The Dickson Poon School of Law



A specialist LLM International Business Law Led by a team of distinguished academics and practitioners, the King's LLM in International Business Law will provide you with an edge in the practice of international business law.

With a focus on international trading and business and international financial transactions, you may also choose to learn about the resolution of international business disputes through international litigation and arbitration.

The modules will provide you with a practitioner perspective and related skills, and equip you to practice with a major law firm or multinational corporation.

Q&A with Professor Ravi Tennekoon



Professor Ravi Tennekoon has been programme leader for the specialist LLM in International Business Law at King's for many years.

What does the specialism in International Business Law mean for the future careers of students?

The range of modules in this LLM Specialism is wider than the related LLM in International Financial Law. It will be of most value to students who wish to combine a practice in finance and banking with a practice in international business. In that sense, it would be of interest to students who are keen to have a broader array of career options in international business, banking and finance and, of course, to those who wish to embark on a career in commercial arbitration and litigation.

How practical are the modules in this specialism?

Just like the specialism in International Financial Law, this programme is also highly practice oriented as well as being multi-jurisdictional and problem solving in the approach of the core modules. We also cover comparative aspects of the law in subjects like Transnational & Comparative Commercial and Financial law, to show how different jurisdictions compare and equally important regulation of trade under the aegis of the World Trade Organisation as well as the taxation of international business.

How much exposure does a student get to the common law in these modules?

In practice, a large majority of international finance and business transactions are governed by English and New York law and this is reflected in each of the various modules. As a student here, you will obtain significant familiarity with common law legal rules and concepts and the common law approach to legal problem solving but, you need not have a background in the common law to take most of the modules in this specialism.



Key facts

PROGRAMME LEADER: PROFESSOR RAVI TENNEKOON AWARDING INSTITUTION: KING'S COLLEGE LONDON CREDIT VALUE (UK/ECTS EQUIVALENT): UK 180/ECTS 90 DURATION: ONE YEAR FULL TIME, TWO TO FOUR YEARS PART TIME, FROM SEPTEMBER TO SEPTEMBER LOCATION: STRAND CAMPUS OFFERED BY: THE DICKSON POON SCHOOL OF LAW, KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

Study and assessment

In the first and second semester you study your selection of taught modules (half and full). These are in most cases assessed in the third semester (May/ June) by written examination, or in some cases by the submission of an assessed essay. Dissertation essays must be submitted in September, after the May/ June examinations.

Benefit from our global expertise

Professor Ravi Tennekoon

Professor Tennekoon has taught the Law of International Finance at King's for many years. Previously he was a full time practitioner and a Partner in the global law firm Herbert Smith in London in international capital markets and banking. Subsequently, he was Global Head of Legal for Financial Markets with a major European investment bank and was responsible globally for legal work in the bank's major global centres. In 1996 he was selected by the Chambers Directory of lawyers as one of the leading lawyers in international capital markets. He is the author of The Law and Regulation of International Finance (Butterworths). He was a lecturer and tutor in laws at Trinity College, University of Oxford, after reading law on a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford.

Teaching modules: Law of International Finance 1, 2 & 3

Professor Djakhongir Saidov, Co-head of International Business Law LLM

Professor Saidov specialises in international commercial law, having joined The Dickson Poon School of Law in August 2015 as Professor of Commercial Law.

He was previously based in the University of Birmingham, where he was Reader in Law (2013-2015), Senior Lecturer in Commercial Law (2009-2013) and Lecturer in Commercial Law (2004-2009).

Johnny Veeder QC

A member of Essex Court Chambers, and practising at the English Bar from 1972 to date, specialising in all aspects of commercial law and international trade, including foreign investment and international commercial arbitration. He has appeared as advocate or arbitrator in arbitration proceedings in London, The Hague, Paris, Brussels, Switzerland, Stockholm, Singapore, Hong Kong and the USA. He was the co-founder and has been General Editor of Arbitration International; is a member of the UK delegation to UNCITRAL; and is a Vice-President of the LCIA Court.

Teaching module: International Commercial & Investment Arbitration

Dr Michael Schillig

Michael is a Senior Lecturer in International Commercial & Financial Law at King's College London. He read law at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, obtained his LLM from King's College London and his Dr.iur from Humboldt University Berlin. In 2011 he was a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. Michael has previously taught at the Universites in Passau, Sheffield, Helsinki and Lisbon. As a Rechtsanwalt, he advises on crossborder insolvency law and corporate law cases involving mainly Germany, UK and the US.

Teaching module: Transnational & Comparative, Commercial & Financial Law

Available study modules

Examples of modules available with the International Business Law LLM*

- Restitution Of Unjust Enrichment
- International & Comparative Trust Law
- International Business Litigation
- International Tax Law
- International Trade & Shipping Law
- Law Of International Finance 1
- Taxation Of Business Enterprises
- Transnational & Comparative Commercial & Financial Law
- World Trade Law

- International Investment Law
- Transnational Corporate Restructuring
- Corporate Governance
- Law Of International Finance 2 International Project Finance & Loan Sales
- Law Of International Finance 3 Securitisations Derivatives & CDOS
- Electronic Commerce Law
- International Investment Arbitration

* Please note that the printed modules are accurate at time of print. These modules are subject to change and we advise all prospective students to view the available module list at the time of application on the website (www.kcl.ac.uk/law).

- International Commercial Arbitration
- Competition Law In Financial Services
- International & Comparative Oil & Gas Law
- Transnational Property Law
- Law Of Restitution
- Insurance of Commercial Risks
- Principles of Insurance Law
- Reinsurance Law

WHAT STUDENTS AND ALUMNI HAVE TO SAY ABOUT OUR SPECIALIST LLM IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW

'I decided to apply to King's College London because in France it is a well-known and prestigious university. As I am going to start working at the beginning of next year, I thought that adding King's to my resume would be a good enhancer for my career. As I am interested in various specialities, namely the areas of Mergers & Acquisitions and the capital markets, I wanted to be on a specialist pathway that could encompass all of my aspirations. The International Business Law specialism enables students to follow classes both related to Corporate Law and Financial Law. As such, it was the best way for me to acquire a practical and useful knowledge in all the subjects that interest me.'

CHARLOTTE FERRAN, FRANCE

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I graduated from the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law and then joined Croatia's Foreign Service. After being posted to the Croatian Embassy in London I decided to pursue postgraduate studies at King's College London. I chose the King's LLM because of the range of courses offered and the flexibility in tailoring the programme that best suited my interests and ambition.

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I was instantly drawn to the International Financial Law specialism because of the emphasis on practical aspects of international finance and the quality of teaching. I gained valuable insight into the workings of financial institutions operating in today's global markets, which allowed me to successfully pursue career opportunities in the City of London. Now I am with the Compliance & Conduct Risk Team at the Lloyds Banking Group.'

FILIP NJAVRO, ASSISTANT COMPLIANCE MANAGER, LLOYDS BANK