

Programme Specification (PG)

Awarding body / institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Name of final award and programme title:	LLM Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law
Name of interim award(s):	
Duration of study / period of registration:	2 academic years (variable mode)
QMUL programme code(s):	
QAA Benchmark Group:	
FHEQ Level of Award:	Level 7
Programme accredited by:	
Date Programme Specification approved:	
Responsible School / Institute:	Centre for Commercial Law Studies

Schools / Institutes which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme:

Centre for Commercial Law Studies

Institution(s) other than QMUL that will provide some teaching for the programme:

Programme outline

The Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law (TMT) specialism is an innovative postgraduate programme offering students the opportunity to develop academic and professional expertise in this specialised area of law. The programme of study provides a flexible mix of classroom-based teaching (assessed by formal examinations or coursework) for taught modules, online learning as well as a compulsory research component. One of the distinctive features of the LLM Paris is the exceptionally wide range of modules offered and the flexible structure designed to enable students with work or study commitments to complete the programme on a part time basis without having to interrupt their professional career. This specialism will complement and add to the existing range of modules on the LLM Paris.

Aims of the programme

The programme will enable students to develop a detailed, critical and advanced knowledge of key areas in the specialism to prepare them for a career in the field of IT law or to help them further their existing career. The programme also seeks to broaden and deepen students' understanding of their own legal systems by giving them the opportunity and the tools with which to explore current commercial law issues from an international and comparative perspective. Ultimately, the programme aims to better prepare contemporary lawyers for practising the legal profession in an increasingly globalised world.

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What will you be expected to achieve?

Specialised in-depth coverage of keys subjects within the field of Technology, Media and Communications Law (TMT).

Academic Content:

A 1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key legal principles, issues and debates arising out of the law and practice of chosen subjects
A 2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the practical implications of the legal issues arising within this specialist area
A 3	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of comparative and international approaches to legal issues within this specialist area

Disciplinary Skills - able to:

B 1	Be capable of analysing legal problems and drafting detailed responses addressing the key issues
B 2	Be capable of producing papers through self-study that examine particular legal issues with the intellectual rigour appropriate to post graduate legal students
B 3	Proficiently use legal research resources to carry out appropriate legal analysis for a variety of problems
B 4	Use clear language to effectively communicate ideas, both orally and in writing

Attributes:

C 1	Acquire and apply knowledge in a rigorous way
C 2	Demonstrate self direction and independence in solving complex or unfamiliar problems
C 3	Use clear language to effectively communicate ideas, both orally and in writing

How will you learn?

You will learn through direct interaction with lecturers using a variety of teaching and learning strategies, including traditional

and interactive lectures, small group teaching, seminar sessions and e-learning. You will also be expected to invest a significant amount of time on independent learning including reading materials in advance of lectures/seminars, preparing class presentations or doing assignments. You will also have to carry out research to complete your dissertation. For this purpose you will have access to a variety of legal resources and you will receive training on how to use them for your dissertation.

How will you be assessed?

A variety of assessment strategies will be used. Taught modules are usually assessed by unseen written examinations, but in certain cases other assessment methods may be used, such as in class presentations, take home assignments, a combination of short essays and written examination or assessment entirely based on course essays. The Distance Learning modules will be assessed by short tasks, course essays and 24 hour take home exam style questions. This is in addition to the compulsory requirement to write a dissertation.

How is the programme structured?

Please specify the full time and part time programme diets (if applicable). The description should be sufficiently detailed to fully define the structure of the diet.

The LLM requires students to successfully complete 180 credits by obtaining credits through a combination of:

1. Taught TMT modules in Paris (15 or 30 credits)
2. Online TMT modules (15 credits)
3. Taught modules in Paris (non TMT) (22.5 credits)
4. Compulsory dissertation (45 credits)
5. Research seminar (15 credits)

Students must take at least 90 credits of TMT modules and also write their dissertation in this area to achieve the specialism. They will not be able to take modules containing similar content both in Paris and by DL. By preference we would suggest they follow the Paris TMT modules rather than the equivalent DL module but in certain cases the DL module may be more appropriate for a student.

(Distance Learning Modules are run on a two year cycle - please check module availability)

Academic Year of Study

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Online Banking and Financial Services	CCDM008	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Computer Crime	CCDM009	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Online Dispute Resolution in e-commerce	CCDM010	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Information Technology Outsourcing	CCDM011	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Advanced Intellectual Property Issues: Protection of Computer Software	CCDM013	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Privacy and Data Protection Law	CCDM014	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Advanced IP Issues: Digital Rights Management	CCDM015	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Intellectual Property: Foundation	CCDM016	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Internet Content Regulation	CCDM018	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Information Security and the Law	CCDM019	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Jurisdictional Issues and Dispute Resolution in e-Commerce	CCDM020	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
European Telecommunications Law	CCDM021	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Mergers and Acquisitions in the IT Sector	CCDM025	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
International Telecommunications Law	CCDM026	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
e-Commerce Law	CCDM027	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Online Media Regulation	CCDM028	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Taxation and Electronic Commerce	CCDM029	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Information and Communications Technology and Competition Law	CCDM031	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3

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Broadcasting Regulations	CCDM037	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Regulation of Cross border Online Gambling	CCDM038	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Internet Governance	CCDM039	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Online Trademarks	CCDM040	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Cloud Computing	CCDM043	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Advanced IP Issues: Video Games	CCDM114	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Research Seminar	CCDM044	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
Research Seminar	CCDM091	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3
EU Data Protection Law	QLLP074	30	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Cybercrime and Digital Investigations	QLLP072	30	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Information Technology Transactions	QLLP075	15	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
E-Commerce Law	QLLP073	15	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Cloud Computing Law	QLLP071	15	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Regulation on Media Reporting of the Legal System	QLLP076	15	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Digital Intellectual Property Law	QLLP005	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Licensing Intellectual Property	QLLP014	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
EU and US Design Law	QLLP050A	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
International Law of Patents and Related Rights	QLLP067	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2

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International Intellectual Property Law	QLLP058	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Comparative Law of Patents and Trade Secrets	QLLP066	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
UK, EU and US Copyright Law	QLLP049A	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Current Issues in International Copyright Law	QLLP049B	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
International and Comparative Law of Registered Trademarks	QLLP054	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Competition Law	QLLP061	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
International Investment Arbitration	QLLP036	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
International Commercial Law	QLLP034	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
European and Comparative Conflict of Laws	QLLP011B	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Negotiation Theory and Practice	QLLP039	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
English Contract Law	QLLP059	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
International and Comparative Law of Unfair Competition	QLLP053	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
International Commercial Arbitration (Applicable Laws and Procedures)	QLLP037	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
International Commercial Arbitration (Regulation and Infrastructure)	QLLP038	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
International Commercial Arbitration (Skills and Advocacy)	QLLP033	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
International Commercial Litigation	QLLP011A	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Dissertation	QLLP	45	7	Compulsory		Semester 1 or 2
AI, Robotics and the Law	CCDM047	15	7	Elective		Semesters 1-3

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Corporate Finance Law	QLLP057	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2
Legal Aspects of International Finance	QLLP013A	22.5	7	Elective		Semester 1 or 2

What are the entry requirements?

The usual admissions criteria for the law postgraduate programmes apply.

i.e. a degree in law, or a degree with substantial law content, normally of at least Upper Second Class Honours (or equivalent) - 12/20 in the French licence. The following also qualify for entry to the LLM: a non-law graduate with good Honours who has obtained the equivalent of First Class or Second Class Honours in CPE and Bar Finals/Legal Practice examinations, or passed the solicitors' qualifying examination. In exceptional cases persons not meeting the normal entry requirement may be considered if they have sufficient relevant experience.

- Evidence of English language proficiency will also be required, equivalent to 7.0 overall in an IELTS test with a minimum of 7.0 in writing.
- In order to judge the ability of applicants, emphasis is placed on references.
- Applicants are also required to provide a transcript of their marks (with an official (though not necessarily through a notaire) translation if not in English) from their former college or university.

How do we listen to and act on your feedback?

The Staff-Student Liaison Committee provides a formal means of communication and discussion between schools/institutes and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year in the school/institute together with appropriate representation from staff within the school/institute. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. Staff-Student Liaison Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

Each school/institute operates a Learning and Teaching Committee, or equivalent, which advises the School/Institute Director of Taught Programmes on all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at school level including monitoring the application of relevant QM policies and reviewing all proposals for module and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board. Student views are incorporated in the committee's work in a number of ways, such as through student membership, or consideration of student surveys.

All schools/institutes operate an Annual Programme Review of their taught undergraduate and postgraduate provision. APR is a continuous process of reflection and action planning which is owned by those responsible for programme delivery; the main document of reference for this process is the Taught Programmes Action Plan (TPAP) which is the summary of the school/institute's work throughout the year to monitor academic standards and to improve the student experience. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of the NSS and module evaluations.

What academic support is available?

The Programme Director will provide academic support to students and will be available to address any academic needs on an individual basis.

In addition, the following academic support mechanisms include:

- All module convenors have office hours whereby student students can contact them remotely
- An individual Dissertation Supervisor who is allocated for each student
- A Dissertation workshop
- The Critical Thinking and Writing in Law Programme has designed a series of tailor-made hands-on workshops that allow students to deepen their understanding of the learning strategies required of postgraduate study, and which will help them improve their research and writing skills, and provide them with the confidence necessary to succeed in their LLM.

Programme-specific rules and facts

The LLM Paris is governed by QM general academic regulations and LLM specific regulations. Overall the programme is modelled on the LLM (London) regulations but adapted to specific Paris circumstances in areas such as attendance.

Specific support for disabled students

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate, postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.

Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:

- Finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia
- Applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Arranging DSA assessments of need
- Special arrangements in examinations
- Accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders)
- Specialist one-to-one study skills tuition
- Ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille)
- Providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants)
- Access to specialist mentoring support for students with mental health issues and Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Links with employers, placement opportunities and transferable skills

The Paris LLM has a number of contacts with companies and law firms in Paris and facilitates networking through events, alumni reunions and other activities.

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification:

Laura Edgar

Person responsible for management of programme:

Date Programme Specification produced / amended by School / Institute Learning and Teaching Committee:

Date Programme Specification approved by Taught Programmes Board: