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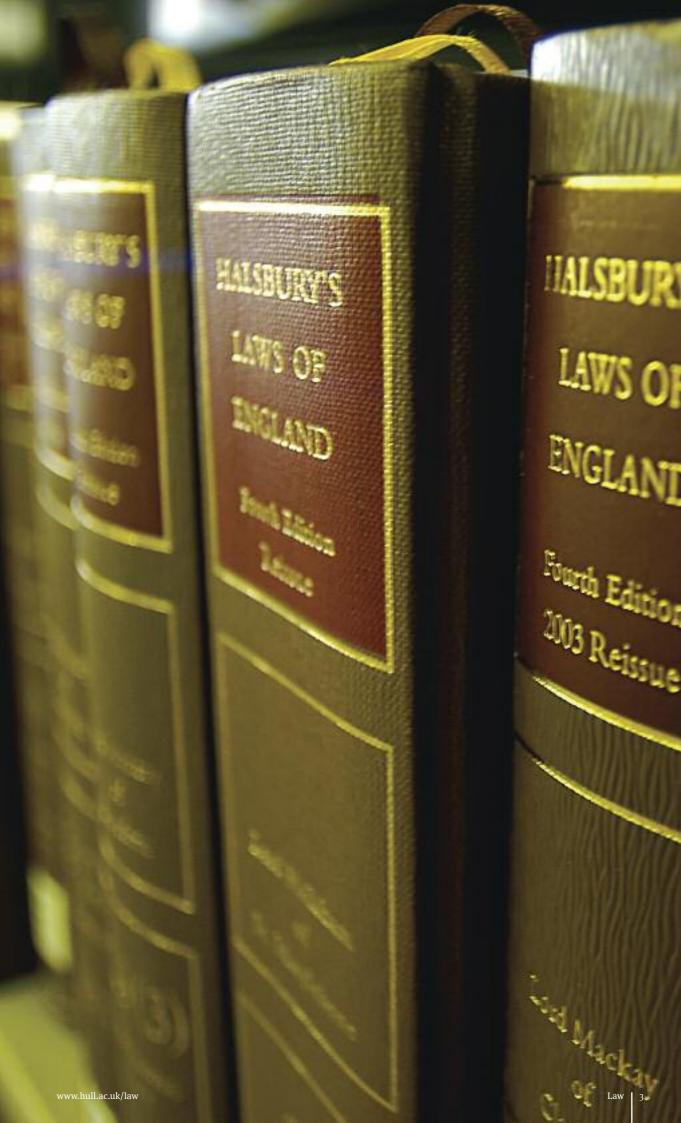
The contents of this publication are available online at www.hull.ac.uk/pgdocs or in other formats on request. The Law School is committed to the ideal of an academy of legal scholars fostering critical enquiry and learning. Its aim is to foster evaluation, analysis and presentation of legal ideas and phenomena, including formal legal rules, principles and concepts, informal norms and legal institutions, practices and procedures, whether or not these are conventionally recognised or formally defined as part of the legal system.

The Law School attaches priority to the promotion of scholarship through the development and enrichment of its research activities and output. The school recognises the obligation of its entire academic staff to contribute through their research to the body of legal scholarship, and sees research as an essential foundation for successful teaching and service activity. The school is also committed to the expansion of, and support for, postgraduate student research.

The school is committed to its undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, recognising and valuing the fact that students will come from different places and diverse backgrounds, with different experiences and from different disciplines.

The school is committed to excellence in teaching and learning, and acknowledges the importance of its obligation to all its students to provide the best possible legal education. The school is committed to using a variety of teaching methods tailored to suit the aim of producing critical learners, with students as participants in this process rather than customers.

The school is committed to regular reviews of its organisational and institutional structures in order to promote the development of a framework for the generation and communication of ideas and open channels of communication. It will continue to develop and allocate resources so as to exploit its opportunities to contribute to the activities of the scholarly community of which it is a part.



In this brochure we provide details of our postgraduate programmes in the Law School at the University of Hull. We hope you will find this brochure useful. If any of your questions remain unanswered, please get in touch with us and we will respond to your queries as quickly and as fully as we can.

Welcome to the Law School

The Law School has offered research degrees in law since its foundation in 1927, and it began teaching specialised postgraduate courses in 1982. Today, we have a large, diverse and vibrant population of postgraduate students (many of whom are international) who are following one of our many postgraduate programmes.

The vast majority of these students are enrolled in the school's one-year taught Masters programmes, from which they are able to choose a range of modular courses and themed LLMs to suit their particular interests. The teaching of these programmes occurs primarily in the Law School, but students have the opportunity to study modules from other departments. Most of the taught postgraduate modules in law are based on the research activities of the members of staff involved.

We also have an active community of research students pursuing programmes leading to MPhil or PhD degrees. The school's research programmes allow individuals to pursue in-depth studies on a chosen topic in an environment that is conducive to cutting-edge research.

In addition to these programmes, the Law School offers an MA in Restorative Justice in conjunction with the Department of Social Sciences.

The Law School prides itself on the interest it takes in the intellectual development and general welfare of its students. We recognise that postgraduate students occupy a position which is central to our mission, and we devote significant resources and energy to ensuring that your time spent in Hull will be fulfilling.

We provide a strong support network to assist you throughout your studies. On arrival in the Law School, all students are assigned to a personal supervisor who will be available to discuss both academic and non-academic matters concerning their progress and wellbeing. You will have regular access to your teachers and other members of staff, as we take care to be an open and friendly department.

We are confident that you will find a programme of study here which will both stimulate your interest and meet all the needs of your planned career.

Dr Joel Quirk Postgraduate Director



Location

Law School staff are based on the first and fourth floors of the Wilberforce Building on the University's spacious Hull Campus. Seminars, lectures, small-group teaching, research meetings and other similar events are usually given in the Wilberforce Building, or other buildings close by. The Wilberforce Building also houses several rooms providing computer facilities. It is served by two lifts so that individuals with physical disabilities should have no problem in gaining access to all parts of the building.

Law library

A good library is an essential tool for law students. The law collection (the Sir Roy Marshall Library) is housed on the second floor of the Brynmor Jones Library, with generous provision of reading space. The library has a fully computerised catalogue and a law collection comprising in excess of 30,000 volumes of law reports, statutes and periodicals, as well as being home to the University's Documentation Centre for the European Union.

The library is continually expanding access to electronic information resources, making a valuable contribution to the learning process. It has extensive opening hours and borrowing arrangements that vary from overnight loan for key texts to three weeks and vacation loans for materials in less demand.

The library also offers photocopying facilities and computer workstations, in addition to the computer facilities available in the Law School and elsewhere on the campus. Library staff are always willing to assist with enquiries and to provide training in the use of its resources.

We regard the library as a primary resource for students and have given it priority funding.

Law students

The Law School has a long record of collaboration and involvement with many different parts of the world. Over the last decade alone, students from more than 90 countries have studied here. We are proud of the school's mix by age, gender and national origin, and we continue to welcome a diverse student population. We are delighted that so many of our students have complimented us about the level of pastoral care on offer and the interest taken in them as individuals.



'The University is a very friendly place which offers a richly unique and culturally diverse learning environment, with students from all over the world. The staff–student ratio is excellent, and the studentled, researchfocused teaching is terrific.'

Godfrey Braxton Okot

LLM International Human Rights Law

Master of Laws

The Law School offers one-year full-time taught LLM programmes in

- International Law
- International Business Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Environmental Law
- Human Rights and Criminology
- European Public Law

These programmes (outlined on pages 8–13) are also available part-time over two years, but only to UK or European Union students. The LLM in Human Rights and Criminology is provided in conjunction with the Department of Social Sciences.

MA in Restorative Justice

In conjunction with the Department of Social Sciences, we also offer a distancetaught MA in Restorative Justice which can be taken full-time over one year or part-time over two (details on page 15).

Higher degrees by research

The Law School welcomes applications to undertake programmes of research leading to the degree of MPhil or PhD. The school is able to offer a stimulating and vibrant research environment, and candidates benefit from high-quality supervision provided by leading scholars in their respective fields. Research programmes also provide training in research skills and personal development.

Modules and credits

All taught Masters programmes consist of a series of assessed courses or individual research projects known as modules. Each module is assigned a credit value, indicating the learning time you should expect to spend in achieving the specified learning outcomes. Apart from the Dual LLM, which requires 120 credits at each institution, all programmes require a total of 180 credits.

Teaching and assessment

In most of our postgraduate modules, teaching is conducted through seminars, which are often student-led, requiring the presentation of a short paper followed by questions and discussion. In some modules a 'task group' involves discussion and small-group problem solving. A few others use case studies or combine lectures and seminars.

Assessment is predominantly by essays and class presentations, but the most important component of any Masters programme is the 15,000-word dissertation on an approved topic within your subject area. The dissertation is supervised by a suitably qualified member of the Law School.

Preparatory reading

You will not be required to undertake any specific form of preparation prior to commencing your programme. Some general preliminary reading in subjects likely to be studied will be helpful, but it is not our practice to issue reading lists in advance since the texts used in most modules are subject to frequent change.

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Although the content of each programme, including the forms of assessment and options available, may well change from year to year, the following is offered as a guide to what can be expected. Further details are available at www.hull.ac.uk/law.

LLM in International Law

FastFacts

Programme code | 220074

Duration | Full-time 1 year; part-time 2 years

Attendance | Depends on your choice of modules

Entry requirements | A first or second class Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject area or appropriate professional experience. You must also be able to demonstrate English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5

Fees | Information available at www.hull.ac.uk/money

Location | Hull Campus

Contact | T 01482 466352 | F 01482 466388 | lawpg@hull.ac.uk

About the programme

The Law School was one of the first institutions outside London to offer LLM programmes in international law. This LLM offers the opportunity to choose from a diverse range of subject areas and is an ideal choice for those wishing to develop or expand their knowledge of general international law. The programme will be beneficial for anyone looking to develop their legal experience or for those from other disciplines looking to enter into international legal studies.

The programme commences in September of each year and runs for 12 months.

Programme content

The first two semesters comprise taught modules (three per semester). There is a wide range of modules to choose from, and most modules are directly based on the research interests of the staff involved. The final semester comprises the Dissertation, which is a supervised independent research project.

The programme emphasises the development of research skills through the teaching techniques in the individual modules and through supervision of the Dissertation. It imparts a wide range of transferable skills that can be applied to legal practice or further academic study.

Core modules

There are no compulsory modules. For individuals who do not have any experience in international law, however, the Public International Law module is strongly recommended. All students are required to undertake the 60-credit Dissertation.

Optional modules

- Admiralty Law
- Carriage of Goods by Sea
- Democratic Values and International Law
- EC Competition Law and the Global System

- Environmental Justice
- European Human Rights Law
- European Union External Relations
- Foundations of Human Rights
- Human Rights Violations
- International Business Transactions
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Consumer Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights Protection
- International Law and the Use of Force
- Internet Law
- Islamic Law of War and Peace
- Law of International Organisations
- Law of the Sea
- Law of Self-Determination
- Law of Wars
- Market Regulation in the EU
- Medicine, Ethics and the Law
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Principles of WTO
- Public International Law
- Regional Trade Agreements
- Transnational Commercial Law
- World Trade Organisations and Dispute Settlement

The availability of individual modules will depend on staffing arrangements.

Further module information

Students undertake three 20-credit modules each semester. You can take a maximum of one 20-credit module per semester outside the Law School with prior approval from the Postgraduate Director.

Assessment

Methods vary from module to module but include research essays, unseen examinations, writing assignments, oral presentations and class presentations.

Special features

The Law School has a long-standing reputation in general international law. Students benefit from a number of outstanding guest lecture series: the Josephine Onoh Memorial Lecture, for example, has attracted top international lawyers to Hull; the Hilaire McCoubrey Memorial Lecture focuses on legal issues relating to the military and armed conflict; and the International Law Seminar Series brings to the school a wide range of international legal scholars. The McCoubrey Centre for International Law provides a forum for international law interests in the school.

Research areas

LLM in International Business Law

FastFacts

Programme code | 220062

Duration | Full-time 1 year; part-time 2 years

Attendance | Depends on your choice of modules

Entry requirements | A first or second class Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject area or appropriate professional experience. You must also be able to demonstrate English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5

Fees | Information available at www.hull.ac.uk/money

Location | Hull Campus

Contact | T 01482 466352 | F 01482 466388 | lawpg@hull.ac.uk

About the programme

This LLM offers the opportunity to study an assortment of subjects relevant to economic and commercial activity around the world. Given the force of globalisation and the ever-expanding global economy, the impact of legal regulation in the world of international business is a vital and fascinating area of study. This programme covers global, European and domestic business concerns and the interaction among the different levels of jurisdiction. It allows further specialisation in particular areas such as the World Trade Organisation or commercial transactions and is ideal for those looking to enter the field of international business regulation.

For individuals who have just completed an MBA or a related postgraduate business degree, or for those considering this route, the LLM in International Business Law provides the perfect accompaniment.

The programme commences in September of each year and runs for 12 months.

Programme content

The first two semesters comprise taught modules (three per semester). There is a wide range of modules to choose from, and most modules are directly based on the research interests of the staff involved. The final semester comprises the Dissertation, which is a supervised independent research project.

The programme emphasises the development of research skills through the teaching techniques in the individual modules and through supervision of the Dissertation. It imparts a wide range of transferable skills that can be applied to legal practice or further academic study.

Core modules

There are no compulsory modules. You can choose from a wide range of subjects in the field of business and commercial law and can specialise in particular areas.

Optional modules

- Admiralty Law
- Carriage of Goods by Sea
- EC Competition Law
- Environmental Justice
- European Union External Trade Relations
- Europeanisation of Private Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Consumer Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Investment Law
- Internet Law
- Law of International Organisations
- Law of the Sea
- Market Regulation in the EU
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Principles of WTO
- Public International Law
- Regional Trade Agreements
- Transnational Commercial Law
- Transnational Corporate Governance
- World Trade Organisations and Dispute Settlement

The availability of individual modules will depend on staffing arrangements.

Further module information

Students undertake three 20-credit modules each semester. You can take a maximum of one 20-credit module per semester outside the Law School with prior approval from the Postgraduate Director.

Assessment

Methods vary from module to module but include research essays, unseen examinations, writing assignments and oral presentations.

Special features

The Law School has a number of experts in a variety of areas related to business law. It has recently formed a dynamic research group through the Trade and Commercial Law Centre, which organises a number of events. The McCoubrey Centre for International Law is also involved with business- and trade-related research. Members of staff have undertaken research and advisory roles with organisations such as the European Union, the WTO and domestic government agencies. The school also has strong links with private firms and businesses. The programme covers areas of public and private law and encompasses cross-jurisdictional perspectives.

Research areas

LLM in International Human Rights Law

FastFacts

Programme code | 220075

Duration | Full-time 1 year; part-time 2 years

Attendance | Depends on your choice of modules

Entry requirements | A first or second class Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject area or appropriate professional experience. You must also be able to demonstrate English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5

Fees | www.hull.ac.uk/money

Location | Hull Campus

Contact | T 01482 466352 | F 01482 466388 | lawpg@hull.ac.uk

About the programme

The promotion and protection of international human rights took shape following the atrocities of World War II. Since that time it has grown in breadth and importance and has evolved into an indispensable area of international law and relations, having a substantial impact on domestic legal practice as well. The promotion and protection of human rights is not confined to legal practice, but it is through international law that the bulk of promotional activity is carried out. The programme will appeal to any individuals interested in furthering their knowledge of human rights for the purpose of entering into legal practice, engaging in advocacy activities or pursuing further academic study. It is grounded in legal practice but also adopts an interdisciplinary and theoretical approach to study.

The programme commences in September of each year and runs for 12 months.

Programme content

The first two semesters comprise taught modules (three per semester). There is a wide range of modules to choose from, and most modules are directly based on the research interests of the staff involved. The final semester comprises the Dissertation, which is a supervised independent research project.

The programme emphasises the development of research skills through the teaching techniques in the individual modules and through supervision of the Dissertation. It imparts a wide range of transferable skills that can be applied to legal practice or further academic study.

Core modules

There are no compulsory modules. We do recommend, however, that students with no prior experience in human rights law take International Human Rights Protection or Foundations of Human Rights or both in Semester 1.

Optional modules

- Democratic Values and International Law
- Environmental Justice
- Foundations of Human Rights
- Human Rights Violations
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights Protection
- International Law and the Use of Force
- International Protection of Refugees
- Internet Law
- Islamic Law of War and Peace
- Law of International Organisations
- Law of Self-Determination
- Law of Wars
- Medicine, Ethics and the Law
- Public International Law

The availability of individual modules will depend on staffing arrangements.

Further module information

Students undertake three 20-credit modules each semester. You can take a maximum of one 20-credit module per semester outside the Law School with prior approval from the Postgraduate Director.

Assessment

Methods vary from module to module but include research essays, unseen examinations, writing assignments and oral presentations.

Special features

The Law School at Hull has a long-standing reputation in international law, and many of its staff have research interests related to human rights. Students benefit from a number of outstanding guest lecture series: the Josephine Onoh Memorial Lecture, for example, has attracted top international lawyers to Hull; the Hilaire McCoubrey Memorial Lecture focuses on legal issues relating to the military and armed conflict; and the International Law Seminar Series brings to the school a wide range of international legal scholars. The McCoubrey Centre for International Law provides a forum for international law interests in the school and engages in a number of research activities related to human rights.

Research areas

LLM in International Environmental Law

FastFacts

Programme code | 220063

Duration | Full-time 1 year; part-time 2 years

Attendance | Requirements established by individual modules

Entry requirements | A good Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject area or appropriate professional experience. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5

Fees | www.hull.ac.uk/money

Location | Hull Campus

Contact | T 01482 466055 | F 01482 466388 | lawpg@hull.ac.uk

About the programme

Concerns about our natural environment have become perhaps the leading issue in global affairs. The protection and preservation of the environment is one of the greatest challenges being faced by society, and, due to its global nature, it directly involves international legal regulation and policy. Environmental concerns pervade most legal activities, and this programme provides you with the opportunity to examine environmental issues from a range of perspectives such as business transactions, human rights, and the activities of international organisations.

Course content

The first two semesters comprise taught modules (three per semester). You are given a wide choice of modules to select from, and most modules are directly based on the research interests of the staff involved. The final semester comprises the Dissertation: a supervised, independent research project. The programme emphasises the development of research skills through the teaching techniques in the individual modules and through the Dissertation. It imparts a wide range of transferable skills that are applicable to practical legal experience or further academic study.

The programme commences each September, running for 12 months.

Core modules

You are required to complete Environmental Justice in Semester 1. You are also required to undertake the Dissertation (60 credits).

Optional modules

- Admiralty Law
- Carriage of Goods by Sea
- EC Competition Law and the Global System
- Human Rights Violations
- International Consumer Law
- International Human Rights Protection
- International Investment Law
- Internet Law
- Law of International Organisations
- Law of the Sea
- Market Regulation in the EU
- Principles of WTO
- Public International Law
- Regional Trade Agreements
- Transnational Commercial Law
- World Trade Organisations and Dispute Settlement

Further module information

Students undertake three 20-credit modules each semester. You can take a maximum of one 20-credit module per semester outside the Law School with prior approval from the Postgraduate Director.

Assessment

Methods vary from module to module but include research essays, unseen examinations, writing assignments and oral presentations and class presentations.

Special features

The Law School has a long-standing reputation in general international law and is continually developing its strength in environmental studies. You will be taught by individuals who have advised a variety of public bodies on environmental issues. The programme allows you to develop your own desired pathway in the study of environmental law or to benefit from the diversity of modules on offer.

Research areas

LLM in Human Rights and Criminology

FastFacts

Programme code | 223501

Duration | Full-time 1 year; part-time 2 years

Attendance | Depends on your choice of modules

Entry requirements | A first or second class Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject area or appropriate professional experience. You must also be able to demonstrate English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5

Fees | www.hull.ac.uk/money

Location | Hull Campus

Contact | T 01482 466352 | F 01482 466388 | lawpg@hull.ac.uk

About the programme

This unique interdisciplinary LLM is provided in conjunction with the Department of Social Sciences. It focuses on the relationship between criminology, criminal justice, and the law and principles of human rights. It explores the human rights standards applicable to criminal justice institutions and looks at human rights violations as forms of criminal behaviour. You will be given the opportunity to engage in both legal and criminological analysis of human rights issues, which have developed into a crucial area of concern at all levels of society. In developing your knowledge and insight in relation to human rights, you will benefit from taking modules in both the Law School and the Department of Social Sciences. The programme's interdisciplinary nature makes it ideal for both lawyers and non-lawyers.

The programme commences in September of each year and runs for 12 months.

Programme content

The first two semesters comprise taught modules (three per semester). There is a wide range of modules to choose from, and most modules are directly based on the research interests of the staff involved. The final semester comprises the Dissertation, which is a supervised independent research project.

The programme emphasises the development of research skills through the teaching techniques in the individual modules and through supervision of the Dissertation. It imparts a wide range of transferable skills that can be applied to legal practice or further academic study.

Core modules

You must take Foundations of Human Rights and Theorising about Crime in Semester 1 and Human Rights Violations in Semester 2. A further 60 credits need to be taken from the lists of optional modules offered by the Law School and the Department of Social Sciences.

Optional modules

Law School

- Criminal Evidence and Investigations
- Democratic Values and International Law
- Environmental Justice
- European Human Rights Law
- Foundations of Human Rights
- International Criminal Law
- International Law and the Use of Force
- International Human Rights Protection
- International Protection of Refugees
- Islamic Law of War and Peace
- Law of International Organisations
- Law of Self-Determination
- Law of Wars
- Medicine, Ethics and the Law
- Public International Law

Criminology

- Contemporary Imprisonment
- Criminal Justice
- Histories of Punishment
- Peacemaking Criminology
- Policing
- Race and Crime
- Surveillance and Social Control
- Victims' Rights and Justice

The availability of individual modules will depend on staffing arrangements.

Further module information

Students need to undertake three 20-credit modules each semester.

Assessment

Methods vary from module to module but include research essays, unseen examinations, writing assignments and oral presentations.

Special features

This programme offers a unique opportunity to pursue an interdisciplinary approach to the study of human rights. Students benefit from a number of outstanding guest lecture series in the Law School and the Department of Social Sciences.

Research areas

The research interests of Law School staff cover a wide range of legal subjects. Full details may be found at www.hull.ac.uk/law/research. The research interests of members of the Department of Social Sciences are detailed at www.hull.ac.uk/socsci.



LLM in European Public Law

FastFacts

Programme code | 220061

Duration | Full-time 1 year; part-time 2 years

Attendance | Depends on your choice of modules

Entry requirements | A first or second class Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject area or appropriate professional experience. You must also be able to demonstrate English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5

Fees | www.hull.ac.uk/money

Location | Hull Campus

Contact | T 01482 466352 | F 01482 466388 | lawpg@hull.ac.uk

About the programme

This LLM offers a unique opportunity to study an area of ever-increasing importance as the European Union continues to expand in both depth and breadth. You will look at the major public law systems of Europe, how they influence each other and how, in turn, they are influenced by the European Union. A major theme of the programme is the emergence or otherwise of a distinctively European public law under the influence of European legal developments. The programme is led by Professor Patrick Birkinshaw, a well-known expert in this field, editor of the journal European Public Law and author of the seminal work in the area, European Public Law (2003). It will appeal to those looking to specialise in European legal studies as well as those from outside Europe looking to adopt a comparative approach based on the European experience.

The programme has one commencement in September of each year and runs for 12 months.

Programme content

The first two semesters comprise taught modules (three per semester). There is a wide range of modules to choose from, and most modules are directly based on the research interests of the staff involved. The final semester comprises the Dissertation, which is a supervised independent research project.

The programme emphasises the development of research skills through the teaching techniques in the individual modules and through supervision of the Dissertation. It imparts a wide range of transferable skills that can be applied to legal practice or further academic study.

Core modules

You must take European Public Law I in the first semester and European Public Law II in the second, for a total of 40 credits. The remaining 80 credits (four modules) are taken from the list of options.

Optional modules

- American Public Law
- British Public Law
- Democratic Values and International Law
- EC Competition Law and the Global System
- European Union External Relations
- European Union External Trade Relations
- Foundations of Human Rights
- French and German Public Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights Protection
- International Protection of Refugees
- Law and Information
- Law of International Organisations
- Law of Self-Determination
- Law of Wars
- Market Regulation in the EU
- Medicine, Ethics and the Law
- Public International Law

The availability of individual modules will depend on staffing arrangements.

Further module information

Students undertake three 20-credit modules each semester. You can take a maximum of one 20-credit module per semester outside the Law School with prior approval from the Postgraduate Director.

Assessment

Methods vary from module from module to module but include research essays, unseen examinations, writing assignments and oral presentations.

Special features

The Law School has been at the forefront of European legal studies for many years. The Institute of European Public Law is based in the school and was the first research centre in the UK dedicated to European public law. The institute supports public lectures by leading experts and hosts the publication of the leading journal in the field.

Research areas

The research interests of Law School staff cover a wide range of public law areas, stretching across domestic, European and international jurisdictions. Further details may be found at www.hull.ac.uk/law.

MA in Restorative Justice (online)

FastFacts

Programme code | 228348

Duration | Full-time 1 year; part-time 2 years

Attendance | Full-time up to 8 hours a week; part-time up to 4 hours a week (online lectures, activities and discussion)

Entry requirements | Applicants are normally expected to have a 2.1 degree or equivalent in a law, social sciences or cognate discipline, but those with other qualifications and relevant experience – particularly restorative justice experience – are carefully considered. You must also be able to demonstrate English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5

Fees | www.hull.ac.uk/marj

Location | Distance learning

Contact | T 01482 466352 | F 01482 466388 | lawpg@hull.ac.uk

About the programme

This MA was developed and is taught by academics at the forefront of restorative justice scholarship. Providing a unique opportunity to study a fascinating and important phenomenon, it is suitable for

- graduates looking to specialise after their first degree
- those involved in the practice of restorative justice in a professional or voluntary capacity
- professionals and managers in criminal justice agencies, educational institutions, the health sector, business and international conflict resolution who are interested in the potential of restorative justice
- anybody with an interest in the future of criminal justice and conflict resolution

The programme commences in September of each year and runs for 12 months (full-time) or 24 months (parttime). For further details go to www.hull.ac.uk/marj.

Programme content

This MA imparts an understanding of

- · the key ideas and values of restorative justice
- the historical development of restorative justice and its various contemporary applications
- the relationship of restorative justice to traditional conceptions of criminal justice
- the nature of the key practices of restorative justice, such as conferencing, victim–offender mediation and circle processes
- the knowledge and skills required to evaluate critically the ideas and practices of restorative justice
- the aims and methods of research into restorative justice
- what we know about the effects of restorative justice

Core modules

Delivered by the Law School

- The Principles of Restorative Justice
- Crime, Justice and Punishment

Delivered by the Department of Social Sciences

- Research Skills
- Victims, Rights and Justice
- Peacemaking Criminology
- International Restorative Processes

Students must also undertake a dissertation over the summer period.

Further module information

Modules are taught online, and you will have the opportunity to read lectures that have been written by published authorities in the field. Lectures are supported by books, DVDs and CD-ROMs which are included in the course fee. Online discussion between students and academics at the University is built into the weekly sessions, and this is further supported by one-to-one email supervision. You will be given opportunities to visit the University and to meet both staff and students working and studying on the course. The dissertation is an independent study of 12,000–15,000 words, supervised by an academic member of staff.

Assessment

Assessment is by essays which are submitted digitally to the University for marking. There are no examinations on this course, though there will be one or two introductory web- and computer-based tasks to help familiarise you with the learning environment.

Special features

The MA in Restorative Justice is a distance-learning programme which can be studied off campus where and when it suits you best, whether full-time or part-time. It can be studied alongside full-time employment (we recommend the part-time programme in this case) and without visiting the UK. However, students have the opportunity to visit the UK and the University twice during the programme if they wish (accommodation and food are provided, but we do not pay your travel costs). As well as the MA itself, you will have the opportunity to take a short mediator/facilitator training programme for an additional fee (to be arranged).

Research areas

The Law School and the Department of Social Sciences have strong reputations in the field of restorative justice and related subject areas. A number of individuals from both departments are at the forefront of restorative justice scholarship. Further details may be found at www.hull.ac.uk/law and www.hull.ac.uk/socsci.



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Higher degrees by research

The Law School offers research programmes leading to the degree of MPhil or PhD. In each of these programmes students undertake detailed research and analysis of a chosen issue under the supervision of a member of staff who specialises in that area of law. Supervision can be offered in many areas of law, but applications are particularly welcome on topics in the following research areas:

- commercial law
- comparative law
- consumer law
- contract law
- constitutional and administrative law
- environmental law
- European public law
- European Union law
- human rights
- humanitarian law
- international criminal law
- international investment law
- international trade law
- Islamic law
- law of the sea
- legal theory
- media regulation
- public law
- regulation of corporate power
- restorative justice

For further details of the research interests of members of the Law School, please visit www.hull.ac.uk/law/research.

For further information on applying, please contact the Admissions Office at the address on page 24.

Research centres

McCoubrey Centre for International Law

This centre was set up in memory of Professor Hilaire McCoubrey with the aim of promoting a better understanding of international law, which encompasses higher standards of humanity, ecology, democracy, peace, sustainability and fairness. Professor McCoubrey taught in the Law School for a number of years and made a considerable contribution to the development of the current LLM programme and research culture in international law.

The centre acts as a focus for the research activities of staff and research students covering a broad range of topics. It hosts the Hilaire McCoubrey Memorial Lecture, which brings leading scholars in the field of international peace and security to the University. It also hosts the International Law Seminar Series, which centres on papers given by guest speakers and members of the University.

For further information about the activities of the McCoubrey Centre, please visit www.hull.ac.uk/law.

Trade and Commercial Law Centre

In recognition of the Law School's growing expertise in the field of commercial law, a new research group was formed in 2006. The Trade and Commercial Law Centre (TCLC) brings together scholars from the Law School with research interests in a wide range of different aspects of commercial law, with particular strengths in domestic and international sales law, maritime and shipping law, and company law. For further information on the TCLC's activities, please visit www.hull.ac.uk/law.

Institute of European Public Law

The University established this institute to provide academic research and consultancy expertise on a wide range of business and commercial policy issues involving the law of the European Union and the public law of its member states. The institute was part of the University's successful bid for the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for European integration studies.

European law and policy has an increasing impact on organisations and institutions at all levels, from small companies to national governments. In the environmental, social and industrial policy fields it has especially important implications for business and public-sector bodies, providing an essential framework for day-to-day management and planning.

As well as offering expertise on a commercial consultancy basis to private- and public-sector organisations in regional, national, European and international institutions, the institute publishes the journal *European Public Law*. It also supports public lectures delivered by leaders in the field of European public law. All lectures are published in *European Public Law*.

For further information about the activities of the institute, please visit www.hull.ac.uk/law.

Institute of Applied Ethics

A number of Law School staff members undertake research within the University's Institute of Applied Ethics (IAE). The institute brings together researchers from philosophy, law, politics and cognate disciplines in ways that provide a creative forum for the development of projects in applied ethics. Currently, Law School staff members affiliated to the IAE are engaged in projects on competence to consent in biomedical research, the ethics of restorative justice, the epistemology of expert evidence, and the theory and practice of children's rights.

For further information about the activities of our research centres and institutes, please visit www.hull.ac.uk/law.



Professor Mike Schmitt giving the 2008 Hilaire McCoubrey Memorial Lecture.

Lectures and seminars

The Josephine Onoh Memorial Lecture in International Law

The Josephine Onoh Memorial Fund was established in 1984 by the family and friends of Miss Onoh, who was tragically killed in an air crash at Enugu, Nigeria, in 1983. Miss Onoh was a graduate of the Law School at the University of Hull, and at the time of her death was registered at the University for a research degree in the field of international law. The administrators of the fund therefore considered it appropriate that it should be used to encourage and support the study of international law within what was then the Faculty of Law. Since 1985, the University has hosted annual lectures given by distinguished international lawyers. Past speakers include

- His Excellency Judge Taslim Elias (then President of the International Court of Justice)
- His Excellency Judge Sir Robert Jennings (former Whewell Professor of International Law at Cambridge and judge at the International Court of Justice)
- Her Excellency Dame Rosalyn Higgins (former President of the International Court of Justice)
- Sir Ian Sinclair, KCMG, QC (former legal adviser to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office)
- Professor Ian Brownlie, CBE, QC, FBA (Chichele Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford)
- Professor Marti Koskenniemi (Director of the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Helsinki, Finland)
- Ralph Zacklin (Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, New York)
- Professor David Freestone (Chief Counsel, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development and International Law, The World Bank, Washington, DC)
- Professor Vaughan Lowe (Chichele Professor of Public International Law, Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford)
- Professor William A Schabus (Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway)
- Professor James Crawford, University of Cambridge

The first 13 lectures can be found in *Contemporary Issues in International Law: A Collection of the Josephine Onoh Memorial Lectures*, edited by D Freestone, S Subedi and S Davidson (Kluwer Law International, 2002).

For further information about the Josephine Onoh Memorial Fund, please follow the 'Scholarships and Bursaries' link at www.hull.ac.uk/law/about.

International Law Seminar Series

On a regular basis the McCoubrey Centre for International Law hosts seminars that include the presentation of research on a variety of topics concerning international law. These seminars commonly involve individuals from outside the University, providing staff and students with the opportunity to discuss the leading issues of the day.

Senior Seminar Programme

This regular programme for postgraduates and members of staff provides a forum for speakers from outside the University and for Hull's staff and postgraduates to present and discuss research in progress.

Student activities

Staff-Student Committee

The Staff–Student Committee of the Law School is different from other staff–student committees in the University in that it is chaired by an elected student, which gives students the chance to control the agenda. All students have the opportunity to make their concerns known through the student representatives. The committee has been an important forum in the past and will continue to be a valuable source of staff–student harmony within the Law School.

Student societies

The University and the Law School have always welcomed a large proportion of international students. This pattern has been reflected in the growth of student societies to support students from various countries. The school has long-established links with South-East Asia, and there is an active Singapore–Malaysian Students' Society. In recent years, the school has developed strong links with Greece and Cyprus. There is a thriving Hellenic Society offering support and a lively cultural and social life to its members both inside and outside the Law School. E SCHOOL

The wide range of students from different cultures studying throughout the University means that students from every kind of background can find friendship and support in the International Students' Association as well as individual societies such as the Afro-Caribbean Society, the Chinese Society and many others.

The Graduate School is the main administrative focus on the Hull Campus for our research students.

Immigration and Cultural Adviser

The Immigration and Cultural Adviser supports the recruitment and retention of international students through the enhancement of the student experience. In particular, you can receive specialist guidance in relation to all immigration and visa issues. The Immigration and Cultural Adviser is a member of the International Office team.

The Language Institute

The Language Institute is of special value to students who are not native Englishspeakers. It offers consultations and courses in English as a Foreign Language both to prospective students and to those who experience problems after they have been accepted.

Some courses are specifically designed to help students improve their English before they begin a degree at Hull or at some other university. A full-time Bridge Programme which runs for the whole academic year can be studied for shorter periods depending on your language proficiency. There is also a Summer Study Programme which brings together students from all over the world during the weeks preceding the beginning of the academic year.

The Language Institute always welcomes students from overseas and advises on the best way to set about acquiring or improving language skills. The aim is to provide assistance which is flexible and responsive to your particular needs.

We advise all students who are not native speakers of English to contact the Language Institute if they face any language problems in their written or oral work. You might, for example, experience difficulties with spoken English in your one-to-one meetings with tutors, or in small-group discussion and debate. The staff of the Language Institute are there to help.

There are both courses and opportunities for private study which will enhance your language competence. There is a wide range of self-access audio tapes in English which deal with pronunciation and intonation, conversational skills, grammar and idiom, etc. Subtitled television news is videotaped. There is also a growing collection of recorded lectures on international law as well as law programmes taken from the BBC.

The Study Advice Service

The Study Advice Service exists to complement academic teaching by offering one-toone support, advice and guidance to students at all levels in the following areas:

- academic writing
- study skills
- computer skills
- mathematics and numeracy

It also runs regular study discussion groups covering essays, dissertations, referencing, presentations, time management and examinations.



Applications and scholarships

Applications

For entry to taught postgraduate programmes, candidates should normally have or be about to obtain a degree in law or a related discipline (such as politics, international relations, business studies, sociology, etc) of first or second class standard or its equivalent. In some cases it may be necessary for international students to hold a relevant Masters degree. Individuals with relevant job experience or other forms of legal training and experience are encouraged to apply.

It will be necessary for those whose first language is not English to demonstrate proficiency in the English language. We require a score of at least 575 on the TOEFL scale (220 on the computer-based test) or band 6.5 on the IELTS scale.

For entry to an MPhil or PhD programme, candidates would also be expected to have or be about to obtain a degree in law or an appropriate related discipline of first or second class standard or equivalent. It is normally expected that the candidate will possess a relevant Masters degree, or equivalent research experience. Conditions as to language are as for the taught programmes. When applying for a research programme candidates are asked to provide a research proposal setting out their chosen topic and plans.

Application forms for all Law School postgraduate programmes may be downloaded from www.hull.ac.uk/admissions or obtained from

Admissions Office University of Hull Hull, HU6 7RX T 01482 466850 F 01482 442290 pgstudy@hull.ac.uk

Scholarships

A small number of scholarships are available from the Law School for postgraduate study in international law.

The Josephine Onoh Memorial Scholarships

Any student registering for an international law LLM programme is eligible for this scholarship. However, preference will be given to applications from Africa. The scholarship will be awarded to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in their first degree. The value of each scholarship will normally be approximately £4,000 per annum, by way of a contribution towards the payment of tuition fees. Applications should be made in writing to

Postgraduate Secretary Law School University of Hull Hull, HU6 7RX T 01482 466005 F 01482 466388 lawpg@hull.ac.uk

Fred Madison Memorial Scholarship

Students intending to pursue research in any area of international law following the LLM programme are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The award will consist of a £1,000 contribution towards the payment of tuition fees on the LLM. Individuals wishing to be considered for this scholarship will need to apply in writing setting out their plans and intentions for pursuing a higher degree by research in international law after the LLM. Applications should be sent to the Law School's Postgraduate Secretary at the address given above.

The International Office – further information

The International Office produces regularly updated information which may be of interest to you: for example, a Travel Guide and a Cost of Living booklet. If you would like to receive any of these publications, please go to

www.hull.ac.uk/international/resources

where they can be downloaded at appropriate times of the year. Alternatively, contact us at

International Office University of Hull Hull, HU6 7RX, UK international@hull.ac.uk

Admissions

There is no single deadline for applications. We ask that your application reaches the University by 1 September (for a September start) or otherwise at least a month before your intended start date. Programme directors need time to ensure that places are offered only to those well qualified to achieve the high standards required for a UK postgraduate degree, so we recommend early enquiries (any necessary visa application may also take three to four months in some countries). Guidance on writing a research proposal for a research Masters or PhD degree is given on the Graduate School's website at www.hull.ac.uk/graduateschool.

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Application form

Our postgraduate application form may be downloaded from www.hull.ac.uk/ admissions. You can also apply online from www.prospects.ac.uk. For PGCE apply via www.gttr.ac.uk; for MA Social Work via www.ucas.ac.uk.

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