Transnational Law LLM

This LLM is the only course of its kind to teach core legal courses from a distinctly transnational perspective. With the globalisation of law at its centre, it prepares graduates for a career in a fast-changing global context, teaching competence to analyse complex legal problems through solid legal doctrine, training in transnational legal cultures, lawyerly practice, legal theory, and law’s global socio-economics.

Key benefits

- Taught by world leaders in their fields with a strong emphasis on rigorous analysis combined with ‘thinking outside the box’.
- Modules will investigate through an interdisciplinary lens the co-existence of different normative orders and discuss issues of jurisdiction, legal pluralism, indigenous law and the tension between ‘hard’ and ‘soft’ law with a view to addressing urgent transnational legal problems of poverty, climate change, financial governance and post-conflict justice.

Course details

The course will cover key areas in public law from a transnational law perspective, including human rights, development, refugee law, criminal law, policing and security and the interplay between domestic and international organisations.

With view to transnational private law, it covers corporate governance, corporate restructuring, commercial arbitration, labour law, business and human rights, and family law. It will also offer modules in transnational legal theory and legal sociology as well as a module on law, artificial intelligence and society.

This pathway provides an in-depth engagement with required areas of transnational law today, it offers an unprecedented opportunity for students preparing for a career in global private practice, as in-house counsel or international public service, the non-profit sector or an international organisation or with adjudicatory bodies, agencies and networks.
Teaching
Teaching on the LLM course is delivered through a combination of lectures and seminars. In modules with smaller numbers of students, there is usually two hours of seminar-style teaching a week. In larger courses (i.e. with more than 40 students enrolled) there will typically be a combination of a two-hour lecture and a number of additional seminars. This means that usually students will have 6 to 10 contact hours a week.

The following table will give you an idea of what a typical academic week might look like.

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Contact time is based on 24 academic weeks (one reading week per semester may apply depending on module choices), whereas self-study time is based on 31 academic weeks.

The total notional study hours for the LLM are 1,800. Notional study hours comprise formal teaching and learning activities, such as lectures and tutorials, as well as assessments and independent research and study.

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment
The majority of modules are assessed by a two or three-hour exam. Alternatively, some modules are assessed through coursework. In addition to coursework and exams, a percentage of your final mark may be based on, for example, presentations, reaction papers or other assignments.

The study time and assessment methods detailed above are typical and give you a good indication of what to expect. However, they may change if the course modules change.

Regulating body
King’s College is regulated by the Office for Students.

Course structure
Courses are divided into modules. Full time students will normally take modules totalling 180 credits. Part time students are recommended to take 80 credits of taught modules in Year 1 and 40-60 credits of taught modules, plus a writing project in Year 2.

Required modules
You are required to take one of the following writing projects:
- Dissertation (40 credits)
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- 10,000 word practice or research module (40 credits) **AND**
- Transnational Law: Actors, Norms, Processes - Foundations & Perspectives (20 credits) – Taught Module

Optional modules
In addition, you are required to take 120-140 credits from a range of optional modules. Students taking the Transnational Law pathway must ensure that at least 120 credits are taken within that pathway. This can consist of optional modules alone or a combination of optional modules and a writing project, providing its content is relevant to the pathway.

The range of optional modules may typically include:
- Financial Risk Stability & Regulation (20 credits)
- International Refugee Law (20 credits)
- Transnational & Comparative Contract & Moveable Property Law (20 credits)
- Transnational Corporate Restructuring (20 credits)
- Human Rights Law: International and Transnational Perspectives (40 credits)
- Sociology of Law, Legal Culture & Transnational Challenges (20 credits)
- The Transnational Regulation of Global Networks (20 credits)
- Business and Human Rights (20)
- Transnational & International Criminal Law (20 credits)
- Law and Society in China (40 Credits)
- International and Comparative Environmental Law (20 Credits)
- Law, Artificial Intelligence and Society (20 credits)
Career Prospects

In a competitive world we can give you the competitive edge to take your career to the next level. That’s why you’ll find our LLM course is supplemented by opportunities to develop your skills and professional networks.

The result is that students are presented with a wide range of employment destinations when they leave; from positions at the European Central Bank, European Commission and UN to commercial roles as investment bank analysts, tax or public affairs advisers, as well as careers in the legal profession; accountancy; management consultancy; human rights organisations and other voluntary bodies; academia.

Fees and funding

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – UK

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – EU

Students starting their programme in 2019/20 (September 2019) who are eligible to pay EU fees will pay the same rate of tuition fees as UK students. This will apply for the duration of their programme, but may be subject to change by the UK Government for subsequent cohorts from 2020/21.

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Full-time and part-time tuition fees – International

The International tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Deposit

When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.

The International deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website: www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

• books if you choose to buy your own copies
• clothing for optional course related events and competitions
• library fees and fines
• personal photocopies
• printing course handouts
• society membership fees
• stationery
• travel costs for travel around London and between campuses
• graduation costs.

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