



Queen's University
Belfast

Postgraduate Studies

School of Law

School of Law at Queen's

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Queen's University is a member of the Russell Group which comprises the UK's 20 leading research-intensive universities. The School of Law was ranked joint seventh in the RAE 2008.



The School of Law at Queen's offers the following:

Research Programmes:

- PhD and MPhil

Taught Programmes:

Masters:

- Criminology
- Criminal Justice
- Corporate Governance
- Law and International Commerce
- Law and Governance
- Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
- Human Rights
- Human Rights and Criminal Justice
- Human Rights (Cross Border)
- Human Rights and Criminal Justice (Cross Border)
- Legal Science

Diplomas:

- Criminology
- Criminal Justice

Introduction to the School

Law has been taught at Queen's for over 150 years. We are proud of our long and distinguished record of achievement in both education and research. In recent years we have expanded further and built a reputation as one of the leading Law Schools in these islands. This was confirmed in our Research Assessment Exercise 2008 performance where we were ranked joint seventh out of 67 Law Schools in the UK.

The School of Law has a strong and dynamic postgraduate community. Postgraduate education is an integral part of the life of our School. We offer a range of high-quality programmes which connect to our research strengths and international links, in areas such as commercial law and corporate governance, criminology, criminal justice, human rights, and environmental law and sustainable development. Research undertaken in the School is currently shaping global and local debates within legal scholarship and we have increasingly gained an international reputation for our work. We strive to ensure that this expertise informs all aspects of the educational experience of our students.

You will find in this brochure further details about the postgraduate opportunities available in the School of Law.

I hope you will consider joining us at Queen's.

Head of the School of Law

Research Programmes

The School of Law offers research programmes leading to PhD and MPhil degrees. These are granted on the basis of original research undertaken. The student will study, write a thesis and then be orally examined by a respected academic in the field, external to Queen's University. PhD students are first enrolled as "undifferentiated" postgraduate research students and, having passed the oral "differentiated" exam, can then consider themselves as PhD candidates. An MPhil Thesis must not normally exceed 50,000 words and a PhD Thesis 80,000 words. An MPhil is normally submitted within two years (four years part-time)

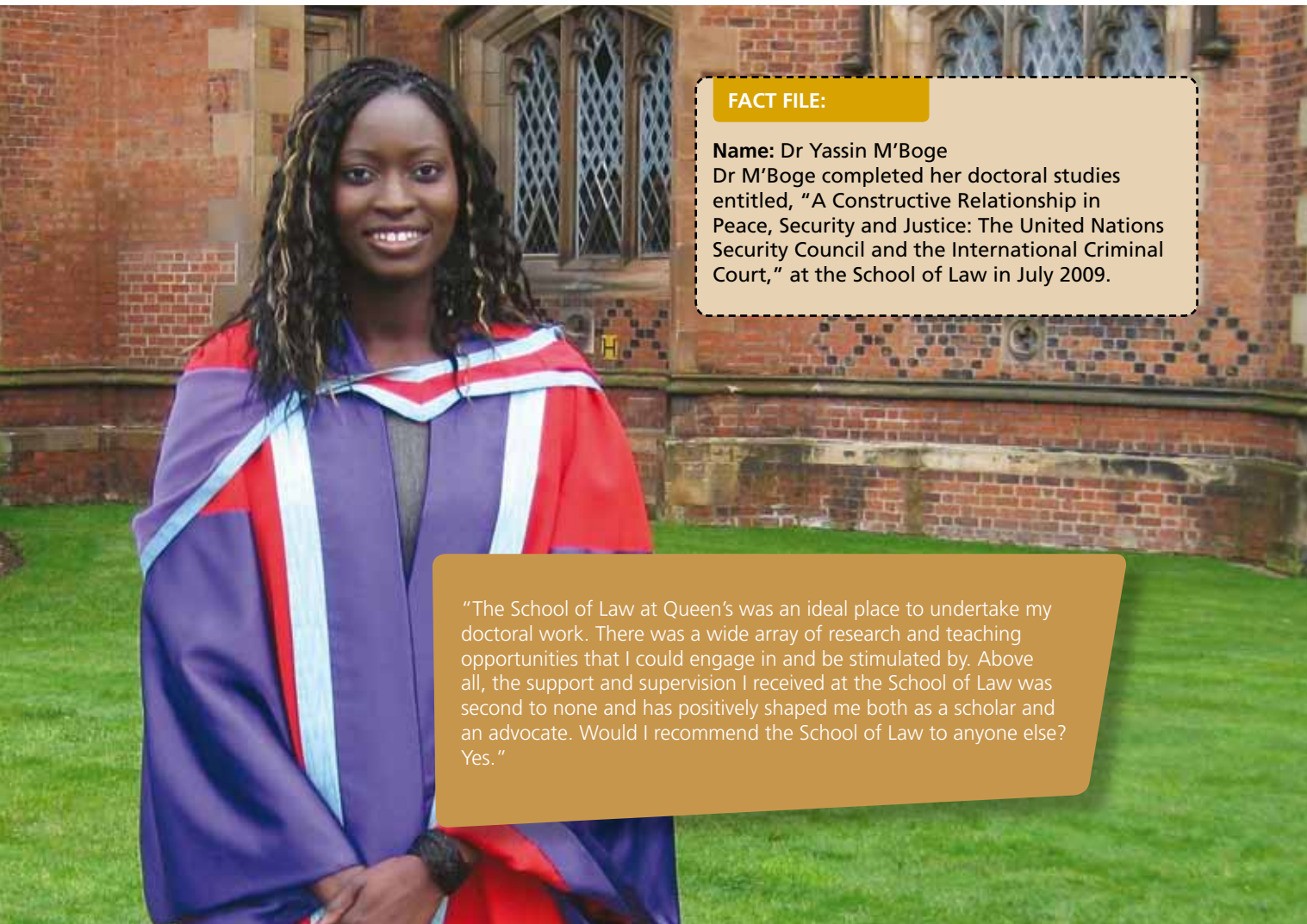
and a PhD within three years (six years part-time). To qualify for a PhD, the student's thesis "must make a distinct and original contribution to scholarship and afford evidence of originality as shown by the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical powers. It must contain an acceptable amount of original work by the candidate which is of publishable standard."

To qualify for an MPhil the student must "demonstrate that he or she has acquired an advanced level of knowledge and understanding in the field of study and an understanding of research methods appropriate to the chosen field, is capable

of relating knowledge of particular topics to the broader field of study involved and of presenting such knowledge in a critical and scholarly way". Studentships are offered on a regular basis; reference should be made to the School of Law website (www.law.qub.ac.uk).

Current Research Students

The School of Law has a vibrant community of Postgraduate Research Students. Explore details of the topics being researched at PhD level by consulting our website (www.law.qub.ac.uk) under "Current Research Students".



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Name: Dr Yassin M'Boge
Dr M'Boge completed her doctoral studies entitled, "A Constructive Relationship in Peace, Security and Justice: The United Nations Security Council and the International Criminal Court," at the School of Law in July 2009.

"The School of Law at Queen's was an ideal place to undertake my doctoral work. There was a wide array of research and teaching opportunities that I could engage in and be stimulated by. Above all, the support and supervision I received at the School of Law was second to none and has positively shaped me both as a scholar and an advocate. Would I recommend the School of Law to anyone else? Yes."

"The diverse and knowledgeable Faculty, accompanied by small classes and a progressive curriculum, created an environment ideal for critical social research."
Mitch Walker, Canada

"An amazing experience! The study of Criminology at Queen's offered intense challenges and debate about crime - its nature, scope, causes, consequences from multiple perspectives including ethnicity, gender, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation. I was deeply engaged with the academic Faculty and students during the entire course."
Margaret Fine, United States

Criminology and Criminal Justice

The School of Law has one of the largest postgraduate programmes in Criminology and Criminal Justice in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Research is undertaken under the auspices of the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, which has established itself as a leading research institution in the areas of policing and police reform; prisoner resettlement; youth justice; community safety; transitional justice; psycho-social criminology; sexual offending and aspects of criminology and criminal justice drawn from the legacy of political conflict. Through our taught programmes in Criminology And Criminal Justice the School provides students with a unique insight into criminological and criminal justice issues in transitional and post-conflict societies.

The following programmes are offered in Criminology and Criminal Justice:

- MSSc Criminology
- MSSc Criminal Justice
- Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice
- MSSc/LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice

Modules offered by the School (not all of these will be offered annually):

- Theory and Practice in Criminology
- Policing Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Restorative Justice
- Penal Policy and Practice
- Punishment and Social Control
- Transnational Crime
- War and Crime
- Gender, Sexuality and Violence
- Race and Criminal Justice
- Transitional Justice and Conflict Transformation
- Crime Prevention and Informal Justice
- Comparative Youth Justice

- Criminal Justice Processes
- Psychological Aspects of Crime
- Social Histories of Crime

Modules also available on the MSSc/LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice:

- Human Rights: Concepts and Institutions
- Advanced British and Irish Human Rights Law
- Discrimination and Disadvantages
- Critical Approaches to Rights
- The Rights of the Child
- The Rights of Women
- International Protection of Refugees
- Economic and Social Rights
- Human Rights and Exploitation
- Human Rights and Democratic Governance
- Human Rights in the Americas
- Human Rights in Time of Conflict
- Religion and the Law
- Public Interest Law – International and National Perspectives

Entrance Requirements	<p>Applicants should normally have a primary degree (2.1 or above or equivalent) in Law, or a cognate discipline from the Social Sciences or Humanities.</p> <p>International Students: Applicants for whom English is not their first language would require either: an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 575 (paper-based), or 90 (internet-based) or an equivalent qualification.</p> <p>Taught programmes are offered on a 12 months, full-time basis or can be taken over 24 months, part-time.</p>
Contact	<p>Details about Criminology and Criminal Justice programmes and the application process are available online at the School of Law's website: www.law.qub.ac.uk</p> <p>Alternatively contact the School's Postgraduate Office at: pglawenquiries@qub.ac.uk</p>



"I found the LLM Corporate Governance a rewarding experience and thus highly recommend the course. The course provides sufficient guidance and excellent facilities for independent research. I graduated in December 2007, giving my CV an extra asset, but also giving me a talking point to employers about my independent dissertation research project. A must for any corporate minded individual from a legal or a non-legal background."

Rachel Leonard, UK

Environmental Law and Sustainable Development

The LLM in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development will provide students with an opportunity to study the major elements of the legal and policy frameworks governing the environment and wider sustainability agenda.

The programme will focus on the national, all-island (Ireland), EU, and wider international policy arenas. Students will consider the key challenges and opportunities posed by sustainable development to policy makers, business and industry, citizens and wider civil society. While the programme will equip students with key socio-legal research skills to support the undertaking of coursework and the extended dissertation; students will also be given the option to deepen and tailor their learning experience by taking a wide range of modules to allow them to specialise in areas of their choosing. Students will also have the opportunity to build practical skills through taking the work experience placement module.

This programme is aimed at graduates with backgrounds in Law, Social Sciences, Humanities and other cognate disciplines. It will be delivered by an interdisciplinary team of academic specialists with extensive practical experience of working within legal practice, government, parliament, international organisations, political and civic society contexts.

Modules:

- Socio-Legal Challenges for a Sustainable World
- Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
- Techniques and Methods in Law and the Social Sciences
- Climate Change and Energy
- Environmental Justice
- Sustainable Development and the Rural Environment
- Devolution and Governance for Sustainable Development
- International Corporate Social Responsibility
- Waste Management Law and Policy
- Environmental Assessment
- Protection of the Aquatic Environment
- Environmental Law and Sustainable Development Placement Module
- International Trade Law

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Taught programmes are offered on a 12 months, full-time basis or can be taken over 24 months, part-time.

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Details about Environmental Law and Sustainable Development and the application process are available online at the School of Law's website: www.law.qub.ac.uk

Alternatively contact the School's Postgraduate Office at: pglawenquiries@qub.ac.uk

Governance

The School of Law offers three distinct postgraduate taught programmes related to governance: Corporate Governance, Law and International Commerce, Law and Governance.

Corporate Governance

The LLM in Corporate Governance is delivered by staff with an international reputation in the study of corporate governance, policy and regulation from a range of perspectives. The key strength of this programme lies in its interdisciplinary, policy-oriented nature and in its capacity to situate legal analyses in the wider economic, political and regulatory contexts in which corporations work.

Modules:

- Company Law and Corporate Governance
- Corporate Governance in the Public Sector
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- European Competition Law and Policy
- Intellectual Property and Technology Law
- International Corporate Social Responsibility
- International Trade Law
- Regulation, International Banking and Financial Markets
- Regulation, Privatisation and the Company

Law and International Commerce

The LLM in Law and International Commerce is designed to give students an advanced appreciation of the legal, regulatory and corporate elements in the governance of international commerce. The programme is designed to approach international commerce for an interdisciplinary and policy-oriented perspective. The aim of the programme is to equip students with the skills to pursue careers in international commercial institutions or in international businesses.

Modules:

- Commercial Law from a Comparative International Perspective
- Governing the Public Sector in a Globalised Context
- Intellectual Property and Technology Law

- International Corporate Social Responsibility
- International Trade Law
- Regulation, International Banking and Financial Markets
- European Competition Law and Policy
- Regulation, Privatisation and the Company

Law and Governance

The LLM in Law and Governance enables students to develop interdisciplinary skills and to specialise in key areas of the growing field of governance to increase their employability. Global in application, the programme provides students with the necessary skill base to pursue or build upon careers in business, non-governmental organisations and regulatory authorities. Students will also be equipped for legal careers at national and international levels. This topical postgraduate taught course focuses on some of the most challenging issues facing policy communities at every level of governance in the world today. The LLM in Law and Governance is designed to meet a growing need for postgraduates who can navigate complex issues associated with EU, global, national and regional governance.

Modules:

- Approaches to Law and Regulation
- Multi-Level Governance
- Techniques and Methods in Law and the Social Sciences
- Climate Change and Energy
- Devolved, Diffuse and Federal Governance
- E-Government and E-Democracy
- Environmental Justice
- European Competition Law and Policy
- Governing the Public Sector in a Globalised Context
- Intellectual Property and Technology Law
- International Corporate Social Responsibility
- International Trade Law
- Regulation, Privatisation and the Company
- The Idea of the Public

Entrance Requirements

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“Studying for an LLM Human Rights Law/Cross Border provided me with unexpected career opportunities. I had always been interested in human rights campaigning and activism, but studying human rights law provided me with intellectual and professional skills which were necessary to pick up interesting jobs.

This is the degree that employers wish to see in the field and human rights law, combined with humanitarian law and criminal law is a really useful combination. Queen’s University was a great place to study; the facilities, lectures, internship opportunities, general learning environment, financial and academic support were excellent. I have recommended the course to several colleagues and friends.”

Louise Dear, Scotland

Human Rights

The School’s LLM programmes in human rights are exciting and rewarding degree courses which attract a diverse student body, including international students, students who are qualified legal practitioners and students with extensive experience in the statutory, community or voluntary sectors.

The School offers an LLM in Human Rights, an LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice as well as Cross-Border degrees in Human Rights and Human Rights and Criminal Justice in conjunction with the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway (students spend half their academic year in Galway).

The lecturers on the courses have experience of working for institutions such as the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, the United Nations Working Group on Minorities; the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the UK Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Council of Europe and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

The Human Rights Centre is based in the School of Law and collaborates with the Utrecht Network of Human Rights Centre and the Venice-based masters in Human Rights and Democratisation. During the academic year, the Human Rights Centre co-ordinates field visits to institutions dedicated to human rights issues locally in Belfast and internationally, in either Strasbourg or Geneva.

Modules offered by the School (not all of these will be offered annually):

Human Rights: Concepts and Institutions
 Human Rights in Modern Europe
 Advanced British and Irish Human Rights Law
 Equality: The Foundation
 Discrimination and Disadvantages
 Critical Approaches to Rights
 The Rights of the Child
 The Rights of Women
 International Protection of Refugees
 Economic and Social Rights
 Human Rights and Exploitation
 Human Rights and Democratic Governance
 Human Rights in the Americas
 Human Rights in Time of Conflict
 Religion and the Law
 Public Interest Law – International and National Perspectives

Modules also available on the LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice:

Theory and Practice in Criminology
 Criminal Justice Processes
 Policing War and Crime
 Comparative Youth Justice
 Crime Prevention and Informal Justice
 Transitional Justice and Conflict Transformation
 Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Entrance Requirements

Applicants should normally have a primary degree (2.1 or above or equivalent) in Law, or a cognate discipline from the Social Sciences or Humanities.

International Students: Applicants for whom English is not their first language would require either: an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 575 (paper-based), or 90 (internet-based) or an equivalent qualification.

Taught programmes are offered on a 12 months, full-time basis or can be taken over 24 months, part-time.

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“Everyone has studied different degrees before which adds an extra dimension to classes and makes tutorials really lively. Overall, the subject areas we study are really interesting, everyone is motivated, and doing coursework instead of exams means you can examine issues in more depth and at your own pace. We also ensure we make time to get together outside of classes for coffees, meals or nights out.”

Julie Ellison, UK

Legal Science

The Masters in Legal Science is a two year taught postgraduate programme designed for non-law graduates who wish to obtain a Law degree for professional practice or in aid of other career goals. It provides a Qualifying Law Degree for entry to vocational legal training in Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Classes are taught in seminar groups and assessment is primarily by means of coursework. Students complete 12 taught modules and a dissertation.

The programme allows non-law graduates to gain a recognised law degree in two years, while furthering their academic skills by studying at masters level - it brings together the advantages of a conversion course with the rigour of a full postgraduate programme.

Modules:

Crime and Criminal Process
 Criminal Law
 Rights and Accountability
 Constitutional Law in Context
 European Constitutional Law
 European Internal Market Law
 Contract Law
 Torts
 Equity
 Land Law
 Contemporary Issues in Property Law
 Evidence
 Dissertation

Entrance Requirements

Applicants should normally have a primary degree (2.1 or first class, or equivalent).

Applicants who have a 2.2 in their primary degree and who have successfully completed a masters degree will be considered.

International Students: Applicants for whom English is not their first language would require either: an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 575 (paper-based), or 90 (internet-based) or an equivalent qualification.

This programme is offered on a 24 months, full-time basis or can be taken over 60 months, part-time.

Contact

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Queen's University Belfast

Creating the future

Queen's plays a key role at the heart of society in Northern Ireland. In recent years it has emerged as a global player in areas ranging from cancer studies to climate change, from wireless technology to poetry and from pharmaceuticals to sonic arts.

Queen's is a university which puts Northern Ireland on the world stage. Its researchers work closely with more than 250 universities around the world. Among its dynamic partnerships are academic links with Georgetown University, Washington DC, and leading institutions in Malaysia, India, China, Japan and Australia

People and the future

Queen's staff and students are its greatest strength. Its staff are the researchers and teachers who contribute to the University's academic reputation and motivate successive generations of graduates to make their mark in many spheres of life. These graduates include two Nobel prizewinners, poet Seamus Heaney and Northern Ireland's former First Minister, David Trimble. Other distinguished alumni include President of Ireland Mary McAleese, church leaders Archbishop Lord Eames and Cardinal Cahal Daly, TV presenters Nick Ross, Patrick Kielty and Zoe Salmon.

Library

The McClay Library offers a wide range of integrated library and IT support services in a landmark new building. With 2,000 reader seats in a mixture of formal and informal spaces, it blends the best features of a traditional library with the latest technology to create a truly world class environment for our students. There are places for both quiet study and for group work. The highest quality services and support are fully integrated within the building, making it an exciting and essential part of the student experience at Queen's. As well as extensive collections covering the arts, humanities, social sciences, science and engineering, the library houses the University's Special Collections and a substantial short-loan collection of undergraduate reading materials.

International Students

Queen's University welcomes applications from international students wishing to enrol on postgraduate degree programmes. Approximately 1,200 international students from over 70 countries currently study at Queen's University.

The majority, from outside the European Union, come from China, Malaysia, the United States, the Indian Sub-Continent, Taiwan, Brunei, the Middle East and Canada. Queen's graduates are making their mark all over the world in fields as diverse as surgery, civil engineering and music. As a result there are active graduate associations in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia and the United States. Queen's has developed many links with academic staff abroad and put in place formal partnerships with several institutions internationally.

Belfast: Student City

Belfast is known for many things by many people, but perhaps Lonely Planet's description of Northern Ireland's capital as a "must-see visitor destination" is the most fitting.

The best part of being in Belfast is that no matter how large or small your budget is or what your interests are, you are sure to find something to suit you. Queen's is at the heart of the city's culture, arts and social scenes.

Centre of Culture

Queen's is home to an international arts festival, Northern Ireland's sole art house cinema in the Queen's Film Theatre, and the region's newest museum, the award-winning Naughton Gallery at Queen's.

The University runs a host of musical events, including an annual international festival of contemporary music. Courses in drama and film studies underpin its cultural contribution and the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry reinforces the University's reputation as a world literary force.

Cost of Living

Northern Ireland is recognised by the British Council as having the lowest cost of living in the UK. As an estimate you should allow in the region of £10,000 to cover your expenses for a full calendar year. Please note that the amounts suggested do not take account of funds to support any dependants.

Accommodation

International students at Queen's University are guaranteed a place in University accommodation for at least their first year at Queen's. The Queen's Elms Village and other student houses are located within easy walking distance of the University in a pleasant residential area.

All accommodation is self-catered with ensuite options. Internet access is available in all Elms Village self-catering accommodation. Several residences are reserved for postgraduate students only. For an online copy of the Student Accommodation Handbook, and information on accommodation fees, please visit the Queen's Student Accommodation Service website: www.stayatqueens.com

Application Information

Fees

Tuition fees 2010/11

- Standard full-time taught and research fees are £3,390 (MLegSc fees are £3,390 per year for two years).
- Part-time taught courses are priced at £19.50 per CATS point. In general a course comprises 180 CATS points taken over two years (MLegSc comprises 300 CATS points).
- Standard part-time research fees are £1,165.
- Students who have completed research and are engaged in the preparation of a thesis, project or dissertation will be liable for a fee of £235.

International tuition fees

The standard tuition fees for international postgraduate students commencing a course in 2010/11 are £9,889 (US\$14,052).

Additional information on tuition fees is available from the Income and Student Finance Office:

Tel: +44 (0)28 9097 2767

Email: IncomeOffice@qub.ac.uk

Funding

The postgraduate taught and research programmes can be self-funding.

For current information on available scholarships from the School of Law, please visit our website at www.qub.ac.uk/law Further information on alternative sources of potential funding is available from the Postgraduate Awards Office:

Tel: +44 (0)28 9097 2582

Website: www.qub.ac.uk/home/Research/PostgraduateOffice/PostgraduateAwards/

Entrance Requirements:

Taught Programmes

Applicants for any of the taught programmes should normally have a primary degree (2.1 or first class, or equivalent) in Law, Social Sciences, Humanities or a cognate discipline (with the exception of the Masters in Legal Science degree where the primary degree discipline is not specified).

International Students: Applicants for whom English is not their first language would require either: an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 575 (paper-based), or 90 (internet-based) or an equivalent qualification.

Research Programmes

Admission into the postgraduate research programme would ordinarily require a 2.1 in their primary degree and good references. Having met these formal requirements, admission is predicated on the strong research proposal which is compatible with an area of research in which the School has scholarly and research expertise.

There is no closing date for applications to the research programmes - though if you wish to apply for funding, there are important closing dates for these awards. Study can be undertaken either part-time or full-time.

How to Apply

Applications for admission to the School of Law's postgraduate programmes are submitted online.

Full details are available on the following Website: www.qub.ac.uk/home/ProspectiveStudents/PostgraduateStudents

Contacts

Details about the postgraduate research or taught programmes and the application process are available on line at the School of Law's Website: www.law.qub.ac.uk.

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