

About the course

The LLM in Advanced Legislative Studies offers a unique opportunity to drafters, legal officers, policy makers and those interested in the process of lawmaking and in drafting to study the legislative environment and legislation as a tool for regulation.

The programme aims to promote an understanding of the principles of legislative studies and an in-depth awareness of what constitutes legislative quality and how this can be achieved. Legislative drafting is often perceived as a technical skill that one learns on the job. The view of the Institute's Sir William Dale Centre for Legislative Studies is that legislative drafting is a practical discipline requiring awareness of the theoretical principles of drafting along with experience on the job. Legislative drafting has evolved to become the bedrock of political, economic and social transformation. It is still, however, relatively unexplored as an academic discipline. The LLM examines issues related to the policy process, the legislative process and the drafting process.

The programme is not prescriptive and allows participants to naturalize their knowledge and apply it in their own national environments. Capped class numbers allow individualized tuition. Alumni are usually employed by governments and international organizations.



How will this course benefit me?

The LLM is aimed at those seeking a career in legislative drafting, those already working as legislative drafters or those who want a career in, or are already working for, organizations that produce different types of draft normative acts. Many of our students are mid-career drafters employed by government (for example, by AG Chambers, the Ministry of Justice or other ministries). We also have students who work for or aim to work for NGOs that propose normative acts to governments.

Degree overview

The LLM in Advanced Legislative Studies has been offered by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies with considerable success since 2004. The programme can be studied at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London or by distance learning from a location elsewhere in the world. Students based in London can undertake the programme on either a full- or part-time basis. Students based elsewhere must undertake the programme on a part-time basis over two years.

The programme offers two options, the Common Law Direction and the EU Direction.

The Common Law direction includes Comparative Legislative Studies 1 and 2, Legislative Drafting 1 and 2, Themes of Legislative Studies 1 and 2, and a 15,000 word dissertation.

The EU Direction includes EU Legislative Studies 1 and 2, the Jean Monnet Module 'Legislating for EU Membership and Accession', the Jean Monnet module 'Theories of European Integration', Themes of Legislative Studies 1 and 2, and a 15,000 word dissertation.

Part-time students take four modules in the first year of study and two modules and the dissertation in the second year of study.

Structure

The Common Law direction core modules

- LLM Research Methods Training
- Comparative Legislative Studies 1 and 2
- Legislative Drafting 1 and 2
- Themes of Legislative Studies

The EU direction core modules

- LLM Research Methods Training
- EU Legislative Studies 1 and 2
- The Jean Monnet Module 'Legislating for EU Membership and Accession'
- The Jean Monnet module 'Theories of European Integration'

Dissertation

Lecturing and teaching

Those studying the course in London participate in lectures, seminars, and face-to-face discussions with tutors and other students. Those studying the course by distance learning receive access to extensive materials delivered online and by email and participate in online discussions with tutors and other students.

All students undertake private reading and independent research and benefit from individual tuition and support. All students are assigned a personal dissertation supervisor.

Students undertaking the course by distance learning are required to attend a week-long intensive residential induction in London. This gives students a chance to meet the tutors and other students and to start their studies with the maximum level of support.

Course summary

LLM in Advanced Legislative Studies

Degree code: JTALS

Credit value: 180

Degree structure

Two available directions, Common Law or EU, each consisting of six compulsory modules and a dissertation of 15,000 words

Mode of study

12 months full time or 24 months part time. Part-time students take four modules in the first year of study and two modules and the dissertation in the second year of study.

Fees 2017-18

Home and EU students: full-time, £8,320 | part-time, £4,160 Overseas students: £13,260

LLM in Advanced Legislative Studies via distance learning

Degree code: JTDIL **Credit value:** 180

Degree structure

Two available directions, Common Law or EU, each consisting of six compulsory modules and a dissertation of 15.000 words.

Mode of study

24 months part time only. Part-time students take four modules in the first year of study and two modules and the dissertation in the second year of study.

Fees 2017-18

Part-time home and EU students: £4,680 for two years Part-time overseas students: £8,840 for two years

For further details, visit ials.sas.ac.uk/node/27



Learn more

For details of entry requirements, tuition fees, funding opportunities, English language requirements, disability support, accommodation and how to apply, please consult the School graduate study webpages. Detailed course descriptions and information about assessment are available on the Institute's graduate study webpages.

School graduate study webpages: sas.ac.uk/graduate-study

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The **Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS)** was founded in 1947 as a national academic institution serving all universities through its national legal research library. Its function is to promote, facilitate and disseminate the results of advanced study and research in the discipline of law, for the benefit of persons and institutions in the UK and abroad. Its areas of speciality include arbitration and dispute settlement, company law, comparative law, economic crime, financial services law and legislative studies and law reform, and the legal profession and delivery of legal services. The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is a member institute of the University of London's School of Advanced Study.

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