

Derby LLM Commercial Law

Benefits

The programme offers the following benefits to students:

- It is designed to be studied online, hence students have the flexibility to study as and when they want; be it at home, at work, on vacation or during overseas travelling. They take control over their studies and when they want to submit their assignments.
- The Law School at Derby was recently rated top in the UK for personal development according to the National Student Satisfaction Survey 2006.

Course Description

The University of Derby LLM is a Master's level postgraduate course, offering professionals in the commercial sector around the world the opportunity to study specialist areas in commercial law. Designed for lawyers and non-lawyers, the focus is on law with an international flavour. The programme will be attractive to those seeking a good grounding in the theoretical and conceptual aspects of commercial law. It will provide you with the opportunity for legal study which is theoretical, contextual, reflective, transactional and practical in nature. You will explore in depth legal issues within specific areas of legal activity.

Qualification / Awarding Body

On successful completion of this programme, you will be awarded a LLM Commercial Law

Awarding Body: University of Derby

Mode

Online distance learning

Course Content (modules)

The programme comprises a compulsory online induction, eight core modules and a dissertation

1. Legal Research Methods
This module is designed to provide you with an introduction to research methodology in order to provide a firm foundation for future work in other modules and the dissertation.
2. Commercial Theories
This module will introduce you to the most influential theories relevant to the growth of commercial activity. This module will further focus on the functions of these theories in relation to the development and evolution of commercial laws.
3. Electronic Commercial Law
This module explores various areas of law and procedure as they apply to the internet and other interactive technologies. Although the study will focus on the UK in its European setting, the nature of cyberspace is such that it does not recognise national boundaries, so other national (particularly the US) and international jurisdictions will be included where appropriate.
4. Information Law
This module explains the legal principles and procedures relating to ownership, use and control of information and its associated technologies. Although the study will focus on the UK in its European setting, the nature of information is such that it does not recognise national boundaries, so other national (particularly the US) and international jurisdictions will be included where appropriate.
5. Law of International Trade
This module will examine the economic and jurisprudential justification for engaging in free trade. In this context, the module will critically explore the salient components of the multilateral trading system.
6. International Economic Law and Development

The module will explore the legal framework of international economic relations with particular emphasis on international trade, international monetary law and international development law.

7. National and International Sale of Goods

This module will examine the sequence of contracts engaged in the sale and movement of goods at national and international levels. The legal consequences of engagement in these contracts will be examined co-extensively. In this capacity, the module will additionally examine the finance and payment methods utilised for the sale of goods at both national and international levels.

8. Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights

Intellectual property by its very nature requires international protection. A number of international agreements have been in existence since the nineteenth century. However, their purpose has been to harmonise and regularise the criteria for protection, as well as provide for reciprocity. Owners of intellectual property must still enforce their rights through national courts and thus rely on the differing methods of interpretation each domestic court may utilise.

Assessment

You will complete 14 pieces of coursework in total each submitted within a delineated timescale, and in some cases interactively with other students. You will also complete two examinations and submit a 20,000-word dissertation.

Duration of Programme

The LLM is normally studied over a 24-month period, but this may be extended to suit your individual needs for up to a maximum of five years.

What's included

All online study materials and student handbooks are supplied. You will be allocated a tutor for academic support by RDI on request, whom you can contact by telephone and email. You will also complete an online induction and have access to an online Virtual Campus administered by RDI.

In Mauritius, you will have access to a programme coordinator at PTC for administrative support and an expert resource person for advice at specific set times.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants will normally have an honours degree in law, or a related subject which contains some legal content, of at least second class standard
- English ability equivalent to an IELTS score of 6.5, where the medium of undergraduate study was not English
- Candidates from legal, professional and business backgrounds may submit evidence of post qualification experience equivalent to the required standard, should their qualification be insufficient.

Enrolment Dates

Four intakes in a year – January, April, July and October.