

# Master Programmes in Law

## Taught LLM/MA programmes – General Information

Lancaster University Law School currently runs six taught master programmes on

**Bioethics & Medical Law**  
**Diplomacy and International Law**  
**International Law**  
**International Law and International Relations**  
**International Human Rights and Terrorism Law**  
**International Business and Corporate Law**

Each programme has its own focus, but shares some common elements. All our programmes

- Run over 12 months (full time) or 24 months (part-time),
- Include a compulsory non-assessed module in research methods and study skills
- Consist of five taught modules (including both required core modules and options) taught from October to March.
- Require a dissertation written under supervision from April to September.

For further information about the modules offered and their content, please access our web pages <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/law/prospective/postgrad/index.php> .

### What are the entry requirements?

We welcome applications from students holding (or expecting) a good second class (normally a 2:1 classification from a UK University) or equivalent. *We do not require a degree in law.* However, if you do not have a law background, some additional readings may be assigned. For those whose first language is not English, a good reading and writing knowledge of English is required. This may be evidenced by having successfully studied at university level courses taught in English, or by achieving the specified level of qualification. The University's basic requirement is a TOEFL score of 600 or IELTS of 6.5. or equivalent.

### How are the degrees taught?

We pride ourselves at Lancaster in offering relatively small group teaching that allows for a good interaction between staff and students. Most modules are taught by ten two hours seminars. At the beginning of each module, students will normally be given a reading list and are expected to prepare in order to be an active participant in the discussions. Students may often be called upon to make presentations and are expected to attend all seminars.

## **What support will I have for writing the dissertation?**

The research methods and study skills course will provide an invaluable basis for writing the dissertation. In addition every student is allocated a supervisor who will meet with the student regularly to advise and monitor the progress of the student.

## **How are the modules assessed?**

All our modules are assessed on coursework (essays) written in each of the six taught modules, and a final dissertation. Each essay is of 5,000 words, while the dissertation is of 20,000 words. The Pass mark is 50% and the Merit award is 65%, work receiving more than 70% represents Distinction level work.

## **On what basis is the degree awarded?**

The degrees are awarded on the basis of the marks obtained in the modules and dissertation, in accordance with University regulations. The pass mark is 50% and students with very good performance may be awarded either a Merit or a Distinction.

## **What are the fees and funding opportunities**

Up to date information about fees and funding opportunities can be found at the following web-sites:

<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/admissions/postgrad.htm>

<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/gradschool/funding/>

<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/law/prospective/postgrad/funding.htm>

## **How do I get further information?**

If you want further information you may visit our web-pages at <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/law/> or contact our Postgraduate Coordinator:

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