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 Independent Research Essay). 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.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

COMPULSORY 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.

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.
Entry requirements

Applicants must have ‘a good 2.1 with evidence of 1st class ability’ (or equivalent in other jurisdictions), and must provide evidence in their application of motivation, ability to engage with sustained and intense work, reasoning ability and communication skills. ‘A good 2.1’ shall normally mean an average of at least 65% (or equivalent in other jurisdictions) across all years of study, and ‘evidence of 1st class ability’ shall normally mean at least one 1st class mark (or equivalent in other jurisdictions) over the entire degree. We may be willing to consider applicants who are close to, but do not meet these quantitative criteria, where space on the LLM allows. Such applicants must demonstrate that they excel in motivation, ability to engage with sustained and intense work, reasoning ability and communication skills. This needs to be demonstrated in the personal statement and the written work. Graduates whose first degree is not in Law will be considered for admission if they have an average of 65% across all years of undergraduate study, plus an average of at least 65% plus at least one mark over 70% in the Common Professional Examination/Graduate Diploma in Law recognised by UK professional bodies (achieved or in progress). In exceptional circumstances, graduates without a qualifying Law degree but with substantial relevant work experience will also be considered.

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: Special. Further details are available on the UCL Laws website.

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 and at UCL
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree
- the modules you would like to take as part of the LLM (excluding the independent research essay topic) and the specialism you would like to follow (if applicable)
- the field you may be interested to research by way of independent research essay

The personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying match what the programme will deliver. In addition, all applicants are required to write a two sides of A4 in size 12 font (max.), explaining either how a specific piece of reading or writing during your studies, or a specific recent experience or project that you have undertaken in your professional life, has motivated you to study the LLM.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at:

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

- UK: £16,130 (FT), £8,060 (PT)
- EU: £16,130 (FT), £8,060 (PT)
- Overseas: £24,450 (FT), £12,240 (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 Students website.

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

All full time students are required to pay a fee deposit of £2,000 for this programme. All part-time students are required to pay a fee deposit of £1,000.

Faculty of Laws LLM Scholarships 2019/20: see the UCL Laws website for details.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 26 July 2019

Please note that, although the application deadline for this programme is 5pm on 26 July 2019, applications may close earlier if all places on the programme are filled.

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/brexit