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Master of Laws (LLM) International Business and Commercial Law

(Full-Time and Part-Time)

Introduction

The School of Law is offering a new masters programme to replace and build up upon its highly successful LLM Business & Commercial Law, the **LLM International Business & Commercial Law**. It is a 15 month full time, two year part time, taught postgraduate degree programme looking at key legal issues affecting business organisations operating within global markets.

Your questions answered

1.0 What is the LLM International Business and Commercial Law ?

The LLM is approved by both the Solicitors Regulation Authority (The Law Society) and Bar Council as an appropriate programme of study for purposes of Continuing Professional Development for practising solicitors and barristers. It is also a stand alone qualification for those wishing to enhance their career prospects through acquiring vocationally relevant knowledge and skills.

The LLM International Business & Commercial Law is a high quality flexible programme of study aimed at providing participants with high order critical and analytical skills in relevant areas of Law so enabling them to contribute to the strategic decision making processes of business organisations.

The programme culminates in a bound dissertation which allows you to carry out an in-depth investigation into an area of law that interests you.

2.0 Which subjects are studied on the course ?

There are four compulsory core modules studied 15 credits each:

- International Trade Law,
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Group Structures
- Researching International Business Law

2.1 Option Modules

You select four options, of 15 credits each, from:

- International Competition Law
- Cyberspace Law
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Contemporary Issues in International Trade Law
- Commercial Leasing
- Employment Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Contracting
- Global Finance Law
- Human Rights Law
- Commercial and Consumer Relationships

(Please note, the School reserves the right to amend the list of options offered)

2.2 Dissertation of 60 credits

You select a topic of interest which we approve as being suitable, we appoint you a supervisor to help on a one to one basis, you produce a piece of bound work (20,000 words), which is either an original investigation or an ordered and critical exposition of existing knowledge. **Full support and guidance is given**. Past examples of dissertation topics include:

- EU Anti Trust and Competition Law in the Telecommunications Market
- The Right to Privacy and the Press In the UK
- Corporate Killing
- Pregnancy and Maternity Rights
- Policing the Environment
- Occupational Health & safety
- EC Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste
- A Treatise On The Transfer of Undertakings
- Minority Shareholder Rights and Section 459

3.0 When does the course begin?

The course begins in the last week of September and runs for 12 sessions up until December with a further 12 sessions starting end of January. The study days are

2 afternoons (full time programme) and 1 afternoon (part time programme).

4.0 How is the course taught?

You will be expected to read materials given to you in advance in order for you to participate in and contribute to seminar based sessions where, under experienced tutor guidance, you will be taken through the materials in small groups. It is a relaxed informal style of teaching and learning with participants learning from each other through discussion.

5.0 What is the library provision?

You will have access to an up to date modern Learning Resource Centre situated on the Law School Campus. It is one of the most up to date library facilities in Europe. It provides excellent and comfortable study accommodation, photocopiers, audio and video booths, information, computing and multi media facilities.

Term Time Opening is:

9am to 9pm Monday to Thursday - with full support services

9pm - 11pm Monday to Thursday - on a reference basis only

IT facilities are available on 24 hour basis.

Fridays 9.30am to 5.00 pm - with full support services

Fridays 5pm to 11pm - reference only

IT facilities - 24 hours

Weekends 10.00am to 4.00pm – with full support services

IT facilities - 24 hours

6.0 How is the course assessed?

All module assessments are through coursework only with a final dissertation of 20,000 words amounting to one third of the total assessment.

7.0 What are the entry requirements ?

A recognised first degree in Law, or a degree with substantial law content of at least a good Second Class Honours standard. The requirements of a Second Class degree may be waived where it can be shown that an applicant has achieved a comparable academic standard through past studies and where previous work experience has made the applicant suitable for this Masters programme.

Additionally, candidates whose entry qualifications were not assessed in English, must have attained a level of competence in English at least equivalent to an IELTS score of 6.5.

8.0 Programme Fees

For information on programme fees please contact the BLW Admissions Team on +44 (0)151 231 3339.

9.0 How do I apply?

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