law firm, Kate broadened her practice base to include Employment Law. Kate has more than nine years experience working in private practice initially as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives and then a solicitor.

Having completed her legal professional studies on a part-time basis whilst maintaining full-time employment, Kate has a full appreciation of how to juggle part-time evening studies with a hectic work life.

After completing a Postgraduate Teaching Certificate in Higher Education at the University of London, Kate worked for Middlesex University before joining University of Westminster in 2006.



**Professor Joseph Tanega,
Reader in International
Financial Law
Course Leader, Corporate
Finance Law LLM
Course Leader, International
Banking Law LLM**

Having degrees in Philosophy from Princeton University, Social Anthropology from Oxford University and a juris doctor from the University of San Diego, School of Law, Joe Tanega teaches various postgraduate modules including Legal Aspects of International Finance, International Corporate Governance. He was formerly a Deputy Attorney General of the Department of the Attorney of Hawaii, an Investment Banker at Nomura Securities and Kleinwort Benson Securities, a Director of Business Risk Consulting with Ernst & Young in charge of financial institutions and capital markets, and a senior legal consultant to the International Finance Corporation, World Bank. He has provided legal and consulting advice to major financial institutions, companies and governments in 16 countries. He is the author of 54 publications of which there are 14 books and 30 major articles, and his main research area is in law and finance, including securitisation, securities regulations, governance, project finance and energy law. Joe is also a Professor of Regulation and Supervision of Retail Banking at the University of Bologna, Alma Graduate School, and Professor of Law, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.

For more than 170 years the University of Westminster has been a place where dedicated and creative students have enjoyed a vibrant learning environment, graduating with the skills they need to succeed in their chosen career.

As an international centre for learning and research, we are committed to continuing those traditions. We are leading the world in research in architecture, art, and media and communications, while our research work in psychology, and other areas such as business, computing, law, life sciences and the environment, and planning, has been recognised as internationally excellent. A wide range of our courses have also received excellent quality ratings.

Each year a diverse mix of students of many backgrounds and abilities join the Westminster family. We have more than 20,000 students from over 150 nations (a quarter of whom are postgraduates), studying with us this year.

From our prime locations across three large campuses in London's West End, we are well connected to the UK's major centres of business, law, science, and architecture. Our fourth campus in Harrow is a hub for the study of technology and the creative industries, with its own on-site student village.

And we are continuing to invest in learning facilities and the student environment. We have embarked on a £60m redevelopment of student facilities at our Harrow and Marylebone campuses. For more information visit westminster.ac.uk/about-us/university-developments



The University of Westminster has a long-standing reputation for innovation and creative development, and we showcase the work of our students and others at our Ambika P3 underground space at our Marylebone Campus, and at London Gallery West at our Harrow Campus. We have opened a major new gallery space at our headquarters at 309 Regent Street, offering artists the opportunity to exhibit work at this landmark location. The Regent Street building is also home to the UK's first public cinema, the venue for the country's first public moving picture show held by the Lumière brothers in 1896, and a major fundraising campaign is now underway to restore and modernise this site.

Studying for a postgraduate degree is a challenging but extremely rewarding experience. You will develop specialist knowledge, hone your professional skills, and enhance your career prospects. To help you achieve your aims, we offer a mature study environment and a broad range of courses that respond to and anticipate developments in professional life.

We have more than 900 teaching staff supported by over 900 visiting subject specialists, delivering high-quality learning and research. Our libraries provide access to more than 380,000 titles, 30,000 e-journals, 20,000 e-books, and 230 databases.

Our Career Development Centre can help you to find flexible work while you study, and whatever career you choose, the service can help to develop your employability and offer advice on your path after graduation. Our extensive network of tutors, administrators, counsellors, health service, financial advisers and faith advisers is there to support you in every aspect of your life at Westminster, and our lively and active Students' Union offers a large number of student societies for a wide range of interests.

Westminster develops graduates who can succeed in an uncertain and increasingly international workplace. We hope to help you develop both the knowledge and the life skills you will need to succeed.



London is one of the world's most vibrant and exciting cities. From business and finance to fashion, art, music, cinema and sport, London is where things tend to happen first. And as one of the city's 400,000 students, much of what happens in the capital is within your reach.

Importantly, making the most of London doesn't have to be expensive. With substantial student discounts and many of the city's attractions being free, you'll always find ways to make your money go further. Despite the size of the city, travel is usually straightforward with good underground, bus (including night buses) and train networks, and student discounts are available on Transport for London (TfL) travelcards. London is well connected by rail and road to the rest of the UK and Europe, and there are global air links through the city's five major airports.

The University of Westminster's central London campuses are within easy reach of many famous landmarks and institutions including the houses of Parliament, the BBC, the London Stock Exchange, the British Library and the British Museum.

Alternatively, if you choose to study in Harrow, you can combine the advantage of a residential green site with easy accessibility to all that London has to offer. The university is also ideally located to network with the city's business leaders and employers, so we can offer great placements and work opportunities for our students. And with the British Library, the University of London Library and the archives of many institutions and professional bodies all close at hand, there is a huge variety of reference books and information to help you with your studies.

Culture and entertainment

London is home to more than 250 art and design galleries, over 600 cinema screens, and 200-plus theatres. The city also boasts a particularly vibrant music scene, ranging from rock, dance and pop, to world and classical music, a level of variety matched by London's exciting nightlife. And there is no shortage of places for socialising and dining out, with world cuisines represented at prices to suit everyone – you can eat out for as little as £5.

If your passion is for fashion and shopping rather than traditional culture, London is home to designers such as Vivienne Westwood, and the city is famous for its markets.

Football, rugby, cricket and athletics are among the sports that feature high on London's leisure scene, at legendary venues such as Wembley, Twickenham and Lords. And the world's greatest sporting event, the Olympics, will be hosted here in 2012. But if you prefer your leisure activities to be more relaxed, London is a city of over 140 parks; 39 per cent of the city is green space.



With one of the UK's largest international student populations, the University of Westminster has plenty of experience in giving you the help and support you need to make the most of your time with us. Before you arrive, you will receive a full information pack with details of your enrolment, healthcare and other information. You will be regarded as a priority for accommodation, but it is still important to apply early. We also provide a 'meet and greet' service for students landing at Heathrow and Gatwick airports on specific days towards the end of September. Our team will meet you at the airport, and arrange transport for you to travel with other international students to your Halls of Residence or private accommodation. Once you are here, we can give you comprehensive help and assistance including a whole range of services and activities to help you settle in. The International Students' Welcome Programme gives you the chance to meet fellow new students and Westminster staff, find your way around the University and London, learn about our facilities and services, and meet current international students. For more information visit westminster.ac.uk/international

Meet us in your country

Members of the university frequently travel overseas to meet and interview potential students at exhibitions, schools, partner institutions, alumni receptions and other events. We also work with representatives around the world who can help you with your application on our behalf. Visit westminster.ac.uk/international to see our calendar of visits and a full list of the overseas representatives we work with.

English language courses and support

We run a number of English language courses, from stand-alone short courses (including IELTS preparation), pre-sessional courses as well as courses on English for Academic Purposes (EAP) westminster.ac.uk/efl

Pre-sessional English course

If you have been offered a place on a Masters or research degree at Westminster, our pre-sessional English course will help you to develop the language and study skills you will need. Over 11 weeks (if you have a current IELTS score of 5.5) or six weeks (for those with an IELTS score of 6.0), this intensive course will bring your English level up to the equivalent of an IELTS score of 6.5, the minimum requirement for most of our taught Masters courses and research programmes. For more information visit westminster.ac.uk/efl

Study Abroad Programme

Our Graduate Study Abroad programme lasts for one semester and allows you to take a range of our graduate level modules. You may be able to transfer the Westminster credit back to your Master's level studies or you may wish to take the programme for as part of your career development or year out activities. For more information visit westminster.ac.uk/studyabroad

HOW TO APPLY AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Taught Masters

The University of Westminster accepts applications through the national, online UK Postgraduate Application and Statistical Service (UKPASS) system. Once you have registered you can apply free of charge, and there is no application deadline for UKPASS, so you can make your course choices one at a time or all together; for more information and to apply, visit ukpass.ac.uk

Alternatively you can contact our Course Enquiries Team,
T: +44 (0)20 7915 5511,

E: course-enquiries@westminster.ac.uk.
International students can get an application pack from one of our partners around the world; to find out more, visit westminster.ac.uk/international/advice-and-visas/countries/visits

Graduate Diploma in Law, Legal Practice Postgraduate Diploma and CILEx courses

Applications for the full-time LPC and Graduate Diploma in Law should be made online at www.lawcabs.ac.uk

Applications for the part-time LPC should be made by contacting the University directly:

E: LPCadmin@westminster.ac.uk
T: +44 (0)20 7911 5017

Applications for the part-time Graduate Diploma in Law should be made via UKPASS.

To apply for CILEx courses visit westminster.ac.uk/cilex

Entry requirements

Most courses have the following minimum standard entry requirements:

- a good first Honours degree from a recognised university, or qualification or experience deemed to be equivalent, and
- English language competency judged sufficient to undertake advanced level study, equivalent to an IELTS score of at least 6.5 (or as specified in the course criteria).

If your first qualification is from outside the UK please look at westminster.ac.uk/international for information on our requirements from your country.

Any specific entry requirements for a course are given in the course description.

Research degrees

Separate application and admissions procedures apply for MPhil/PhD research degrees. See p59 for details.

Course structure

Masters courses (MA, LLM)

Full-time study

Courses last for one calendar year (48 weeks). You will probably attend the University for seminars or lectures at least two days a week during the teaching year (31 weeks). The delivery and assessment of taught modules will normally be carried out between September and June, but it's likely that you will need to study over the summer months for your independent research – usually a project or dissertation.

Part-time study

There are part-time routes in most subjects, and you can study during the day or the evening, or a mixture of both. Achieving a postgraduate qualification part-time normally takes at least a year (usually two), studying two evenings each week of the academic year, with a further six to 12 hours each week of personal study. Some employers enable you to study by day release from work, while intensive block study courses (see below) allow you to study full-time for one week followed by 12 weeks of personal study using an Independent Learning Package (ILP) approach.

Modular scheme

Modular study schemes are based on a system of accumulating credits, and offer the most flexibility and choice in your course programme. You can transfer credits you have gained to other courses or institutions, and every course combines core and option modules which, as you complete them, bring you closer to gaining your higher degree.

Your previous study or experience, whether through paid work or in a voluntary capacity, may mean you can gain exemption from some modules. The Assessment of Prior Certificated Learning (APCL) accredits certificated learning such as Open University modules or in-company training. The Assessment of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) recognises knowledge or skills acquired through life, work experience or study – such as computer programming or organisational skills – which have not been formally recognised by any academic or professional certification.

Intensive block study

Some Masters courses are offered in short, intensive study periods of one to four weeks. They are full-time and may include weekend and weekday study. Single postgraduate modules can sometimes be studied in this way.

MPhil/PhD courses

See the research section on p59.



ACCOMMODATION

After choosing your course, one of your biggest decisions will be where to live, and we aim to make that choice as easy as possible. Whether you decide to live in our halls of residence or in private housing, we can help you to find the right accommodation. For more information visit westminster.ac.uk/housing

Halls of Residence

Postgraduate students studying at our central campuses can apply for Marylebone Hall or Wigram House the latter of which is our exclusively postgraduate hall. Students studying at the Harrow Campus can apply for Harrow Hall. The majority of rooms are single study bedrooms with shared kitchens; some rooms also have their own bathroom. All of our halls are a short distance away from the teaching sites and give students a great base to study and to explore London. Rents vary from £112 – £189 per week depending on the room type and the price includes bills. Applications can be made following the instructions on our website.



Private accommodation

If you prefer a more independent lifestyle, there is a huge supply of rented housing in London at a wide range of prices. Rents depend on where you live but, as an example, the majority of students studying in central London commute from travel zones 2 or 3 (just outside the central area), where you can expect to pay from £100 per week for a room in a shared flat or house. We can offer all students comprehensive advice on finding suitable private accommodation, and a good starting point is to attend one of our housing meetings in August and September. Here you can get a range of housing information and tips on successful flat hunting, as well as meeting other students to form groups to flat hunt together.

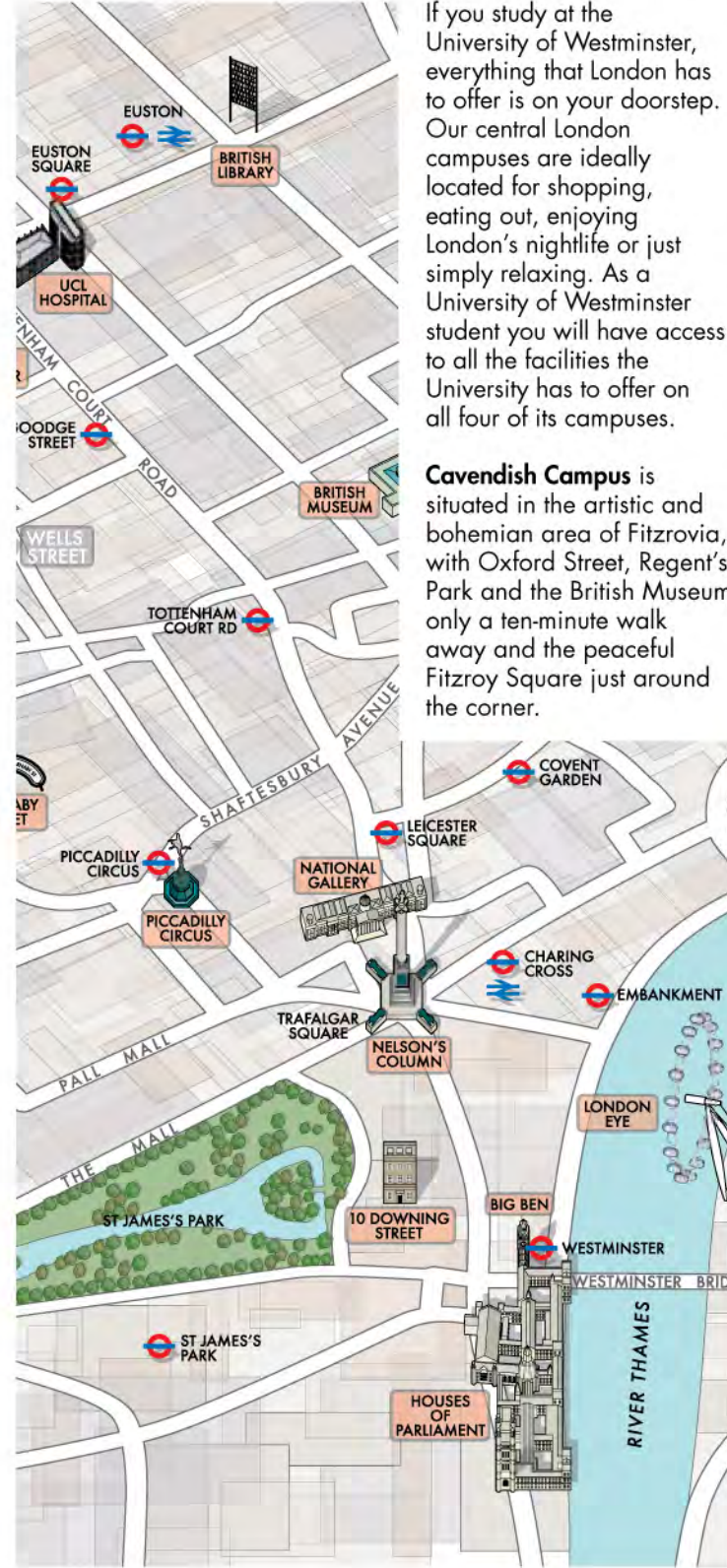
FEES, FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Studying at university is a long-term investment in your future, and one which can make a significant difference to career prospects and your earning power. But to be able to make the most of your time at Westminster, it's also important to work out how you will pay your fees, accommodation and day-to-day expenses while you are here.

Fees increase each year, normally in line with the rate of inflation. For the latest information please visit westminster.ac.uk/fees and direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

The University of Westminster has the most generous scholarship scheme of any British university. The value of the scheme for 2011 entry was close to £4m, including more than £2m in scholarships for our international students. We would hope to be able to continue provide similar levels of scholarship funding for 2012 and beyond. As soon as scholarship funding levels have been confirmed, we will publish details on our website, at westminster.ac.uk/scholarships; please check the site regularly for updates.

Once you have been offered a place (conditional or unconditional) on a postgraduate or PhD course you can apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are competitive and have strict deadlines. Deadlines for full-time UK, EU and international students can be found by visiting westminster.ac.uk/scholarships



If you study at the University of Westminster, everything that London has to offer is on your doorstep. Our central London campuses are ideally located for shopping, eating out, enjoying London's nightlife or just simply relaxing. As a University of Westminster student you will have access to all the facilities the University has to offer on all four of its campuses.

Cavendish Campus is situated in the artistic and bohemian area of Fitzrovia, with Oxford Street, Regent's Park and the British Museum only a ten-minute walk away and the peaceful Fitzroy Square just around the corner.

Marylebone Campus is opposite Madame Tussauds, just off Baker Street and close to the elegant shopping available on Marylebone High Street. Five minutes away is the vast green space of Regent's Park.

Regent Campus is situated on and around one of the busiest streets in London, home to a wide range of bustling shops, cafés and restaurants and just a couple of minutes walk from Oxford Street.

In north west London, **Harrow Campus** is just 20 minutes by Tube from central London, and close to Harrow town centre. Here you will find major retail stores, a civic centre, an arts centre and a multiplex cinema. Nearby Harrow-on-the-Hill is a historic village offering a richly contrasting atmosphere.

The School of Law is based in Little Titchfield Street in London's West End, close to both the Cavendish Campus and the Regent Campus.

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COURSE ENQUIRIES

Our Course Enquiries team can provide you with information and advice on a range of issues, including:

- all course information and course outlines
- attendance
- associated careers
- campus tours – dates and times
- contact details for Admissions Offices and Admissions Tutors
- entry requirements
- fees
- funding and bursaries
- how to apply
- IELTS tests – how and where to take them
- Postgraduate Information Evenings – dates, times and locations
- prospectuses – how to order a printed copy
- qualifications
- scholarships
- non-UK qualifications equivalencies.

Call our dedicated Course Enquiries team between 9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday.
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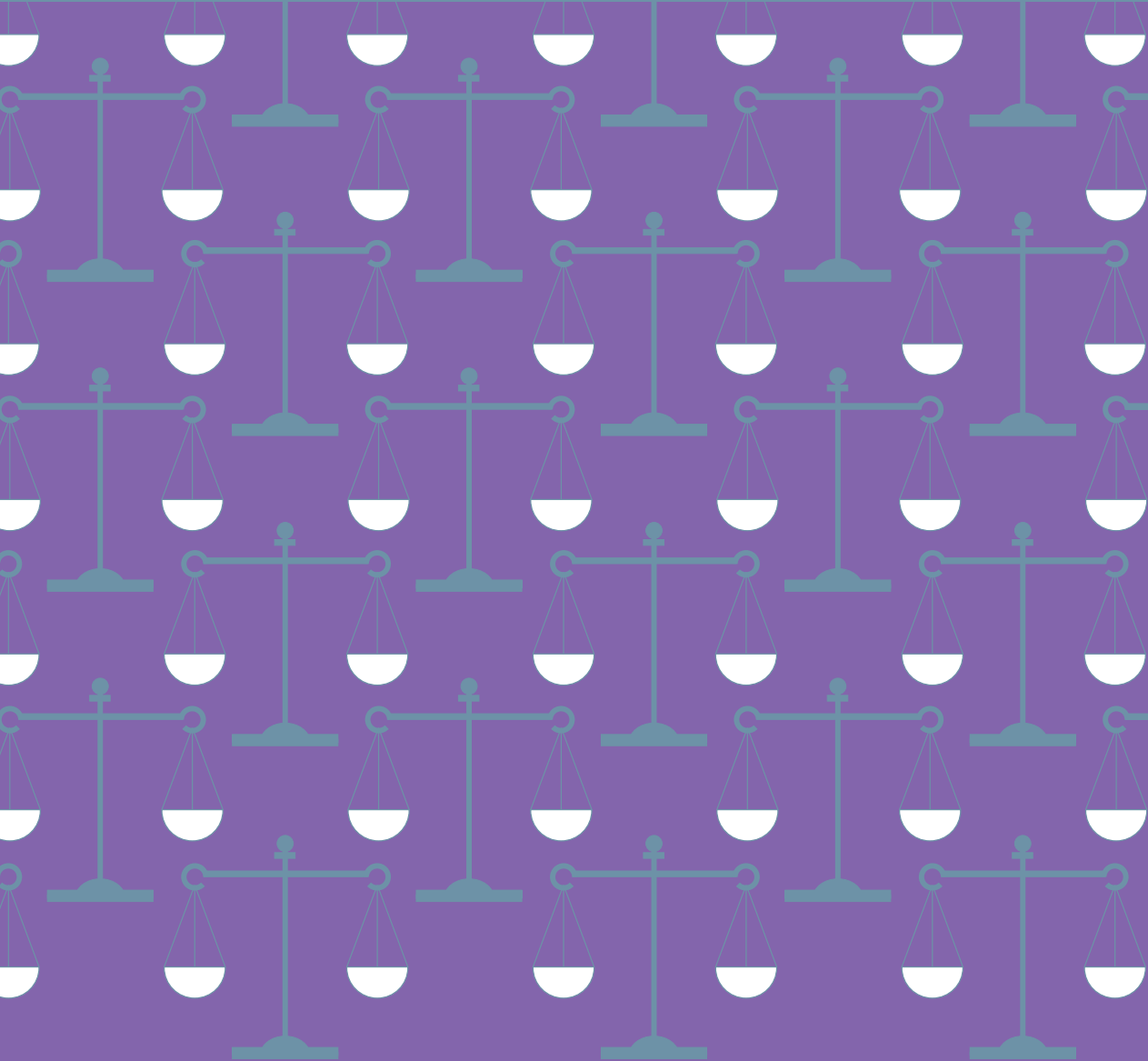
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