I am delighted that you are considering the LLM at Oxford Brookes. Knowledge of international law in all its aspects is becoming ever more necessary, not only for those seeking a career in law, but also for those wishing to work in business, in government, and for NGOs involved in development and humanitarian work. We offer a diverse programme which is flexible enough to accommodate both those who wish to specialise in particular areas of international law, and those who prefer to gain a broader understanding of a range of topics in international law.

Mark O’Brien
Head of the School of Law
WHY CHOOSE OXFORD BROOKES?

University study

Experienced academics with specialist knowledge will guide your studies and provide you with the opportunity to broaden your knowledge and develop critical thinking and analytical skills. You will study International Law from the traditional doctrines and principles to the challenges that modern international law faces, in areas such as trade and investment, development and human rights.

Studying at Oxford Brookes gives you access to facilities such as an excellent library and IT resources. You will be able to access sport and leisure activities, student accommodation, a dedicated student careers service, a nursery, medical and dental facilities as well as support services including academic and personal counselling.

Links with the legal profession

The School of Law has strong links with local law firms and legal professionals. Each year we host the Oxford Brookes Law Fair, offering valuable opportunities to meet and network with potential employers.

Career development

You will be offered careers advice and support from your tutors and specialised counsellors at our Careers and Employment Centre, who provide a drop-in service offering one-to-one career coaching sessions and help with completing job applications or interview practice.

Key features of our programme

- A diverse, international student cohort
- Extensive tutor contact time
- A dedicated careers service
- A flexible course with a wide choice of optional modules
- Research training modules
- Based in the magnificent Headington Hill Hall
- Students can choose to study either full-time (1 year) or part-time (2 years)
- All modules are assessed on the basis of coursework. There are no exams
- Opportunities to participate in mooting competitions and student research conferences
- Access to the world-class resources of Oxford’s Bodleian Library

Law at Brookes

Based in the magnificent Headington Hill Hall, the Law School has a long record of excellence and innovation in teaching and has invested heavily in the development of a student-centred ethos.
**Living in Oxford**

Oxford is one of the world’s most beautiful cities, with an abundance of historic buildings. With over 30,000 students, Oxford is not only a centre of education and learning but it is also a rich cultural hub with a wealth of cinemas, theatres and museums, exceeding many other cities of its size.

Oxford has a culturally diverse population and consequently offers multiple dining opportunities as well as bars, clubs and English pubs famous for their legendary customers including J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis. Performances of live music range from classical concerts at the intimate Holywell Music Room to jazz, reggae, rock and indie at venues such as the O2 Academy on Cowley Road. Famous bands, such as Radiohead and Foals, started their careers in Oxford.

Oxford has over 50 parks, meadows and nature reserves to discover, as well as Britain’s oldest botanic garden – ideal spots for a quiet walk or picnic with friends. Of course, your time in Oxford wouldn’t be complete without spending a summer afternoon rowing or puntng on the river.

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**STUDYING IN OXFORD**

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**LAW IN OXFORD**

Oxford is a centre for debate on a wide range of law topics, with conferences, seminars and forums taking place within the universities, the city of Oxford and nearby London. In addition to our own excellent libraries and resource centres, Oxford Brookes also offers you access to the world-renowned Bodleian Law Library.

**Research Seminars**

The School of Law runs an established research seminar series where academics, policy makers and practitioners present their ideas. Oxford Brookes also offers a full calendar of guest lectures across a wide spectrum of interests.

**Law Society**

There is a lively Student Law Society to widen your interests and introduce aspects of law not covered formally. Examples of events hosted by the Law Society include:

- Wine Tasting
- Annual Christmas Ball
- Talks from leading lawyers
- Visits to the Old Bailey and Royal Courts of Justice
INTERNATIONAL LAW

The LLM in International Law provides the opportunity to study the relations between states, individuals, international organisations, and other non-state actors. It encompasses issues relating to the creation of legal obligations, recognition of states, the role of international organisations, liability for international crimes and dispute settlement; as well as questions such as the use of force, environmental protection, human rights and regulation of international trade and investment.

This pathway offers you the widest choice of optional modules; therefore giving you the unique opportunity to tailor the programme to your own interests.

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- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights: Law and Institutions
- Law of International Business Transactions

Semester 2 optional modules
- Advanced Issues of International Business Transactions
- Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Criminal Law
- International Economic Law
- International Humanitarian Law
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- Law, Globalisation and Development

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Olga Chetverikova
LLM International Law alumna

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

Studying the LLM in International Economic Law gives you the opportunity to study international economic institutions and the international law of trade and finance from a contemporary, public law perspective. This course enables students to specialise in a range of key areas, such as the regulatory framework of the global trading system, the resolution of trade disputes, and the legal and policy mechanisms affecting foreign direct investment. It is ideally suited to students with a law, business, economics or other social sciences background.

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Alfred Amadu Veenod Fullah, LLM alumnus

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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

The LLM in International Human Rights Law offers you the opportunity to gain a critical understanding of the history and theoretical underpinnings of international human rights, international and regional human rights systems, and the practical application of human rights norms in a range of contexts. This course is ideally suited to students from a law, history, politics, or other social sciences background.

It is designed to provide the specialist skills and in-depth knowledge that will be attractive to employers in the areas of international legal practice and international development, as well as those who intend to pursue careers in international governmental and non-governmental organisations.

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Advanced Legal Research Methods | International Human Rights: Law and Practice | Dissertation
International Law | Option 1 | 
International Human Rights: Law and Institutions | Option 2 | 
Optional modules
- Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Humanitarian Law

International Intellectual Property Law
- International Labour Law
- International Refugees and Migrants
- Law, Globalisation and Development

In Semester 1, choose two modules from:
- International Economic Law
- International Law
- International Human Rights: Law and Institutions

Semester 2 optional modules
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“The LLM offered by Oxford Brookes has already helped me. It has given me that international profile that is required by all the bodies and agencies of the United Nations. Without this course I would not have had the opportunity to undertake an internship with the UN.”

Stefano Consiglio, LLM International Human Rights Law alumnus

INTERNATIONAL LAW, GLOBALISATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The LLM in International Law, Globalisation and Development provides the opportunity to study the history, theories and application of the concepts of development and globalisation under international law. The course covers contemporary topics such as foreign investment, food security, the right to development and self-determination, post-conflict and transitional countries, and conflicts over energy and resources. Its contemporary and global perspective is ideally suited to students from a law, history, politics, business, economics or other social sciences background.

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- International Environmental Law
- International Humanitarian Law

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“In this experience confirmed my goal of pursuing an academic career at some point and informed my appointment as a short term guest lecturer at the Kenyatta University in Kenya.”

Wanjiku Githuka LLM International Law alumnus
The LLM in International Trade and Commercial Law provides the chance to study how the law relates to commercial endeavours within a globalised economy, from the perspective of the private business actor. It enables you to specialise in areas such as international commercial arbitration, cross-border transactions, international investment law, intellectual property law, anti-corruption, corporate governance and corporate social responsibility.

It is ideally suited to students from a commercial law, business, management, or economics background, who are looking to gain advanced knowledge of the application of legal principles and mechanisms to the world of international commerce.

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**Department research and expertise**

You will be taught by active researchers with strong reputations. They draw on their own research to create a stimulating programme. Our current areas of staff research expertise include:
- Civil Liberties and Criminal Justice
- International Criminal Law and Human Rights
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“The grounding that I now have in international law has allowed me to take on work that I would not previously have been qualified for. For example, I am currently developing a programme of litigation on the issue of counter-terrorism and human rights for an international organisation.”

LLM Alumnus Richard Carver, Associate Lecturer and Human Rights Consultant

94% of our law research was judged to be internationally recognised.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDING SOURCES

Entry requirements

You will normally have, or be predicted to have a good honours degree, or an equivalent degree awarded by a university outside the United Kingdom. The degree may be in Law or in a related discipline. We welcome applications from both non-Law graduates and work experience-based candidates.

If you are new to the academic study of law you will be advised to read a number of recommended texts by way of induction before the course begins. You are also encouraged to attend the induction sessions provided in the week prior to the beginning of the course.

If your first language is not English, proof of language skills must be presented. This could be English Language GCSE or O-level, or an IELTS score of 6.5 (with 6.0 in reading and writing).

If you do not meet this language requirement, Oxford Brookes International offers a number of preparation courses designed to improve your use of English in an academic context. For more information visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international

How to apply

Please apply through UCAS Postgraduate

Funding

- Oxford Brookes graduates are eligible for a 10% discount on postgraduate tuition fees
- The UK government offer postgraduate loans to all eligible UK/EU students

Visit our website for details of scholarships, bursaries and other funding sources. www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/finance

After a varied and interesting career, including service with the Foreign Legion, Metropolitan Police, New Scotland Yard and the New Zealand police force, Jason decided to add academic credentials to his interest in Human Rights. And now, working with UNICEF, Jason reflects on his time at Oxford Brookes.

“I’ve always had an interest in human rights. I had no idea what that meant, but there was an interest. I didn’t understand why so many people were so against human rights and I could not understand how governments could argue about human rights. And so when I read about this course, it seemed to answer these questions.

And that was the key; the course encouraged me to think about and find the answers and ask other questions that I hadn’t thought of before.

The course was presented in a straightforward way and for a mature student, busy with life and a career, this made the process so much easier. The expectations were clear, the content looked interesting; interesting enough to want to commit to hours of reading towards, and I still want to read about it now!

Having LLM after your name does make you stand out from the crowd. For my dissertation I wrote about the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which I think helped me land a job here at UNICEF. That flexibility with the choice of dissertation helped me into my new career. Brookes’ reputation as a good, solid University helps very much in the job market.”

Jason Howard
LLM International Human Rights Law alumnus
School of Law

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