Postgraduate Programmes
2022/23
Our Department
From the first intake of students at Warwick Law School in 1968, postgraduate legal education has played a central role in the school’s life. Our approach to legal education is contextual, critical and global.

We offer a friendly and stimulating environment where you are able to connect with staff and students at all levels. We are dedicated to delivering a solid foundation in the technical aspects of the law whilst examining law and legal institutions within a wider context. Our approach to study encourages you to consider the social, economic, political and philosophical dimensions of the law. You will engage with the subject as well as your tutors and classmates.

Our Teaching
This wider perspective will enable you to develop a critical understanding of the role of law, thus providing you with the necessary tools to understand, promote and respond to legal change in the private and public sectors and in the global arena. Given prevailing global conditions, our contextual approach necessarily involves making you aware of developments beyond the narrow confines of individual nation states. The Warwick approach to legal education is internationally recognised as innovative and has achieved the highest ratings at the national level.

Members of staff teaching on our programmes are recognised as being among the country’s top legal academics. Warwick Law School researchers were rated 7th for their quality of research, whilst the School was ranked 6th for its research environment and 10th overall in the Research Excellence Framework (the next REF will take place in 2021). Many of our academics are engaged in collaborative research with academic institutions worldwide, assisting governments, advising international organisations, and participating in the work of NGOs. These activities greatly contribute towards enhancing the learning environment of our postgraduate students.

Our PG Community
At any one-time, our postgraduate community will consist of around 150 students from a wide variety of backgrounds, including practicing lawyers, government officials, judges, members of national and international NGOs, academics and officials from international organisations. You’ll find a wide range of activities available beyond your course where you can get to know staff and students, form friendships, and engage with your interests further. Examples include our departmental social events, regular departmental seminars, guest speakers and research centre activities.

The Law Society is another great way of meeting other students of all levels who are interested in law. You’ll find a range of activities on offer. Find out more at: www.uowlawsoc.com

Introducing Law at Warwick
Postgraduate study at Warwick Law School is exciting, challenging and rewarding…

The global outlook of Warwick Law School coupled with the motivational and enthusiastic staff make it a friendly and enriching environment.
Support, community and resources

As you progress to the next level as a university student, you’ll find plenty of support on offer to develop and enhance your study skills, and provide you with advice and feedback.

Support

Your personal tutor will support your academic development throughout your programme. They will discuss your academic progress, advise on matters such as module choices, and act as your referee for job or further academic applications. For research students, your research supervisor will fulfill this role.

Module tutors can provide specific advice about the subject matter of individual modules and also advice in terms of specific assignments.

You’ll have research and writing skills workshops throughout the year which are designed to equip you with the skills and information you need to successfully complete your degree. Research students will attend a mandatory research skills class during your first year in order to gain the skills needed to write your thesis.

Your academic support librarian provides targeted support in your subject area, helping you to develop information and research skills during your course.

The Law School has dedicated careers support on hand to offer one to one guidance on exploring values, strengths and skills for careers, career options, job search techniques, applications and building your profile. They also offer regular skills sessions on employability, CV writing and interview techniques; plus bespoke careers and networking events with opportunities to meet potential employers.

The Student Opportunity team runs regular activities, events, and opportunities to help you develop your employability through Warwick Core Skills.

Dedicated spaces

The Law School Student Hub offers you a centrally located space where you can meet other students and staff in the department. There is a quiet study area with desks and space for your laptops and books, and a separate space with comfy sofas and small tables for you to have group discussions. There are even IT facilities for practicing your presentations.

The PPG Hub is a central space dedicated to Warwick postgraduate taught and research students. Not only does it offer a workspace and study support, but it is a place to meet other postgraduate students, and access resources including the many social and academic activities on offer. There is also the Wolfson Research Exchange for our staff and research students.

The University Library is open 24/7, with a range of study spaces including informal spaces, collaborative spaces for group work, dedicated silent and quiet study floors, and a large number of computers, as well as other specialist technology. You’ll also find study spaces with computer clusters, multimedia resources and bookable rooms in the Learning Grid University House, the Learning Grid Rootes and Learning Grid Leamington.

The library holds about 1.3 million printed volumes and just under 14 kilometres of archives. Over 49,000 electronic journals are currently received, plus 110,000 electronic books and 300 databases, including major Law databases such as Lexis and Westlaw.

Resources

Language Centre - Learn a new language or hone your essay writing and conversational skills using our in-sessional English support classes.

Music Centre - There is something for everyone, no matter what your degree with a suite of practice rooms, an extensive Choral and Orchestral music library, percussion and instrument stores and a variety of keyboard instruments.

Students’ Union - One of the largest SU’s in Europe, we house a vast selection of societies and sports clubs, several food outlets and bars and an excellent entertainments programme. There is also an outstanding Advice and Welfare Services team, who can offer support and advice on a range of issues.

Warwick Arts Centre - One of the largest multi-artform venues in the UK, delivering a high quality, engaging, diverse programme of performing and visual arts, presented in world-class venues and spaces at the heart of the University of Warwick campus. Since we opened in 1974, we’ve been a distinctive and special place, an important resource for the arts and for audiences in the region and a significant force in national and international arts networks. Warwick Arts Centre has recently undergone a Capital Project to create a modern, updated, larger space in which to continue the organisation’s distinctive, creative, artistic and cultural programme with a new visual arts gallery and three digital screens. Find out more at www.warwickartscentre.co.uk

IT Services - All campus accommodation rooms have network points to connect to the intranet and there are a variety of wireless ‘hotspots’ across the campus. IT Services are constantly on hand to offer advice and training and run a range of free IT courses throughout the year covering a wide variety of specialised packages.

Sports Hub - If you are looking for something fun to do on campus or planning a little escape from your studies, our Sports Hub facilities have plenty to offer including a 25m 12 lane swimming pool, a state of the art modern 230 station gym, squash courts, indoor climbing centre, multi-purpose sports halls, outdoor pitches, physiotherapy/sports massage, and over 100 different fitness classes.
Our research environment

Our research is built on the twin themes of law in context and the global character of law. We enjoy a particularly strong reputation in a number of areas, including international and comparative legal research, with a particular focus on less developed countries; criminal justice; human rights in practice; and the exploration of legal, social and economic law and policy both in the UK and throughout the world. These diverse research interests form the basis for our teaching on the many varied module options available to you.

The Law School has nine stimulating research clusters:

- Legal Theory
- Comparative Law and Culture
- Gender and the Law
- Contract, Business and Commercial Law
- Governance and Regulation
- Law and Humanities
- Development and Human Rights
- International and European Law
- Empirical Approaches

The research clusters feed into the interdisciplinary and interdepartmental research centres including:

- The Centre for Human Rights in Practice
- The Centre for Law, Regulation and Governance of the Global Economy (GLOBE)
- The Criminal Justice Centre
- The Centre for Operational Police Research
- The Centre for Ethics, Law and Public Affairs (CELPA)
- The Centre for Critical Legal Studies

These centres are led by members of our department, and they interact across our research cluster areas, as well as across disciplines within the University and beyond. You can read more about our centres on our web pages:

www.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/research/centres/

The centres host various visiting fellows and other speakers who present their work in talks open to staff and students. The Centres also arrange conferences, and publish collections of papers in collaboration with external publishers.

The teaching and research interests of our staff are informed by the Warwick ‘law in context’ approach. Being a truly global university, Warwick attracts a diverse student body from over 90 countries and therefore varied legal systems. Our staff are dedicated to developing curricula that is both cutting edge and informed by the latest/ground-breaking research in the field; making it both helpful and interesting. Bringing law ‘to life’ as it were, by contextualising it in its legal, social, economic and political settings, is classed as essential in our research and teaching.
Christian Twigg-Flesner is Professor of International Commercial Law. He joined Warwick in September 2017 from the University of Hull, where he had been Professor of Commercial Law since 2010. His research interests are in International Commercial Law; the impact of the digital economy on contract, commercial and consumer law; English Commercial and Contract Law; and International, European and domestic Consumer Law. His most recent book is Foundations of International Commercial Law (2021). His other books include, Rethinking EU Consumer Law (2017, with Geraint Howells and Thomas Wilhelmsson), and the edited Research Handbook on EU Consumer and Contract Law (2017). The focus of his current work is on how the digital economy could affect contract, consumer and commercial law. As well as speaking regularly at international conferences, Christian has given expert evidence to various Select Committee inquiries, and he has assisted the English Law Commission with several reform projects on consumer law. He is an Associate Academic Fellow of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. He serves as one of the editors for the International, European and Domestic Consumer Law journal. Christian teaches three modules on our LLM programmes: the International, European and domestic Consumer Law; English Commercial and Contract Law; and the optional module on International Commerce in the Digital Economy and Common Law of Commercial Contracts. He also teaches Contract and Commercial Law on our undergraduate programmes. He would be happy to supervise doctoral research on any topic falling within his research interests.

Shaheen Ali’s research lies at the intersection of Islamic law, human rights and women and children’s rights. In addition to academia, she has been closely involved in activism; becoming the first woman cabinet minister in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan, first chair of the National Commission on the Status of Women in Pakistan, and vice-chair of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. Shaheen has travelled far and wide, interacting and working with people of different cultures and civilisations. She aims to bring the knowledge and varied experience she has acquired, into the classroom and into her research which has been described by students as “inspirational, innovative, eye-opening and valuable”. Upon her return from serving as cabinet minister in Pakistan, Shaheen authored a number of articles and commentaries reflecting upon her time as a woman politician and initiator of policy and law. Students on Shaheen’s Women’s Human Rights and Global Justice module can find examples and narratives of ‘real life’ scenarios fascinating as they can then relate the theory to the practice of human rights and development. Similarly, her work at the United Nations informs classroom sessions on how human rights treaties are drafted, negotiated and adopted as well as offering critical perspectives of the UN Human Rights System by someone who has been an insider. Her own life experiences as a woman of Pakistani, Pashtun origin and a British Muslim with multiple identities, inform her modules on Islamic law. Students appreciate the way in which her research bridges the theory and practice of Islamic law in its plural interpretations and cultural manifestations. Her latest monograph, Modern Challenges to Islamic Law (Cambridge University Press, 2016) is an example of the law in context approach and how our academics employ it in their research and teaching. Shaheen is currently on leave from Warwick to take up the position of Rector of the National Academy of Higher Education in Pakistan.

Mohsen al Attar is an Associate Professor in International Economic Law. Prior to joining Warwick, he held positions at a range of institutions including the University of Auckland, McGill University, and Queen’s University Belfast. He is primarily interested in researching the role of law in both redressing and exacerbating economic divisions between different regions of the world. Indeed, he is best known for his writing on Third World Approaches to International Law, a theory that guided his doctoral research and continues to inform his investigations into global political economy. In his book with OUP, A Guerrilla At the Hague, he argues that many of the principles of international economic law preserve a Eurocentric epistemology that favours a parochial view of both human development and human flourishing. Much of this argument is inspired by his earlier writings on the Eurocentrism of international law and on the strangulation of Third World-based alternatives. While international trade remains a personal favourite, his research and his postgraduate supervisory responsibilities now delve into investment and finance also. He is published in journals as philosophically and geographically disparate as the McGill Law Review, the Third World Quarterly, and the International Community law Review. Mohsen is equally reputed for his teaching. Perhaps self-evidently, he eschews a doctrinal, black-letter analysis of international law, preferring to engage with the context, history, and theory that jointly impregnate international treaties. His narrative approach in the lecture theatre aligns with an iconoclastic tradition that treats information first and foremost as a tool of subversion. Injustice in the modern era is worsened not through gunboats alone but, as the great Kenyan bard Ngugi Wa Thiongo’s said, with the chalk and the blackboard. Mohsen forever tells his students that education can also provide a path to collective emancipation.

Shafeen Ali is an Associate Professor in International Economic Law. Prior to joining Warwick, he held positions at a range of institutions including the University of Auckland, McGill University, and Queen’s University Belfast. He is primarily interested in researching the role of law in both redressing and exacerbating economic divisions between different regions of the world. Indeed, he is best known for his writing on Third World Approaches to International Law, a theory that guided his doctoral research and continues to inform his investigations into global political economy. In his book with OUP, A Guerrilla At the Hague, he argues that many of the principles of international economic law preserve a Eurocentric epistemology that favours a parochial view of both human development and human flourishing. Much of this argument is inspired by his earlier writings on the Eurocentrism of international law and on the strangulation of Third World-based alternatives. While international trade remains a personal favourite, his research and his postgraduate supervisory responsibilities now delve into investment and finance also. He is published in journals as philosophically and geographically disparate as the McGill Law Review, the Third World Quarterly, and the International Community law Review. Mohsen is equally reputed for his teaching. Perhaps self-evidently, he eschews a doctrinal, black-letter analysis of international law, preferring to engage with the context, history, and theory that jointly impregnate international treaties. His narrative approach in the lecture theatre aligns with an iconoclastic tradition that treats information first and foremost as a tool of subversion. Injustice in the modern era is worsened not through gunboats alone but, as the great Kenyan bard Ngugi Wa Thiongo’s said, with the chalk and the blackboard. Mohsen forever tells his students that education can also provide a path to collective emancipation.
Our LLM programmes

We offer five taught LLM programmes: Advanced Legal Studies (ALS); International Commercial Law (ICL); International Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation (ICGFR); International Development Law and Human Rights (IDLHR); International Economic Law (IEL).

Studying for a LLM provides you with the opportunity to engage with a particular area of law in more depth than you typically can as an undergraduate. It will also provide you with research skills in preparation for employment or further postgraduate study.

Whichever LLM you choose, you can study from a wide range of modules. Beyond any core modules your programme involves, you will be able to tailor your LLM to your interests and aspirations. Page 22 of this brochure lists the modules which are currently available across our LLM programmes.

All of our LLM programmes can be studied on a full-time basis, over 12 months, or a part-time basis (to those eligible), over a period of 24 months, starting in October each year. Currently, none of our programmes can be studied via distance learning.

How you'll study

You will take a selection of modules totalling 120 CATS followed by a 10,000 word dissertation worth 60 CATS. All our assessed modules are worth 20 CATS and run for one term. Modules will be taken during terms one and two leaving you term three and the summer to complete your dissertation. Students will be required to attend a research and writing skills module for two terms and IDLHR students are required to attend the core module for two terms. Your assessment will depend on the modules you select but may include a mixture of essays and examinations. If you choose to study part-time, you will usually take approximately four modules (including any core) during your first year and then the remaining modules and your dissertation in the second year.

Alongside any core modules you must take for your particular programme, you will also select optional modules. Each LLM has different requirements. Some allow you free choices from across the department, and some will require you to select a number of modules from relevant lists. Please see our website for details: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/postgraduate

Your dissertation

As long as you pass the taught part of your LLM, you will go on to write a dissertation of 10,000 words. You will be able to choose a topic of interest to you and relevant to your degree programme. You will be assigned a supervisor who will support you in your dissertation preparation, research and writing. This is your opportunity to undertake original independent research, allowing you to focus in depth on an area of your choice. You will also develop your research, planning and writing abilities through our dedicated skills sessions.

Events

In addition to your seminars and independent study, you are invited to get involved in the intellectual life of the department. Events include careers and employability events with companies/alumni, public lectures, guest speakers, conferences/workshops and research seminars. By engaging in these events, you will widen your knowledge and perspectives and explore the diversity of the law.

There are a number of events on offer throughout the academic year offering you an opportunity to interact with staff, students and often guest speakers from outside of Warwick. Recent examples include:

- Mark Drumbl (Washington & Lee University) and Barbora Hola (Free University Amsterdam) ‘Exposing Collaborators: Lessons for Law and Transitional Justice’
- Dr Rob Berkeley (University of Manchester) and Barrister Dexter Dias ‘The Role of Race within the Legal System’
- Professor Alex Sharpes (Warwick Law School) ‘Flirting with Fascism: The Thin White Duke, Art and Ethical Limits’
- Warwick Alumni Careers – Various Guest Speakers ‘Don’t want to be a lawyer?’
- Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott (Queen Mary University of London) ‘Searching for sovereignty in Britain: past, present and future’

View upcoming activities in our events calendar: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/events

Our staff scored 85% for their teaching in the most recent Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 2% higher than the sector average.
With its greater degree of flexibility, this LLM allows you to construct your own unique programme of study, depending on your interests. The only core module is in research skills and not a specific subject. You are therefore encouraged to select your modules from the broad, well rounded range of topics available across our other LLMs, helping you tailor your degree to your future employment plans. With the approval of the director, it is also possible to select up to 40 CATS worth of modules from outside of the Law School.

Suggested external optional modules are:

- Gender Analysis and Development Practice
- Gender, Imperialism and International Development
- Writing About Human Rights and Injustice

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**FEATURED MODULE**

**LA9C2**  
**Global Competition Law**

The module examines competition law in the global economy from the perspective of laws operating internationally with particular emphasis on those in the United States and European Union. An emphasis will be placed on an understanding and critical evaluation of the objectives and underlying economic principles which guide the interpretation and enforcement of these laws. Specific topics will be studied within the general themes of the legal institutions, framework and approaches to the regulation of specific anti-competitive conduct and merger regulation. Specific examination will be made of the application of competition laws to the digital economy and developing and transition economies.

The operation of these competition laws will be examined within the context of the global economy, specifically the extraterritorial reach of competition laws; the co-ordination of international competition investigations through bilateral and regional agreements and attempts to harmonise competition law enforcement through a ‘global competition law’.
LLM International Commercial Law

Our LLM in International Commercial Law provides an opportunity to study how law facilitates cross-border commercial deals.

Topics covered on our modules include: how international commercial deals work; how finance contracts support mergers and acquisitions; how debt financing works to support the commercial deal; how cross-border contracts differ from domestic contracts; the digital economy and international commercial law; Islamic finance, as well as commercial conflicts of law and taxation of domestic and cross-border transactions.

What makes this programme unique is that as part of the degree you will also take at least two modules designed to allow you to study related areas of law which affect commercial deals.

This programme is for you if you wish to develop a detailed knowledge of all the law that is important to make a large commercial deal work. It will be particularly relevant if you have a legal background and you want to work for a large commercial law firm or in finance.

You will study the core Foundations of International Commercial Law module and select five further optional modules; at least three of which must be selected from a list of Commercial Optional Core modules, and at least two from a list of Context Optional modules. Details can be found on our website: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/current/pg/modules

FEATURED MODULE
LA9FM
International Commercial Law in the Digital Economy

The growth of digital technology in recent years has not only facilitated the gradual utilisation of digital communication methods for international commerce, but it has also led to the development of commerce in digital products and novel digital business models. Invariably, this raises many interesting, complex and challenging legal issues. Legal scholars, practitioners, judges and policy-makers all need to grapple with these, and there are intense discussions at national, regional and international levels about adapting and developing commercial law to the digital economy.

On this module, we will explore the challenge of keeping law up-to-date for the digital economy. We will ask how law adapts to technological developments generally and what this might mean for international commercial law in the digital economy. We will analyse existing and proposed laws, focusing on topics such as the status in law of digital products, digital assets and algorithms, as well as areas such as artificial intelligence, 3D-printing, online intermediary platforms, algorithmic transactions (“smart contracts”), the commercial role of data, the internet of things, and blockchain technology. As this area evolves, so does the focus of the module to ensure we focus on current debates.

“The LLM at Warwick is one of the best in the UK. Students have the option to choose from a range of modules covering varied areas of commercial law. Overall it is a highly demanding degree and you need to stay focused. Perseverance and hard work are your keys to success.”

Muhammad Madni – ICL
Its perspective is transnational and comparative, and includes an examination of current best practices, their application to various jurisdictions, as well as a critical assessment of rules and regulations. A special concern of this programme is to examine, from the standpoint of developing and transition countries, the interaction of law, institutions and markets in the development of fair and efficient systems of corporate law and financial regulation.

The programme has four main objectives:

• To provide you with an understanding of the interaction between the process of globalisation and general principles of corporate governance and financial regulation;
• To offer in-depth coverage of the main topics in corporate governance and financial law and regulation, including compliance dimensions;
• To provide practical skills on negotiating, drafting and structuring transactions;
• To ensure that you have an understanding of the economic and social context in which commercial decisions are made and corporate governance and financial regulation operate.

It encourages the development of analytical skills and places matters of principle and policy in a practical context. The degree is particularly suitable for those who wish to practise in corporate and commercial law or to work in the corporate or financial sector. It also provides an invaluable foundation for those who wish to embark on an academic career in this dynamic area of law.

FEATURED MODULE
LA905
International Banking & Securities Regulation

This module will focus on the legal, theoretical and practical aspects of banking and the regulation and supervision of their global activities. The primary focus is the ‘Birth-Life-Death-Resurrection’ of banks. It will focus on the global as well as the local approaches to supervision and special reference is given to crisis management. We will scrutinise domestic, European, and international approaches that shape the way transnational bank activities are overseen. It will critically evaluate the current policy ideas that have been developed to enhance bank safety and soundness. Specific emphasis is placed on case studies and comparative approaches to the supervision of banking.
The programme is designed to provide a fuller understanding of development, governance, and a wide range of justice and human rights issues. Multi-disciplinary in nature, it entails critical engagement with both the theory and practice of law in the many contexts of development and relies heavily on diverse historical, political, and philosophical materials in our study. In this, the programme is centred on a concern with the realities and experiences of the Global South. Substantively, modules on the LLM broadly cover the following areas of focus:

• Comparative Human Rights
• Gender
• Globalisation
• Governance
• International Justice

In addition to the optional modules offered within the programme, students can also choose to study external modules subject to approval by the Director.

Our LLM in International Development Law and Human Rights considers the relationship between development, human rights and global justice.

**CORE MODULE**
LA951
Theory & Practice of International Development Law & Human Rights

This module provides an overview of the main contemporary issues in international development law and human rights. It provides an introduction to topics that you are expected to have an understanding of and thus provides the background for all modules and the dissertation. Those who read and understand the module materials are more likely to achieve higher grades. Group work is an important part of the module as experience shows that participatory study is a successful pedagogical method.

The aims of this compulsory module are to develop:

- Knowledge and understanding of the inter-relationships between the main legal theories relating to international development, gender, governance, globalisation and human rights;
- A range of practical legal and academic skills used by lawyers and development practitioners (including drafting, research, project analysis and advocacy skills) in association with theoretical perspectives;
- An understanding of the relationship between theory and practice;
- A critical ability to read theoretical materials, distil and synthesise such materials, and incorporate insights into written legal and academic documents (critical thinking and problem solving);
- Oral and advocacy skills appropriate to legal and developmental practice.

**FEATURED MODULE**
LA962
Theories & Histories of Human Rights

What do we understand by ‘Human Rights’? Are rights absolute or are they based on specific historical and political contexts? Is it possible to identify core international and domestic human rights, or should they all be considered relative? Are the challenges faced by human rights discourse a result of lack of implementation, or do these problems lie with the way we understand human rights? And, if it is the latter, is there any alternative way to imagine human rights?

This module looks at the theoretical and historical foundations of human rights to shed light on these and other such questions.

By adopting an interdisciplinary approach and borrowing insights from legal theory, political science, philosophy and socio-legal studies, the module offers a contextual approach to human rights rather than a purely legalistic one. The main aim of the module is to encourage you to think critically about the concepts, regimes, instruments, institutions and practices of human rights. The module will also highlight the successes, challenges and possibilities for human rights discourse and develop your understanding of domestic and international human rights regimes. The module will ground these discussions in important topical issues by analysing issues such as the global pandemic, terrorism, globalisation, humanitarian intervention and socio-economic inequalities, among others.

“Every moment of this LLM has been a process of learning about new cultures, new people and sharing diverse perspectives. The intellectually-stimulating environment has helped us to think critically and laterally and adopt a holistic view.”

Haajrah Rohom - IDLHR
The theme of governance looks at the changing roles of Law in the contemporary world economy, and considers the interaction between global international institutions, such as the IMF, World Bank and WTO, along with regional organisations such as the EU. Attention is given to the legal, political and economic roles of transnational corporations, along with the regulatory frameworks through the process of economic liberalisation. In respect of governance, you can address the emerging multilateral frameworks while taking note of the convergence of domestic regulatory frameworks within the evolving context of economic, political and social globalisation. It will provide an overview of the legal and regulatory foundations of the global economy and will explore the interaction between international, transnational and national forms of economic governance. It will provide an overview of operations of the main global economic institutions-the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and will assess the efficacy of these institutions against other forms of economic governance.

You will situate international economic law within a broader understanding of its interactions with other international, transnational and national, legal and non-legal processes and examine its role in the contemporary global economy. Emphasis is placed upon the manner in which international economic law constructs international economic relations, inasmuch as it regulates the behaviour of international economic actors and global economic activity, as well as some of its major contradictions.

This module aims to provide the foundation and context for the substantive topics covered in other options in the programme. It will locate international economic law within the economic and geo-political environment in which it operates, including the pivotal role of the state, and provide the critical framework for further exploration of these areas in other modules.

The LLM in International Economic Law focuses on three main themes of Globalisation, Regulation and Governance.

CORE MODULE
LA908 International Economic Law
This module will introduce and examine aspects of international economic law within the evolving context of economic, political and social globalisation. It will provide an overview of the legal and other regulatory foundations of the global economy and will explore the interaction between international, transnational and national forms of economic governance. It will provide an overview of operations of the main global economic institutions-the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and will assess the efficacy of these institutions against other forms of economic governance.

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FEATURED MODULE
LA906 International Investment Law
Foreign direct investment (FDI) is an important factor in the global economy and this module focuses on the legal regime that applies to cross-border investments. Due to the enormous growth of FDI worldwide and the rising tensions between major economies around the world, international investment law and protection has grown in significance and has attracted considerable criticism from political leaders, international organisations, academics and civil society.

International investment agreements have been praised as drivers of trade and investment liberalization across the globe and, at the same time, are meeting fierce criticism for offering excessive investment protection without regard for public goods such as sustainable development, public health and human rights. The tensions created by the existing regime have sparked a global drive for reform to provide a better balance between investment protection and public interest regulation through national investment policy and through multilateral reform initiatives. The increasing introduction of investment screening laws, the move towards large regional economic treaties and efforts to reform the highly contentious investor-State dispute settlement regime are transforming the international investment law landscape.

This module examines the legal regime that applies to cross-border investments and critically analyses the international rules that protect investments and investors. After introducing the complex regulatory framework for international investments the module explores the typical protection standards included in International Investment Agreements such as Fair and Equitable Treatment, National Treatment, Most-Favoured Nation Treatment and Protection against Expropriation and the criticism levelled at the investment protection regime. The module also addresses investor-State dispute settlement, the challenges international investment law faces as a result of years of investment arbitration and recent reform initiatives.
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In addition to the core module for your degree you must select your optional modules. ICL students must choose from a particular set of modules (see page 14 for details). Below is a list of postgraduate modules offered by the Law School. You may be permitted to take up to two modules (40 CATS) from outside the department with the agreement of your programme director.

International Commercial Law in the Digital Economy
Issues in the Taxation of International Business
Global Competition Law
International Arbitration
International Commercial Litigation
Legal Aspects of International Trade & the World Trade Organisation
International Banking & Securities Regulation
International Corporate Finance
International Insolvency & Debt Restructuring

Common Law of Commercial Contracts
International Sale of Goods
International Investment Law
The Regulation of Mergers & Acquisitions
Corporate Tax Law
Data Law and Governance
An Introduction to Islamic Law
Theories & Histories of Human Rights
Refugees, Rights & Realities
Gender, Law & the Global Economy
Women’s Human Rights & Global Justice
Approaches to Global Justice

Global Law & Politics
Law & the Global Economy
International Intellectual Property Law & Policy
Civil Society & Activism
International Humanitarian Law
Global Security & International Law
International Criminal Law
Climate Change & Development
Transitional Justice
Labour Law in Context
Advanced Themes in Competition Law and Policy

The modules due to run in your year of study may vary from the list above, depending on staff availability, research priorities, and student uptake. While we do our best to run as wide a variety of subjects as possible, it is not always possible to offer every module.

Please see our website for details of the modules running in your academic year and available on your degree programme: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/current/pg/modules

Some modules may clash so timetables will need to be checked before making your module selections.
Our research degrees

Research at Warwick pushes forward the boundaries of knowledge with original contributions to scholarship...

We offer you the opportunity to study a particular question independently and in depth via one of three different research degrees:

- **PhD** – registration is normally 4 years
- **MPhil** – registration is normally 2 years
- **LLM by Research** – registration is normally 1 year

This period allows additional time for submission.

In these programmes you will be carefully supervised by specialists in the area and supported in the generation of a research question and the production of a thesis. The length of this depends upon the degree undertaken:

- **PhD** – up to 80,000 words
- **MPhil** – up to 60,000 words
- **LLM by Research** – up to 40,000 words

Our Research Degrees attempt to achieve a balance between the development of a detailed critique of existing knowledge with original contributions to scholarship…

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With over 50 research active members of staff, the Law School is able to offer research supervision over a wide range of legal topics. Below are some examples of previous topics researched here at Warwick:

- The Viability of Applying ADR in the Resolution of Oil and Gas Conflicts in the Niger Delta Area of Nigeria
- Corporate Taxation For a Developing Economy: A Case For Reform in Uganda
- The Impact of Programmess Using Transformative Learning in Human Rights Education
- The Role of Security Exceptions in International Investment Law
- British Muslims and the Evolution of the Practice of Islamic Personal Law with Particular Reference to Dispute Resolution
- Taking sexual violence too seriously? The ICTY and the ICTR and the prosecution of sexual violence
- The EU & Judicial Corruption in Albania, Bulgaria and Romania
- Governing the Poor in Contemporary Colombia
- Regulatory Strategy & Constitutional Mandate in Developing Jurisdictions
- Evidence base for the impact of funding cuts on the ability of individuals to access justice on an equal basis
- Narratives and Counter-Narratives in Pharmaceutical Patent Law Making: Experiences from Brazil, India and Nigeria
- Investigating the Impact of Welfare Reform
- A father is for life, not just conception? Child contact, domestic abuse and the legal value placed on the importance of children maintaining contact with both parents.
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- Law Making: Experiences from Brazil, India and Nigeria
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- Narrative and Counter-narratives in Pharmaceutical Patent Law Making: Experiences from Brazil, India and Nigeria
- Investigating the Impact of Welfare Reform

Entry requirements

The Law School welcomes applications to study for Research Degrees from home, overseas, and part-time students. There are five entry requirements that you must meet in order to be eligible for our research programmes.

1. You should have a Master’s degree and a good first degree, with evidence of an ability to carry out independent research. Those with only a good first degree may be considered in exceptional circumstances.
2. Two strong academic references testifying to your ability and experience. When you apply, you will be able to supply your referee’s contact details, and we will request a reference from them directly. If you graduated more than two years ago, you may supply professional references instead if you are no longer in touch with your previous tutors.
3. A research proposal which will be assessed by the School’s PhD committee and used to ascertain whether suitable supervision is available. This should be between 2000 and 2500 words (MPhil/PhD) and between 1000 and 1500 words (LLM by Research) and should include:
   a. Your proposed research title
   b. A rationale for the research and working hypothesis or research questions
   c. Your intended research methodology, including any proposed field work
   d. A survey of the relevant literature and a clear expression of the originality of the proposed work
   e. A list of publications (where appropriate) and any research experience
4. Fluency in English. If English is not your first language, you must have an IELTS score of 7.0 with no more than two component scores below 6.5 and none below 6.0. If your previous education was in the UK or another English speaking country, you may be exempt from this requirement, but this will need to be confirmed by the central admissions office.
5. Prior to submitting your application, you will need to select your topic and find a supervisor. PhD supervision relies on matching your research interests with those of your proposed supervisor.

Our standard application procedures and deadlines will apply, please see the next steps section of this prospectus for further details. We recommend you submit your application as early as possible, having located a potential supervisor, as research applications can take longer to process.

Full up-to-date details of the Law School’s requirements for study leading to a Research Degree can be found at: www.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/postgraduate/pgr...

“I’m blessed to have a supervisor who is encouraging, understanding and supportive, and there are various resources and development classes available to me.”

Angel Matoke-Njagi – PhD
What do Warwick Law graduates do?

A postgraduate degree in law can lead to a wide variety of careers depending on your individual interests. It can also lead to further study and academia.

Here are just a few examples of what our graduates have gone on to do since leaving Warwick.

Read more profiles: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/postgraduate/students/

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Funding opportunities

For details of any awards available, how to apply, deadlines and eligibility criteria please see our website: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/postgraduate/funding/

In addition, there are many other awards available through the International Office. For further details please visit: www.warwick.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/funding/fundingtaughtcourses/
Next steps

Once you have decided which programme is right for you, you can begin preparing your application. There are three basic questions to ask before you submit your application:

Do I meet the entry requirements?

Do I have all of the necessary documents to hand?

Will I be able to submit my application in time?

Once the answer to these questions is ‘yes’ you can head to the Warwick website and submit your application electronically at warwick.ac.uk/pgapply

Entry requirements

There are four entry requirements that you must meet in order to be eligible for our LLM programmes. For research programme requirements please see page 25 of this prospectus.

1. An upper-second class (2:1) honours degree or equivalent. Your undergraduate degree should either be in the area of law or a related subject. However, all serious applications from other disciplines will be considered.

2. A strong academic reference. When you apply, you will be able to supply your referee’s contact details, and we will request a reference from them directly. If you graduated more than two years ago, you may supply a professional reference instead, if you are no longer in touch with your previous tutors.

3. A good statement of purpose. This personal statement is your opportunity to explain why you would make a great LLM student. Typical statements are 1-2 pages long; you should include:
   - Your motivation.
   - Why this particular LLM, and why Warwick?
   - Your background. How has your education, extracurricular activities and/or professional experience prepared you for postgraduate study in this area? This is particularly important if your previous degree is not in the area of law.
   - Your expectations. How does this degree fit into your future plans? What do you hope to gain from it?

4. Fluency in English. If English is not your first language, you must have an IELTS score of 7.0 with no more than two component scores below 6.0/6.5 and none below 6.0. If your previous education was in the UK or another English speaking country, you may be exempt from this requirement, but this will need to be confirmed by the central admissions office.

Supporting documents

In order to make a decision on your application, we may need to see some documents that demonstrate you meet our requirements. You should supply these electronically in the first instance; if you receive an official offer, the admissions team will tell you precisely which original hard copies are required to secure an unconditional offer. When you submit your application, you will receive a link where you can upload your documents for review:

1. Transcript
2. Reference(s)
3. Statement of purpose
4. English test (if applicable).

Timings

We review applications on a rolling basis, so you should submit your application as soon as you are ready. We will normally make a decision on your application within 4-6 working weeks of receiving all necessary documents.

International candidates must apply no later than 31 July; while there is no deadline for Home candidates, we strongly recommend applying by 31 July as well in order to ensure enough time is left to sort out logistics such as accommodation.

If you plan to apply for funding, please read the scholarship criteria carefully; if you need an offer in order to apply for funding, please allow enough time for your application to be processed.

Further information

Find out more detail about our courses and department by visiting our website: warwick.ac.uk/law