



Advanced legal study at Cardiff University

Cardiff University has taught law for a hundred years and specialist Law degree programmes for 50 years. We're part of the Russell Group of 24 leading research intensive UK universities, and the only member located in Wales.

Law at Cardiff University is taught within the **School of Law and Politics**, which offers an outstanding teaching and learning experience underpinned by excellent research activity.

We attract students from all over the world and offer a friendly, supportive, and culturally diverse environment in which to study and conduct research.

POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT THE SCHOOL OF LAW AND POLITICS

We offer an engaging range of LLM programmes which provide our students with an appreciation of domestic and international issues, help stimulate a critical approach to current and proposed regulation, cultivate independent thinking and provide an opportunity to undertake in-depth research.



OUR PROGRAMMES

Our LLM Law programme is tailored to students who are keen to study across the legal spectrum without focussing on one specific area, gaining flexibility and breadth.

- **LLM Law**

Alternatively, our specialist LLM programmes cover a variety of diverse areas which make them ideal for those who are focussed on working within a particular strain of law:

- **LLM Intellectual Property Law**
- **LLM International Commercial Law**
- **LLM Governance and Devolution**
- **LLM Human Rights Law**
- **LLM Shipping Law**
- **LLM Social Care Law**



PRO BONO EXPERIENCE

Our LLM students can develop their skills in client care, legal research, writing and public speaking via our range of **Pro Bono schemes**. The schemes allow students to work on real cases overseen by lawyers and a variety of organisations whilst helping members of the community. One of our most well-known projects is the **Cardiff Innocence Project** which conducts casework, research, and advocacy on the topic of miscarriages of justice. We are the only university Innocence Project in the UK to have helped overturn a number of cases at the Court of Appeal.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

We accept a 2.1 class degree or equivalent in Law. We will also accept a 2:2 class degree for candidates with legal experience.

IELTS overall score of 6.5 with 6.5 in writing and no less than 6 in the other sub scores, or the equivalent.

PROGRAMME DELIVERY

Our teaching is flexible and can be delivered through seminars, as well as other methods such as online discussion boards, self-access study packs and formative quizzes and activities.

ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed through written coursework, class tests, presentations, unseen or pre-release examinations and will contribute to the final award, along with the Dissertation (15,000 words).

SKILLS GAINED

- Communication and presentation, both oral and written
- Collaboration
- Leadership
- Research
- Critical reasoning
- Independent study

Spotlight on study

Places on our LLM programmes are highly sought after by postgraduate students but three programmes in particular are very popular with our international cohorts.



LLM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Gain knowledge in an area of law which is central to government and international policy making.

This programme aims to meet the needs of students, lawyers and policy makers who wish to study intellectual property law from an international and comparative perspective.

Intellectual property law is a crucial part of an innovative and creative economy and has become central to government and international policy making. As a result, there is a need for expertise in the field for lawyers, policy makers and manufacturers involved with developing a knowledge economy. The course would benefit those seeking to practice in the field of intellectual property law or those with an interest in policy in the sphere of innovation or the creative industries.

In the first term, modules taken to the value of 120 credits are taught between September - March

Example modules currently include:

- Trade Marks: Comparative and International Perspectives
- World Trade Law
- Money Laundering & Financial Crime
- Copyright: Comparative and International Perspectives*

Between March – September in the second term, students are required to write a dissertation (15, 000 words) to the value of 60 credits.

LLM SHIPPING LAW

Develop your knowledge in a major area of law involving ship and cargo owners, operators, banks and insurers, as well as governments and international organisations.

This programme provides a thorough grounding in the practical and theoretical aspects of maritime law. We have a long and illustrious history of teaching this subject and many of our graduates are now leading practitioners, officials and noted academics in the field.

The shipping industry is a core component of a globalised and interconnected world. Approximately 90% of global trade is carried by sea and shipping remains the most cost-effective, efficient and pragmatic method for transporting goods and materials around the world. These practices and transactions are underpinned by a complex network of contracts involving ship owners and operators, cargo owners, banks and insurers, as well as extensive national and international legislation. Shipping law remains an exciting and fast-paced profession and lawyers with these unique and specialised skills are in regular and global demand.

This programme spans the key commercial elements of maritime and transportation law, as well as the international regulation of ships and shipping, the protection of the marine environment, international trade and allied fields such as dispute resolution and energy law.

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Example modules currently include:

- Law of the sea
- Admiralty Law
- International Refugee Law and Asylum
- Carriage of Goods by Sea*

Between March – September in the second term, students are required to write a dissertation (15,000 words) to the value of 60 credits.





LLM INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW

Study commercial law from an international perspective and equip yourself for a variety of careers

This programme is one of our most popular and long established LLM programmes and is respected by top international commercial law firms.

It is designed to meet the needs of students and lawyers who wish to study commercial law from an international perspective with emphasis placed on international conventions and agreements and their practical application.

Commercial law in a fast-paced globalised economy presents both challenges and opportunities. Expert lawyers are needed to meet challenges and seek opportunities, particularly when giving advice that can have significant financial consequences.

The programme is very flexible and offers a wide range of modules which provide you with the ability to customise the programme to meet your own professional and/or employment needs or interests.

In the first term, modules taken to the value of 120 credits are taught between September - March

Example modules currently include:

- Insurance Law
- International Commercial Maritime Law
- Comparative Corporate Governance
- Commercial Arbitration*

Between March – September in the second term, students are required to write a dissertation (15, 000 words) to the value of 60 credits.

* Please note that all module examples listed here are illustrative. Modules are subject to change due to staff availability, popularity, and other mitigating factors.

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