The Master of Laws (LLM) programme provides an ideal platform for students to acquire expertise in specialised subject areas informed by world-class, research-led teaching or who wish to pursue doctoral studies at a later date. An LLM is an ideal way to re-orientate a career in law.

**Degree summary**

Students are equipped with advanced academic legal skills and knowledge which can usefully be applied in further study, the legal profession, public service or industry. They develop a knowledge and understanding of law in its context, the skills necessary for advanced issues in law and a capacity for individual research.

- UCL is one of the world’s top universities. UCL Laws is based in the centre of London, embedded in the heart of the UK’s elite legal community. UCL’s LLM students are granted access to the renowned Institute of Advanced Legal Studies which has its own extensive library.
- UCL Laws has a remarkable teaching and research community. We are deeply committed to the quality and relevance of our graduate education. Students are taught by internationally renowned academics, at the cutting edge of their fields, and leading legal practitioners from major City firms.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, research exercises and guided self-study and research. Each module is supported by a dedicated website containing a syllabus, learning materials, reading lists and assessment information. Taught module assessment may be through unseen examinations, coursework essays, oral presentations or a combination of assessment formats, usually undertaken in term three. A 12,000 word independent research essay is submitted at the end of the programme.

**Degree structure**

**Mode:** Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: up to 5 years

**Location:** London, Bloomsbury

Students complete 180 credits (120 credits of taught modules and a 60-credit dissertation). Full-time students complete all 180 credits in 12 months. Part-time students spread their credits over 2 years, or with flexible study, over 3-5 years.

**CORE MODULES**

- Independent Research Essay

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

- We have over 70 modules on offer, with specialisms in a range of subject areas, including:
  - Comparative Law
  - Competition Law
  - Corporate Law
  - Criminal Justice, Family and Social Welfare
  - Energy Law
  - Environmental Law and Policy
  - European Union Law
  - Human Rights Law
  - Intellectual Property Law
  - International Banking and Finance Law
  - International Commercial Law
  - International Law
  - Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
  - Law and Economics

- In addition to Laws module options, students may select up to 30 credits of taught Master’s modules from another UCL department, providing the module is a coherent course of study for the award of Master of Laws (LLM) and has availability.

**INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ESSAY**

- All students undertake a 12,000-word independent research essay (60 credits) on a self-selected topic of law.
Most graduates pursue a career in the legal profession. On completing the LLM some students choose to pursue a professional qualification in order to qualify as a solicitor or barrister. Our graduates go on to work in a wide range of areas, including for human rights organisations and corporate law firms, whilst others choose to remain in academia as researchers or lecturers.

**Employability**

The LLM enables graduates to develop skills which are highly sought after. While there is a large variety of content in the choice of modules on the course, graduates will enhance their abilities to think critically, use sound judgment, develop and deliver a cogent argument, research efficiently and comprehensively, and write for a legal audience.
Entry requirements

A minimum of a UK Bachelor's degree in Law, awarded with a clear upper second-class Honours and evidence of ability to succeed in a programme of advanced study, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.

Graduates whose first degree is not in Law will be considered for admission if they have an upper second-class UK Bachelor's degree, or overseas equivalent, and at least a good Merit pass in the Common Professional Examination (Graduate Diploma in Law) recognised by the UK professional bodies.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Advanced.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

// why you want to study Law at graduate level
// why you want to study Law at UCL
// how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this programme
// where you would like to go professionally with your degree
// please state the modules you would like to take as part of the LLM (not including the independent research essay topic)
// please state the specialism you would like to follow (if applicable)
// please state the field you may be interested to research by way of independent research essay

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

Successful applicants to this programme will be required to pay a tuition fee deposit dependent on their mode of study and fee status as given below:

// UK/EU full-time: £2,000
// UK/EU part-time: £1,000
// Overseas full-time: £2,000
// Overseas part-time: £1,000

Further details can be found on the Fees and funding page.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £14,370 (FT), £7,320 (PT)
// EU: £14,370 (FT), £7,320 (PT)
// Overseas: £20,820 (FT), £10,710 (PT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master's fee taken in an academic session.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 1 June 2017

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

PDF Updated: August 15, 2017

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