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# LLM MASTER OF LAWS





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# SCHOOL OF LAW

## An introduction from our Head of School



I am delighted that you are considering the LLM Master of Laws at Oxford Brookes. Knowledge of 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 programme with pathways in International Law, Human Rights Law and Commercial Law and International Trade. Ideal for those who wish to specialise in areas of law that apply across the global society in which we live.

There is also the opportunity to cross over traditional boundaries of study, as certain modules are available to all. Making issues such as anti-corruption measures, governance issues and the protection of social welfare available to all students on the programme.

**Mark O'Brien**  
**Head of the School of Law**

# WHY CHOOSE OXFORD BROOKES?

## **Our school**

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.

The School of Law has a long record of excellence and innovation in teaching and has invested heavily in the development of a student-centred ethos.

A range of teaching methods are employed throughout the LLM to provide a high-quality learning experience. This includes lectures, seminar discussions, individual and small group tutorials, case studies, and group/ individual presentations.

Emphasis is placed on skills training, with opportunities to acquire and practise legal reasoning as well as research and IT skills. Assessment methods include coursework, individual and group presentations

## **Professional links**

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.

## **Research and expertise**

Research is fundamental to the Law School. You can choose modules that reflect your research interests, and many students feel moved to continue their academic studies and become specialists. Several former LLM students have chosen to become researchers, publishing and lecturing on their work and graduating to do a PhD.

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
- International Environmental Law
- International Humanitarian Law International Trade and Commercial law
- International Law and International Relations
- Migration and Citizenship
- Property law
- The Interaction of Law and Religion
- The Law of Small Jurisdictions

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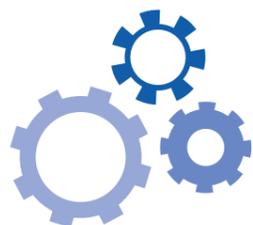
94% of our law research was judged to be internationally recognised.

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## **Key features of our programme**

- Based in the magnificent Headington Hill Hall,
- A diverse, international student cohort
- Extensive tutor contact time and small group teaching
- Access to the world-class resources of Oxford's Bodleian Library
- A dedicated careers service
- Research training available
- 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



# STUDYING IN OXFORD

## *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 punting on the river.



# 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 a choice of optional modules; giving you the opportunity to tailor the programme to your own interests.

| <i>Semester 1</i>               | <i>Semester 2</i>          | <i>Summer</i> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Principles of International Law | International Economic Law | Dissertation  |
| Advanced Legal Research Methods | Option 2                   |               |
| Option 1                        | Option 2                   |               |
| Option 1                        |                            |               |

**Option 1, choose two modules from:**

- International Human Rights Systems
- International Investment Law
- World Trade Law
- Theory of Human Rights

**Option 2, choose two modules from:**

- International Criminal Law
- War Law
- International Refugees and Migrants
- Banking and Financial Law



“Oxford Brookes University has a special feel about it. It is one of those rare places where as a student you are appreciated for your hard work and enthusiasm.”

**Olga Chetverikova**  
LLM Master of Laws alumna

# HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

The LLM in 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 interested in international legal practice, international development, international governmental and non-governmental organisations.

| <i>Semester 1</i>                  | <i>Semester 2</i>                | <i>Summer</i> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Theory of Human Rights             | Law and Practice of Human Rights | Dissertation  |
| International Human Rights Systems | Option 2                         |               |
| Option 1                           | Option 2                         |               |

**Option 1, choose one module from:**

- Inequality, Diversity and Human Rights
- Principles of International Law

**Option 2, choose two modules from:**

- International Criminal Law
- International Refugees and Migrants
- War Law



“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 Master of Laws alumnus

# COMMERCIAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The LLM in Commercial Law and International Trade provides the opportunity 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.

| <i>Semester 1</i>                          | <i>Semester 2</i>                                      | <i>Summer</i> |
|--|--|---------------|
| World Trade Organisation Law               | Advanced Issues of International Business Transactions | Dissertation  |
| Law of International Business Transactions | International Economic Law                             |               |
| Option 1                                   | Option 2   |               |

## Option 1, choose one module from:

- International Corporate Governance
- International Investment Law

## Option 2, choose one module from:

- International Commercial Arbitration
- Banking and Financial Law



“My new qualification has helped me to reach greater heights in my career as a lawyer in an international firm. I have now joined a corporate law team at a leading multinational law firm in Beijing, and am developing even further thanks to my LLM.”

Zheng Lin,  
LLM Master of Laws alumna



# 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](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/international)

## How to apply

Please apply directly to Oxford Brookes.

## 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](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/finance)

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**10%** Discount to Oxford Brookes Alumni

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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 straight-forward 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 Human Rights Law alumnus

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