



Are you a legal practitioner considering postgraduate study?

Discover more about the UQ Master of Laws (LLM) – a postgraduate program custom-built for you.



The UQ LLM provides students with access to an exceptional teaching and learning environment, underpinned by higher quality legal research.

UQ Law School has recently enhanced the Master of Laws (LLM) program to ensure that it meets the needs of the practising profession, through the development of new practical courses which:

- **cover key areas of difficulty and importance in legal practice,**
- **are devised and taught by leading judges, practitioners and legal academics,**
- **are delivered using a seminar-style approach to maximise the interaction with teaching staff, and**
- **are structured with practitioners in mind, with flexible delivery options (on campus and online) and convenient assessment schedules.**

These courses can be taken as part of an LLM program, or on a CPD basis.

What are the requirements of the LLM?

As a practitioner, you are typically required to complete eight taught courses, or a combination of taught courses and dissertation courses. There are no formal specialisations in the program, so you have the freedom to choose courses from a range of areas including public, private and international law subject areas. Various dissertation options are available (semester-long and year-long) to allow you to explore an area of professional interest in depth under the guidance of academic staff.

How long will the LLM take to complete?

The LLM takes the equivalent of 12 months of full-time study. Alternatively, you may choose to undertake the LLM part-time over a longer period to balance work and other commitments.

Can I study the LLM while working full time?

Yes, you can study the LLM part-time. Many of our students are full-time practitioners who take 2-3 years to complete the LLM.

Who will teach me?

Our practitioner-focused courses (see next pages) are taught and assessed by a mix of leading judges, legal academics and practitioners.

What courses are relevant to practitioners?

You can tailor your program to suit your interests and career goals with a range of practitioner-focused courses on offer each year. These courses include *Advanced Studies in Contract Law*, *Commercial Equity Litigation* and *Interpretation of Statutes and Instruments*. You can find details on the practitioner-focused courses offered in 2022 on the following pages.

How will I learn?

Practitioner-focused courses are generally offered as intensives, with the timetable structured to support part-time study. Intensive courses are often scheduled on weekends, and most courses are offered both in-person on campus and online via Zoom.

How will I be assessed?

If you are taking a course as part of the LLM, there are typically two assessment items per course. Assessments vary from course to course, but often comprise a written research paper (essay) and a take-home exam or assignment. If you are taking a course for CPD, there are no formal assessments.

How much will it cost?

The cost of studying a single LLM course (2 units) is \$4,520. The total for the LLM is \$36,160. If you choose to study a course for CPD, the cost is \$2,260.

How can I find out more?

To ask a question or book a call, email our Law School Postgraduate Coordinator, Daniel Lim: pglaw@law.uq.edu.au

“The UQ Master of Laws offered me the flexibility to choose subjects that I was interested in, rather than being stuck doing core subjects that had no practical benefit to my career. The quality of teachers and the custom pathways really mean it is unparalleled.”

- **Brendan Pitman, Solicitor and LLM alumnus.**

Find out how the LLM has shaped Brendan's career in [this article](#).



Practitioner-focused courses offered in 2022

Advanced Studies
in Contract Law
(LAWS7948)

Advanced Studies in Contract Law examines select topics in the formation, modification, vitiation and termination of commercial contracts, including remedies for breach of contract. The course provides in-depth knowledge of contemporary aspects of the law relating to the enforceability and enforcement of contracts; introduces students to a wide range of commercial contracts and contractual disputes; and develops students' ability to predict possible future developments in Australian contract law.

Presented by

Professor Rick Bigwood, Acting Dean of Law

The Honourable Justice David Jackson, Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland

Carriage of Goods
by Sea
(LAWS7876)

Carriage of Goods by Sea covers the legal relations between the parties involved in the carriage and delivery of goods by sea. Students learn about the standard commercial form contracts used in international carriage, as influenced by national statutes and international conventions (such as the Hague-Visby Rules). The approach is commercial in context and international in outlook (considering international conventions) informed by over 150 years of case law experience.

Presented by

Professor Craig Forrest, Director of the UQ Marine and Shipping Law Unit

Ms Rosemary Gibson

Commercial
Equity Litigation
(LAWS7835)

This course explores a range of equitable doctrines and remedies that commonly arise in commercial litigation, including fiduciary obligations, equitable property, trading trusts, equitable relief against forfeiture, tracing and remedies for misappropriated property. *Commercial Equity Litigation* focuses on issues of controversy that have arisen in recent cases, while also providing a practical framework for understanding equitable doctrines and remedies in practice.

Presented by

Samuel Walpole, Barrister

Professor Patrick Parkinson AM

Dr Andrew Fell

Current Issues in
Legal Practice (The
Internet and IT Law)
(LAWS7725)

This applied legal course focuses on business problems and policy issues involving the internet, social media, and information technology (IT) using international and comparative law. Students explore key legal issues faced by IT and social media companies when carrying out business in Australia and internationally. They will also learn how the internet impacts legal issues for 'traditional' businesses.

Presented by

Professor John Swinson

Insurance and
Commercial Law
(LAWS7860)

Insurance and Commercial Law involves students in an advanced examination of the general principles applicable to contracts of insurance including insurable interests, disclosure, misrepresentation, agency, formation of contracts, policy terms and construction, claims, indemnity and regulations. It also covers commercial law considerations for insurance products such as business interruption insurance, professional indemnity insurance, errors and omissions insurance, crime insurance and trade credit insurance.

Presented by

Dr Ian Enright, lawyer, academic and author

Interpretation
of Statutes and
Instruments
(LAWS7709)

This course is designed for lawyers interested in legislation as a distinctive type of law and in problems of interpretation. It reflects on how judges and others interpret statutes and addresses key questions concerning the nature of sound statutory interpretation. Adjunct Professor John McKenna QC teaches the theory and practice of statutory interpretation, throughout the common law world, with particular reference to Australian legal practice.

Presented by

Adjunct Professor John McKenna QC

Legal Reasoning
(LAWS7840)

This course aims to demystify legal reasoning by providing in-depth examples of how lawyers and judges use law to reach conclusions. The course explores a number of different theories of legal reasoning, which are considered through an analysis of various decisions of the High Court of Australia.

Presented by
Professor James Allan, Garrick Professor of Law

Maritime Law
(LAWS7865)

Maritime Law is designed for lawyers and professionals who work for and within the maritime industry, and those who wish to pursue an international career in the private or government sector, or in international trade. The course examines a broad range of maritime legal issues, such as the ownership and flagging of ships, salvage and wreck law, and liabilities arising from incidents such as collisions at sea and marine pollution.

Presented by
Professor Craig Forrest, Director of the UQ Marine and Shipping Law Unit

Mediation and
Conflict Management
(LAWS7851)

Mediation and Conflict Management explores the dynamics of conflict and mediation theory and practice. This course covers the role of mediation as a dispute management process, as well as methods to manage professional conflicts. Students will develop the skills necessary to effectively conduct and meaningfully participate in mediation in a quasi-legal context.

Presented by
Ann-Marie Rice, Executive Director of Dispute Resolution, solicitor and accredited family law specialist

Principles of General
Insurance Law
(LAWS7139)

This course focuses on the statutes and common law principles regulating insurance law. Students will become familiar with legislation such as the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth) and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), as well as the common law principles applicable to insurance contracts.

Presented by
Dr Ian Enright, solicitor, academic and author

Dissertation courses

Semester-long or year-long dissertation options are available for students who wish to explore an area of legal and professional interest in depth under the guidance of academic staff. Dissertations can account for the equivalent of one or two taught courses towards the LLM program. Students may enrol in more than one dissertation course throughout their program.

The full LLM course list can be found on the [UQ Law website](#). If you have questions about LLM courses or applications, contact our Law School Postgraduate Coordinator, Daniel Lim, on pglaw@uq.edu.au.

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