

M1K916: International Law and Governance



Postgraduate Taught LLM 2020

Essentials

UCAS code	
Degree	LLM
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Start Date	October
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
More information	Still have questions? (www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/)
Department(s) Website	www.durham.ac.uk/law

Course Summary

Description

Under the course, you must complete four compulsory modules, and choose from a range of optional modules. Modules will be delivered primarily through small group seminars. Attendance is mandatory for these seminars, which have been chosen as the primary means of delivering material to students due to the advanced nature of the course. Small group seminars encourage participation and the development of communications skills. They also allow you to benefit from close contact with the academics teaching on the course, many of which are also experienced practitioners and consultants in their respective fields of expertise.

The compulsory modules ensure that you develop an in-depth understanding of the fundamentals of international law and governance and become familiar with current debates in the field.

Optional modules then allow you to explore particular aspects of international law and governance, such as aspects of international and regional law, international dispute settlement, international human rights, international humanitarian law and international economic law, in greater depth.

The completion of optional modules, together with the dissertation, allow for the development of your '*subject specific knowledge*' as the course progresses. The development of your skills is achieved mainly through the combination of the compulsory module in Applied Research Methods in Law, taught in Michaelmas term, and your dissertation, supervision for which begins at the start of Epiphany term. Through these modules, you can practise your skills intensely, whilst continuing to acquire a deeper level of specialised knowledge on your chosen topic.

An important objective of the LLM in International Law and Governance course is to provide you with skills that will enable them to thoroughly analyse and interpret legal sources, literature, and cases, and to research and formulate an independent opinion on international legal questions. You will also learn to clearly present your findings both orally and in writing to international legal specialists, to participate actively in academic debate, and to apply this advanced academic knowledge in public international law in a professional context.

As such, an LLM in International Law and Governance will provide you with an excellent foundation to pursue an international law career, whether it is in legal practice, employment in international institutions, or employment in non-governmental organisations. The LLM qualification will also be an excellent vehicle for the further development of research skills and, as such, also offers entry into further postgraduate study and, in particular, doctoral research.

Core modules

- Fundamentals in International Law (unless a similar module has already been studied)
- Fundamental Issues of International Legal Governance
- Applied Research Methods in Law
- Dissertation (of 10,000, 15,000 or 20,000 words).

Optional modules

Please note: not all modules necessarily run every year, and we regularly introduce new modules. The list below provides an example of the type of modules which may be offered.

- Advanced Issues in International Economic Law
- Private International Law and China
- Global Environmental Law
- Global Financial Law
- Global Institutions
- International Co-operation in Criminal Matters in Europe
- International Counter Terrorism: Theory and Practice
- International Investment Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Protection of Human Rights
- International Trade Law & Policy
- International Perspectives on Law and Gender
- Introduction to International Criminal Justice
- Introduction to European Union Law
- Law of Oil and Gas Contracts
- Law of the Sea

Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

The course will demand a good degree in law or in a related discipline.

In the United Kingdom, a 2.1 at 65% or equivalent will be the minimum requirement.

Students with foreign qualifications will conform to the minimum requirements for admission.

English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study (www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/)

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How to apply

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply

Fees and Funding

Full Time Fees

EU Student	£11,000.00 per year
Home Student	£11,000.00 per year
Island Student	£11,000.00 per year
International non-EU Student	£20,500.00 per year

The tuition fees shown are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (**unless otherwise stated**).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation (www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/).

Scholarships and funding

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance

Career Opportunities

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For further information on career options and employability, including the results of the Destination of Leavers survey, student and employer testimonials and details of work experience and study abroad opportunities, please visit our employability web pages (www.durham.ac.uk/law/postgraduate/employability).

Open days and visits

Pre-application open day

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit

Overseas Visit Schedule

www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus

Postgraduate Visits

PGVI or

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/

Department Information

Law School

Overview

Durham Law School is one of the UK's most distinguished law schools. We are a leading centre of legal research in the UK with an equally strong commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. We have modern, purpose-built, state-of-the-art facilities. Featuring a moot court, the Harvard-style Hogan Lovells lecture theatre, spacious dedicated work suites with superb views of Durham Cathedral, attractive social areas, and modern wireless and audiovideo enabled research spaces, this is one of the most striking and best-equipped law buildings in the UK. Our complement of full-time academic staff has grown to 49, and comprises researchers of high distinction as well as a number of promising early career researchers.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/law

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