

- **Overview**

Our LLM International Trade and Commercial Law course has been developed by subject experts and experienced legal professionals with many years of experience. It builds on your knowledge from the PG Cert and PG Dip programme modules and allows you to undertake a piece of original research by completing a 60-credit dissertation.

Law is a widely recognised and highly respected subject and the knowledge gained on our LLM International Trade and Commercial Law will open up many opportunities for you to develop your skills to progress towards a high-level career in an international law firm, multinational company or governmental organisation.

- **Course structure**

The LLM International Trade and Commercial Law is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 180 credits.

- **Level 7 modules:**

Law of the World Trade Organization (20 credits)
International Competition Law (20 credits)
International Sales of Goods (20 credits)
Legal Research Skills and Methods (20 credits) *
Dissertation (60 credits) *

****Optional module:**

International Carriage of Goods (20 credits)
Private International Law (20 credits)
Intellectual Property Law (20 credits)
International Commercial Dispute Resolution (20 credits)

*** These modules are core and must be passed in order to achieve the award.**

**** In addition to the core modules, students will take two optional modules.**

- **Course Duration:** 24 Months

- **Mode:** Online

Entry requirements

We have flexible entry requirements that look at both your academic and work-based experience as well as your motivation to do the course. There are two entry routes onto our LLM International Trade and Commercial Law programme:

1. Academic Entry Route

In order to satisfy the Academic Entry Route requirements for our LLM International Trade and Commercial Law you must have the following qualifications as a minimum:

- An undergraduate degree from an approved institution equivalent to a UK Honours degree or a relevant professional qualification.

If English is not your first language, your English ability should be equivalent to IELTS (Academic) 6.5. If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.

You don't need to prove your knowledge of English if you're a national of, or if you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, any of these countries.

2. Work Experience Entry Route

We recognise that you can gain skills in a wide variety of ways and that prior academic performance is not the only indicator of an applicant's ability. Therefore, if you do not meet the minimum academic standards above, you may still be eligible to enrol via our Work Experience Entry Route.

In order to satisfy the Work Experience Entry Route requirements for our LLM International Trade and Commercial Law course you must meet the following criteria as a minimum:

- At least 5 years' senior level work experience.
- If English is not your first language, your English ability should be equivalent to IELTS (Academic) 6.5.
- If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.

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Your application will be considered on an individual basis taking into account your motivation for doing the course, prior work experience and other relevant qualifications that demonstrate your ability to successfully complete the programme.

- Assessment

We adopt an assignment-based approach to assessment instead of exams. Assessment for the LLM International Trade and Commercial Law will be based on a combination of written coursework and work on a dissertation or individual project.

At the end of your studies, you will submit a 60-credit thesis.

You will be able to see your current provisional marks from the start of the programme, allowing you to evaluate the success of your current study methods and clearly identify areas to improve. We believe that this transparency gives you the information you need to make the most of your Masters course.

We achieve this by:

- showing your marks clearly in your gradebook, which can be viewed whenever you log onto the learning platform;
- the rapid turnaround of work assessed to ensure that your gradebook is always up to date;
- assessing your work throughout the module rather than waiting for end of year exams;
- ensuring you have regular contact with your Student Adviser; and
- the simplicity and transparency in the design of our assessment criteria.

We also have a policy of ensuring that work submitted by students is authentic. As well as the fact that all work is frequently assessed, we use a well-established electronic monitoring system to check for plagiarism.

On successful completion of your LLM International Trade and Commercial Law degree, you will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony at the University of Essex, Colchester Campus.