

Course Information Sheet

LLM International Law

Mode and course length – Full-Time (1 year) Part-time (2 years)

Location – ARU London Campus (East India Dock)

Awarding Body – Anglia Ruskin University. As a registered Higher Education provider Anglia Ruskin University is regulated by the Office for Students.



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Overview

This LLM degree allows law graduates to develop a specialisation in international law to help their future career development. It also allows non-lawyers working in related fields to gain a deeper understanding of legal issues. As such, in addition to lawyers, the programme is designed to provide an educational basis for paralegals, journalists, civil servants, NGO and charity workers, policy advisors, consultants, those working in business and finance, or anyone who will benefit from a legal education to boost their career.

Emphasising sustainability and ethical conduct, the course aims to develop future-oriented professionals who are well-equipped to address international challenges and drive sustainable and equitable practices in contemporary and emerging international relations and AI driven international commerce within, and between, global economies.

Students will be taught fundamental topics in international law at the cutting edge of current research, while simultaneously developing the necessary legal and employability skills to apply their knowledge in practical contexts, thus providing students with a relevant, interesting and stimulating learning experience engendering a lifelong learning attitude associated with enhanced employment opportunities, future career development and uptake of further study.

Course Delivery

Our courses are delivered through teaching and learning methods that provide students with the broadest possible exposure to a modern and innovative higher education experience. These methods may vary and could include attendance at lectures and seminars, undertaking laboratory exercises or work-based activities, practical work, performances, presentations, field trips, other relevant visits, and e-learning through the VLE, our online learning management system.

Each course is divided into a number of 'modules', each focusing on specific areas and employing a distinct approach to its delivery. This information is made available to students for each module they undertake via the Module Definition Form (MDF) and the VLE.

Assessment

Knowledge and understanding are assessed through various methods, including presentations and a range of assignments. These assignments may take different forms, such as a written management report on responding to an organisational issue, a presentation, an essay, a briefing document, or an analysis of a company report. Most modules will include at least two assessments, offering the opportunity to evaluate both knowledge and understanding as well as a range of practical, affective and transferable skills effectively.

Formative assessment will also be provided throughout the course. This feedback will help improve students' knowledge and development and allow for the evaluation of their academic needs.

Fees

Information about your course fee, including any annual fee increases or deposits (if required), can be found in your offer letter.

Additional Costs

During your course, you may be required to take extra or repeated modules to recover any modules you have failed. If you started your course on or after September 2021 and this extends your course end date beyond the original date stated in your offer letter, you will be charged an additional tuition fee to cover the costs of the extra or repeat modules. This additional fee will be based on the credits for the module(s) you repeat or take.

Modules

Core Modules

Year 1: MOD011078 Postgraduate Study Skills, Research Methods and Ethics (Law)

This module is designed to help students develop academic skills for postgraduate study of law by focusing on empirical legal research methods, ethical considerations, and legal writing. It covers legal research, primary and secondary data handling, and ethical issues, while also providing opportunities for students to enhance their critical thinking and argumentation skills. Students are also offered guidance on career planning and personal and professional development.

Year 1: MOD011079 International Law: Problems and Process

This module is designed to develop, through engagement with both doctrinal and critical sources, students' understanding of the global system and legal context within which governments and businesses operate. The module aims to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to help them analyse legal sources, evaluate the literature, and form independent opinions about international rules, policy, and governance.

Year 1: MOD011080 International Law and the Rights of Individuals

This module provides an overview of international human rights. Students will explore and critique the institutions that promote and enforce individual rights including the UN system and regional human rights bodies. Students will have the opportunity to discuss a wide variety of substantive human rights issues including genocide, torture and capital punishment. The module merges teaching of human rights law and practice from the courtrooms to the battlefields and human rights are analysed in the context of the role of NGO's, the impact of international finance and environmental protection and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility.

Year 1: MOD011081 International Economic Law and Policy

This module provides students with an introduction to aspects of international law which are concerned with international economic relations. The module is structured in three distinctive parts. First, students will study the rules of the World Trade Organization system which includes an institutional overview of the WTO, the current trade agenda, and the Doha Development Round. Then students will engage with international monetary law and policy which covers the law and practice of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, financing for development, and the millennium development goals. Finally, students will develop their understanding of rules regulating foreign investment through bilateral and regional investment treaties (BITs) and the case-law on the treatment of foreign investment.

Year 1: MOD011082 International Dispute Settlement

This module offers a clear and systematic overview of the procedures for dispute settlement in international law. The module briefly covers non-legal methods (negotiation, good offices, mediation, inquiry and conciliation) before focusing on legal methods (arbitration, judicial settlement). It uses many, up-to-date examples of each method in practice to place the theory

of how the law works in real-life situations, demonstrating the strengths and weaknesses of different methods when they are used. Practical activities such as Mock Arbitrations will provide Students opportunities to develop and enhance their team working, negotiation and strategic thinking skills.

Year 1: MOD009401 Postgraduate Major Project (Law)

This module guides students through the process of analysing a complex issue or problem within a legal context. Students will formulate research questions and undertake research in an area of international law they may find particularly interesting. Research will take the form of an analysis of any historic or current issue in law and will require the collection and analysis of primary and secondary source materials, and students will write a fully sourced research document.

