Postgraduate Programmes
2020/21
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.

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 4th for its research environment and 10th overall in the 2015 Research Evaluation 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.

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, young 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
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.

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Warwick skills programmes: Warwick also provides a number of excellent academic programmes to support you in your studies and personal and professional development, including the Master Skills Programme, Warwick Skills Portfolio Award and the Academic Writing Programme.

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 PG 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. These include writing mentors, sessions such as EndNote training, Literature searching and other support workshops plus Yoga sessions and a Summer Fete. There is also the Wolfson Research Exchange for our staff and research students.

The University Library has 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 24hrs a day, as well as 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 free 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, perusssion 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 entertainment 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 - Provides one of the best entertainment programmes of live theatre, concerts, opera, comedy, drama and music that you are likely to see outside London. With a 1,500 seated concert hall and three theatres, there is always something to do. Warwick Arts Centre is currently undergoing a Capital Project to introduce new facilities for Visual Arts and Cinema, but remains open for other performances throughout.

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 new 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.

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Our research environment

Our research is built on the twin themes of law in context and the international 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, particularly the process of harmonisation; the impact of the digital economy on contract, commercial and consumer law; European Contract and Consumer Law; English Commercial and Contract Law; and International and domestic Consumer Law. He is well-known as an expert on European Consumer and Contract Law, on which he has published widely. Books include The Europeanisation of Contract Law (2nd ed., 2013); 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 challenges established paradigms in 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 was made an Academic Fellow by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (2011-14, now Associate Academic Fellow), and Senior International Fellow by the University of Bayreuth (2016-18). He also serves as one of the editors for the interdisciplinary Journal of Consumer Policy.

Christian teaches two modules on our LLM programmes: the core module Foundations of International Commercial Law, and the optional module on International Commerce in the Digital Economy. 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 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 research in her fields. Her 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 preserved 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.

Shaheen Ali

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 stangulation 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 excels 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 preserved 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.

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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 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. 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.

Based on your area of interest you will be assigned a supervisor at which point your final topic and title will be agreed. This is your opportunity to undertake original independent research, allowing you to focus in depth on an area of your choice. You will receive support in your dissertation through one-to-one sessions with your supervisor. 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 postgraduate seminars, employability events with alumni, guest speakers and research seminars. By engaging in these events, you will widen your knowledge and perspectives and explore the diversity of the law.

Postgraduate Seminar Series - there are a number of these seminars throughout the academic year offering you an opportunity to interact with staff, students and often guest speakers from outside of Warwick. Recent seminars have included:

- David George, Solicitor – Competition Appeal Tribunal ‘The reform of Competition Appeal Tribunal - One year on’
- Enza Maria Tramontana, Lecturer – University of Palermo ‘Forests, Global Public Goods & International Law’
- John Sam-Kubam, Managing Director – HSBC Bank plc ‘Managing Conflicts of Interest’
- Likim Ng, PhD Candidate – Warwick Law School ‘The securitisation of the asylum procedure through exclusion’
- Will Pearce, Partner - Davis Polk LLP ‘Public company takeovers’

We also have a Public Lecture Series, Research Seminars and a number of conferences and workshops running throughout the year. View upcoming activities in our events calendar: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/research/events

Our staff scored 100% for enthusiasm in their teaching in the 2018 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 13% higher than the sector average.
LLM Advanced Legal Studies

Our LLM in Advanced Legal Studies offers you the chance to create a personal programme of study.

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 to 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

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 coordination of international competition investigations through bilateral and regional agreements and attempts to harmonise competition law enforcement through a ‘global competition law’.

“Warwick Law School allows the flexibility to study part time specialist legal modules whilst working. This is helping me progress my legal career specialising in Employment Law.”
Kirandeep Kaur - ALS
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 Transaction 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
LA9F8
Law of International Financial Transactions

The Law of International Financial Transactions (LIFT) examines the financialisation of law that has taken place with increasing speed over the last 30 years. Taught by an experienced structured finance lawyer, LIFT motivates the legal understanding of this complex area with financial transactions, from syndicated credit agreements, to securitisations, to swaps. The wider theoretical aim of the module is the critical engagement with the ideas of ethics, norms and complexity within financial development, regulation and crisis.

The primary legal focus of LIFT is English law-governed credit agreements in the form current in City of London practice, but given the international nature of the subject, due to the use of such English law-governed agreements globally, appropriate references to the laws of the EU and other jurisdictions (particularly New York, Germany and France) will be made at appropriate junctures. By using the credit agreement as the anchor of the module, rather than international and somewhat abstract banking regulations, LIFT attempts to offer a system-wide perspective which links the more arcane aspects of the secondary market in debt to the more familiar and tangible context of industrial business and society as a whole.

Muhammad Madni – ICL

“"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.”
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.

CORE MODULE
LA9A3
International Corporate Governance & Financial Regulation

The first part of this module is designed to provide you with a theoretical framework to understand corporate governance problems. To this effect, the module illustrates the origins of the corporate governance debate, and its expression in core UK company law doctrine. Based on a multi-disciplinary approach to corporate governance theories, the module examines the corporate governance regimes in the Anglo-American and Continental European systems with a particular emphasis on the UK system.

The second part focuses on the theoretical and practical ways of regulating corporate activities and markets. It will focus on the reasons why and the techniques used, such as risk based approaches, to regulate corporate activities and markets. Attention will be given to the issue of regulation and enforcement both in terms of style and the range of sanctions that could be used to deal with corporate and market failures. Finally, the issue of political and legal accountability will be considered.

Overall, the module aims to provide you with the necessary conceptual tools to enable you to make the most out of your optional modules and dissertation, and in due course to continue to study this key area independently. Throughout the module, the discussion will focus on the normative question of what constitutes an appropriately designed corporate governance and financial regulation regime.

FEATURED MODULE
LA905
International Banking Regulation

This module will focus on the legal, theoretical and practical aspects of bank regulation and supervision, with a particular focus on ‘current’ events. It will analyse the issues relating to banking from the perspective of private and public law. The primary focus will be the ‘Birth-Life-Death-Resurrection’ of banks. It will outline the rationale of why we regulate financial firms. It will focus on domestic, European and international statutes, regulations and directives, and standards respectively that shape the way their activities are overseen on a transnational basis. It will critically evaluate the current policy ideas that have been developed to enhance regulation and supervision.

A selection of the following topics will be covered: Banks and Non-Banking Business and Finance; The Capital Markets Regulation in the European Union; Authorisation – Supervision – Enforcement; Capital Adequacy and Liquidity Risk Requirements; Financial Crisis Management & Bank Resolution; Bank Insolvency and Deposit Insurance; Money Laundering and Terrorist Finance; Insider Dealing and Market Abuse; and Regulation of OTC Derivatives.

“Warwick was the obvious choice for me, the teaching is distinctive, and the support offered is unrivalled, I am able to proudly say Warwick was my springboard to success, now with a specialist role at RBS.”

Robi Rai - ICGFR

LLM International Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation

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LLM International Development Law and Human Rights

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

The programme is designed to provide a fuller understanding of development, governance, and a wide range of justice issues, and will entail recourse to political, social, gender and moral theory.

Our modules are organised into clusters, illustratively listed below:

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

You can specialise in one of the clusters or, choose freely from the range of modules available, including modules from the other LLMs, or outside departments, if approved by the Programme Director.

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 analyses 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’, as well as its associated (sub) categories of ‘human’ and ‘rights’? Are rights absolute or is their provision and protection based on specific historical and political contexts? Is it possible and desirable to identify a core of universal human rights, or should they be considered relative? Are the problems and challenges faced by human rights discourse a consequence of inadequate implementation, or do these issues emerge from the way we understand human rights? And, if it is the latter, are there any other ways to conceptualise human rights?

This module looks at theories and histories of human rights to shed light on these and other such debates. 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 is to encourage you to critically analyse the concepts, regimes, instruments, institutions and practices of human rights. The module will also highlight the successes, challenges, possibilities and paradoxes of human rights discourse and the international human rights regime. The module will ground these discussions in important topical phenomena by analysing issues surrounding globalisation, terrorism, 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 and NAFTA. Attention is given to the legal, political and economic roles of transnational corporations, along with litigation and arbitration of international commercial disputes.

You will study forms of regulation in areas such as technology, banking and digital markets, as well as comparative approaches to the regulation of competition, financial markets and taxation, while taking note of the convergence of domestic regulatory frameworks through the process of economic liberalisation. In respect of governance, you can address the emerging multilateral framework for foreign investment, the domestic consequences of globalisation in areas such as corporate finance, competition policy, taxation, corporate governance and the environment, and evaluate national regimes for foreign investment.

Our 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.

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.

**FEATURED MODULE**
**LA932**
Legal Aspects of International Trade & the World Trade Organisation

This is a course on the law and policy of international trade. The course will build on the short introduction to the WTO in the IEL core module and explore the treaty-based WTO international economic law system, its principal agreements and institutions, its core doctrines, and the current proposals for reform.

The WTO is regarded as one of the most successful international organisations governing activities between states because it has a highly effective dispute settlement system. The course will explore whether the WTO remains relevant in an increasingly globalised world where economic disputes typically cover national, transnational and international law as well as a multiplicity of economic actors, like states and multinational corporations. It will evaluate the effectiveness of the WTO rules against the background of the rise of the mega-regional agreements, preferential trade agreements and the challenges arising from Brexit. It will consider how demands for trade justice affect how we interpret the WTO rules and what reforms of WTO rules may be necessary to achieve that goal.

“The LLM has been challenging yet insightful and interesting, having the chance to study in a diverse environment discussing current issues with great academics has helped me grow as a lawyer.”

Octavio Rangel Castanedo
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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.

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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 an individual specialist 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 20,000 words

Our Research Degrees attempt to achieve a balance between independently and in depth via one of three different research programmes:

- **LLM by Research** - to a maximum of 20,000 words
- **MPhil** - registration is normally 1 year
- **PhD** - registration is normally 2 years

In these programmes you will be carefully supervised by an individual specialist 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 20,000 words

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 no less than 2000 words 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 6.0 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.
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.

Since my LLM I had two exciting work opportunities in England. My first job involved conducting ethical research on companies, and the second allowed me to engage with investors and companies on ESG issues. Since moving back home to Norway, I have been working as a Senior Associate at PwC as part of the Forensics Services and Compliance team; investigating allegations of fraud and corruption, evaluating regulatory frameworks, and helping companies comply with various laws and regulations. My degree from Warwick has been extremely useful in all my positions, and I believe the international focus of the course made me eligible for positions both in the UK and abroad. The way the LLM required me to think about complex topics has also helped me greatly in challenging opinions/statements, and developing new ideas.

Jimmy Carter. I deeply feel that my LLM special invite of former US President Mr. Jimmy Carter. I deeply feel that my LLM at Warwick has played a pivotal role in all my work related endeavours.

Usama Malik LLM, 2014-2015

After my LLM I worked with the iconic human rights lawyer of Pakistan Ms. Asma Jahangir as her senior associate. Presently I am working as a Partner at leading law firm HCU legal and have been appointed as the Chairperson of the International Legal Affairs and Human Rights committees of the Lahore High Court Bar Association. I have also co-authored legislative amendments to provincial and federal laws, which marginalize religious minorities plus several research papers, which have been published in leading international/national law journals. I represented Pakistan at the Human Rights Defenders Forum 2018 in Atlanta, USA on the special invite of former US President Mr. Jimmy Carter. I deeply feel that my LLM at Warwick has played a pivotal role in all my work related endeavours.

Usama Malik LLM, 2014-2015

After my Masters I joined CMS Moscow as a paralegal in the Corporate/M&A department. One year later I was promoted to an Associate and have been dealing with various domestic and cross-border corporate/M&A projects in that role since. CMS is an international law firm with 72 offices in 41 countries around the globe. I was lucky to become part of a team of respected professionals and find a great mentor who is head of M&A practice in our office. The skills and knowledge I gained at Warwick Law School have proven to be very practical and helpful for my current work. I kept having flashbacks to the topics which had been discussed in class. I also enjoy participating in moot court events in Moscow universities, an activity that is largely based on my studies at Warwick.

Elizaveta Rakova LLM, 2014-2015

After completing my LLM I worked at different law firms and in investment banking. The LLM provided the conceptual understanding necessary to grasp the practical tools to succeed in private practice and in-house. The LLM sparked, however, curiosity to conduct further research. Given the ongoing contact with renowned academics at Warwick, returning for a PhD seemed like a natural choice. Both experiences exceeded any expectations. Not only was the academic support outstanding, but also the support to develop a professional career. I am now working as senior counsel at an investment bank in London.

Christian Mecklenburg Guzman LLM, 2010-2011; PhD, 2019

Having completed my LLM and PhD at Warwick, I was offered a lectureship at the School of Law, University of Aberdeen. During my studies at Warwick, I benefitted from access to supportive academic and administrative staff, as well as a wide range of conferences, courses and seminars which have contributed immensely to my academic career. My current teaching and research are broadly in the areas of international economic law, which I attribute to my studies at Warwick. The law-in-context approach at Warwick exposed me to critical socio-legal methodologies and led me to think beyond doctrinal law, thus enriching my understanding of the law.

Titilayo Adebola LLM, 2011-2012; PhD, 2018

In a survey of recent graduates, 90% of respondents were in jobs or further study within 6 months of graduation.
We are proud to offer a number of awards for both our LLM and Research applicants to assist with the costs of studying.

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For details of how to apply, deadlines and eligibility criteria please see our website: www.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.

Overseas candidates must apply no later than 31 July; while there is no deadline for Home/EU 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