

Programme Specification

Awarding Body/Institution	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching Institution	Queen Mary University of London
Name of Final Award and Programme Title	MRes International Economic Law
Name of Interim Award(s)	N/A
Duration of Study / Period of Registration	12 months full time
QM Programme Code / UCAS Code(s)	
QAA Benchmark Group	Law
FHEQ Level of Award	Level 7
Programme Accredited by	N/A
Date Programme Specification Approved	
Responsible School / Institute	School of Law

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

School of Politics and International Relations

Institution(s) other than Queen Mary that will provide some teaching for the programme

Programme Outline

The proposed MRes in International Economic Law will provide a research pathway for those wishing to pursue a PhD after their masters degree or as part of their ESRC-recognised 1+3 research training for their PhD in Law. The MRes will combine advanced training in wider social science research approaches and methodologies, with specialist study of International Economic Law for those wishing to pursue a PhD. The programme satisfies the research training requirements of the ESRC 1+ element of the 1+3 components. The programme enables the School to continue to attract high quality students eligible for ESRC funding. It provides core training for those students seeking to pursue postgraduate study and ultimately an academic career in the social sciences.

The MRes will provide a subject-oriented taught postgraduate level programme with the required amounts of social science research methods (as determined by the ESRC). Relative to students undertaking the LLM in International Economic Law, MRes International Economic Law students will take additional, more generic social science research training (provided by the DTP).

Aims of the Programme

The aim of the programme is to provide advanced training in wider social science research approaches and methodologies,

combined with specialist study of International Economic Law for those wishing to proceed to a PhD. The programme provides:
advanced knowledge of the law and institutions governing the economic relationships between states and between states and non-state actors
advanced and critical understanding of global economic governance
advanced training to carry out research on International Economic Law issues through the provision of core research training in social science epistemologies, research design and qualitative methods, and quantitative methods and data

What Will You Be Expected to Achieve?

The programme provides opportunities for students to achieve and demonstrate the following learning outcomes.

Academic Content:

A 1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the law governing the international trade, monetary, investment and financial systems
A 2	Explain the purpose and functions of global economic institutions such as WTO and IMF
A 3	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of academic debates surrounding the global regulation of trade, investment, money, finance and knowledge
A 4	Appreciate the economic, political and ideological factors influencing the regulation of international economic activities

Disciplinary Skills - able to:

B 1	Provide general guidance to public authorities, corporations and civil society organizations on the law and institutions concerned with international economic relations between states and between states and non-state actors.
B 2	Apply customary rules for the interpretation of international law for the interpretation of trade, monetary and investment agreements
B 3	Assess the implications of international economic law for the right to protect non-economic 'public interests'
B 4	Identify and navigate through hard and soft of law relevant for international economic governance

Attributes:

C 1	Conduct research of high quality standards, demonstrating competence in using a wide range of resources such as databases, library catalogues and relevant websites
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
C 4	Ability to grasp the essence of long and complex readings in a time-efficient way

How Will You Learn?

You will learn through direct interaction with lecturers using a variety of teaching, learning and assessment strategies, including traditional and interactive lectures, small group teaching, seminar sessions, tutorials 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 be provided with a variety of legal resources and you will receive training on how to use them for your dissertation.

You will have access to a wide range of learning resources within the College. These include: the College Library, the University of London Library at Senate House and the first rate resources of other libraries with London collections (e.g. the British Library); a range of IT resources including networked PCs (with full internet and email privileges), and electronic learning resources (e.g. electronic academic journals).

How Will You Be Assessed?

The core module Introduction to Social Science 1 POLM082 is assessed via coursework comprising a 5,000 word research proposal.

The core module Introduction to Social Science 2 POLM083 is assessed via coursework comprising research project 1 (2,000 words) weighted at 40 percent and research project 2 (3,000 words) weighted at 50 percent.

Assessment on other modules takes a variety of forms including:

Dissertation of 15,000 words

Examination

2 x Course essay 3750 words each

Extended essay of 7,500 words.

Examination.

How is the Programme Structured?

Please specify the full time and part time programme diets (if appropriate).

Students enrolling on this programme will take three compulsory modules (Dissertation, 30 credits, Social Science 1, 30 credits and Social Science 2, 30 credits) and will be able to choose four 22.5 credit modules from the following existing modules already offered on the LLM in International Economic Law

Academic Year of Study

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
International Economic Law	QLLM376	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1

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International Tax Law	QLLM424	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Tax Law: Advanced Topics	QLLM425	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Natural Resources 1	QLLM442	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Natural Resources 2	QLLM443	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Competition Law	QLLM461	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Comparative Competition Law	QLLM462	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Global Intellectual Property: Fundamental Principles	QLLM340	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Global Intellectual Property: Technology and Policy	QLLM341	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
WTO law: Market Access and Non-Discrimination	QLLM370	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
WTO law: Trade Remedies and Regulatory Issues	QLLM371	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Law and Finance in Emerging Economies	QLLM364	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Legal Aspects of Financing Development	QLLM365	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
International Trade and Investment Law of the EU	QLLM387	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Trade, Climate Change and Energy: EU and International Perspectives	QLLM388	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Regulation of Financial Markets	QLLM366	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
International Financial Regulation	QLLM367	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 2
Introduction to Social Science 1: Epistemology, Research Design, and Qualitative Methods	POLM082	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semesters 1 & 2
Introduction to Social Science 2: Quantitative Methods and Data	POLM083	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semesters 1 & 2

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Dissertation 15,000 words	QLLM505	30	7	Compulsory	1	Semesters 1 & 2
Multinational Enterprises 1	QLLM421	22.5	7	Elective	1	Semester 1
Multinational Enterprises 2	QLLM422	22.5	7	Elective	2	Semester 2

What Are the Entry Requirements?

QM entry requirements for the LLM are applicable to the LLM in International Economic Law

How Do We Listen 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.

Academic Support

You will have access to the following academic support mechanisms:

- An individual dissertation supervisor
- Themed dissertation sessions to assist you in exploring possible dissertation topics in more detail
- LLM Research Director will also be available to help with any academic matter that cannot be appropriately handled by the previous support mechanisms
- A Critical Thinking and Writing in Law Programme to help you with academic writing
- LLM Tutors

Programme-specific Rules and Facts

N/A

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 programme provides a deep understanding of International Economic Law as well as developing a range of advanced analytical and research skills. The knowledge and experience will have transferable value in the labour market. Furthermore, the MRes in International Economic Law provides a research pathway for those wishing to pursue a PhD or as part of their ESRC recognised 1+3 research training for their PhD in law and is therefore a stepping stone to an academic career in law.

In terms of transferable knowledge and skills, an MRes International Economic Law graduate will:

have knowledge of International Economic Law and how it applies in real-world situations

have a range of advanced level research skills

be a confident oral and written academic communicator

be a confident independent learner, thinker and worker

be able to work in a group situation, showing empathy and sensitivity for the views of others, but with the ability to interact confidently and persuasively

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification

Dr. G. Gari

Person responsible for management of programme

Dr. G. Gari

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

Date Programme Specification approved by Taught Programmes Board