

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's enhanced Master of Laws (LLM) program has been designed to ensure that it meets the needs of the practising profession, by offering a suite of new and practical courses that:

- **cover key areas of difficulty and importance in legal practice,**
- **are developed 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, offering flexible delivery options 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 student, you are typically required to complete eight taught courses, or a combination of taught courses and dissertation courses. To be eligible to commence the program you'll need a degree in law leading to admission to legal practice or an equivalent academic or professional qualification in law+.

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 12-18 months of full-time study depending on your previous qualifications and experience. Alternatively, you may choose to undertake the LLM part-time over a longer period to balance work and other commitments. You have up to 10 years in total to complete the program if you don't opt for full-time study.

Can I study the LLM while working full time?

Yes, you can study the LLM full-time or part-time alongside your work thanks to a range of delivery methods including online, intensive or twilight sessions. Many of our students are full-time practitioners who take 2-3 years to complete the LLM.

Who will teach me?

Our LLM courses (see next pages) are presented 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 courses on offer each year. This includes a wide range of practitioner-focused courses including *Advanced Studies in Contract Law*, *Advanced Civil Litigation*, *Advanced Law of Trusts and Trustees*, *Commercial Dispute Resolution and Mediation* and *Conflict Management*. You can find details on these courses offered in 2024 on the following pages.

How will I learn?

Student learning is guided by a combination of class-based teaching, with self-paced, independent student learning reinforced via online resources.

Learning is supported via face-to-face or online lectures and seminars on campus. There is widespread use of problem-based learning in the LLM program.

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 assessment or assignment. If you are taking a course for CPD, there are no formal assessments.

How much will it cost?

In 2023, the cost of studying a single LLM course (2 units) is \$4,740. The total for the LLM is \$37,920*. If you choose to study a course for CPD, the cost is \$2,370.

"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 2024

Advanced Civil Litigation (LAWS7721)	<p>The purpose of this course is to draw upon the experience of a wide range of leading practitioners to analyse: (a) the purpose and content of the key principles and rules governing civil procedure; and (b) the strategies and approaches which are used in practice to apply these principles and rules to best effect, whilst avoiding common pitfalls.</p> <p>Presented by Adjunct Professor John McKenna KC</p>
Advanced Law of Trusts and Trustees (LAWS7721)	<p>This comparative course introduces students to the key aspects of offshore trusts and carefully examines critical issues that arise across the common law trusts world, onshore and offshore. This course will enable students to gain a thorough and sophisticated knowledge of the modern world of trusts with a corresponding ability to take that knowledge into contemporary commercial practice.</p> <p>Presented by Mr Paul Tracey, Special Counsel, O'Shea and Partners</p>
Commercial Equity Litigation (LAWS7835)	<p>In this course students will critically explore the application of equitable doctrines and remedies with the following three broad categories: commercial arrangements and the conscience of equity; equitable property in a commercial context; and equitable remedies in a commercial context.</p> <p>Presented by Adjunct Fellow, Sam Walpole</p>
Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG), Business and Law (LAWS7725)	<p>In <i>Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG), Business and Law</i>, students will gain a comprehensive and critical understanding of what ESG is, its behavioural drivers and legal frameworks, as well as the risks and opportunities for businesses. This course will be delivered by senior lawyers from global law firm White & Case, in partnership with UQ Law School.</p> <p>Presented by White & Case LLP</p>
Intellectual Property Law (LAWS7708)	<p>This course explores the various forms of intellectual property protection including copyright, passing off, trademarks, designs, patents, confidential information, circuit layout and plant breeders' rights. The course will focus on subject matter that is protected, the pre-conditions for protection, the nature of infringement, and the remedies for infringement.</p> <p>Presented by Dr Allison Fish</p>
International Admiralty and Maritime Law (LAWS7865)	<p><i>International Admiralty and Maritime Law</i> covers maritime liabilities and claims. It covers the enforcement of claims using as central examples collisions, salvage and limitation of liability. It will consider how these liabilities and claims arise and are enforced under international laws, international conventions, and under standard form contracts in use worldwide.</p> <p>Presented by Professor Craig Forrest, Director of the UQ Marine and Shipping Law Unit</p>
International Commercial Dispute Resolution (LAWS7028)	<p>This course deals with a range of mechanisms available for managing international commercial disputes. One of these mechanisms, international commercial arbitration, is a major growth area of legal practice and a widely used dispute resolution method in international business.</p> <p>Presented by Gary Campbell, Solicitor</p>
International Maritime Trade Law (LAWS7876)	<p><i>International Maritime Trade Law</i> covers contracts between the parties involved in the carriage and delivery of goods by sea – including charterparties and bills of lading. It considers complex legal issues involving practical commercial problems, international conventions and standard form contracts in use worldwide.</p> <p>Presented by Professor Craig Forrest, Director of the UQ Marine and Shipping Law Unit Ms Rosemary Gibson</p>

Law of the World
Trade Organization
(LAWS7853)

This course examines the regulation of international trade by member states of the World Trade Organization, including trade in goods and services, investment, intellectual property and dispute settlement.

Presented by
Dr James Munro

Mediation
and Conflict
Management
(LAWS7851)

Mediation and Conflict Management explores the dynamics of conflict and mediation theory and practice. The course will provide an analysis of the framework, principles and values of mediation and other associated methods of dispute resolution. Students will develop the skills necessary for practical mediation, dispute resolution and conflict management.

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

Other courses offered in 2024

In addition to the practitioner-focused courses available as part of the UQ LLM, we also offer a range of other important and unique law courses including:

- Cultural Heritage Law
- Law, Technology and Global Business
- Fundamentals of the Common Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Internet Law, AI and Information Technology Issues
- Current Issues in International Law
- Laws of Armed Conflict
- Principles of International Law
- Refugees, Asylum Seekers and the Law: Rights and Realities
- Theories in Dispute Resolution

To see a range of all courses please visit: law.uq.edu.au/study/postgraduate/llm-courses-2024

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+ Students must be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Executive Dean that you have the requisite knowledge and experience to complete the program. More information about edibility can be found online.