The Master of Laws (LLM) programme provides an ideal opportunity for students to acquire or develop their expertise in specialist legal subject areas informed by world-class, research-led teaching. An LLM is an ideal way to advance a career in law.

**Degree summary**

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

- 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.
- Students joining from the 2018/19 academic year will experience studying in cutting-edge teaching and learning rooms and new social and common spaces following a £24 million two-year redevelopment of Bentham House.

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 webpage 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. The 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 and specialist LLM degrees 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 modules form part of a coherent programme of study for the award of Master of Laws (LLM) and registration is approved by the relevant department.

**Independent research essay**

- All students undertake a 12,000-word independent research essay (60 credits) on a self-selected topic of law.
Your career

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.

Recent career destinations* include:

- Associate Lawyer, Linklaters
- Barrister, Government of Antigua and Barbuda
- Civil Servant, Cabinet Office
- Competition Court Attorney Clerk, Competition Tribunal
- PhD Law, University College London (UCL)

Employability

The LLM enables students to develop skills which are highly sought after. The programme teaches students to think critically, develop and deliver a cogent argument, research effectively and write for a legal audience.

* Careers data is taken from the 'Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education' survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013-2015 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.
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/Commendation award in the Graduate Diploma in Law (Common Professional Examination) 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

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.

Application fee: There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. More details about the application fee can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.