A specialist LLM
International Dispute Resolution
Few areas of law are as rapidly developing, challenging and exciting as the field of international dispute resolution.

Combining lecturers from London’s unparalleled community of leading practitioners and its own world-renowned faculty, King’s offers a specialist LLM that will introduce you both to the basics and cutting-edge issues in international dispute resolution – all of that in the heart of one of the legal centres of the world.

Prepare for a global career

Dr Holger Hestermeyer, The Shell Reader in International Dispute Resolution and programme leader of the LLM in International Dispute Resolution (IDR), explains the benefits of the specialist LLM in IDR.

As technology, trade and transportation have reduced the significance of borders, trans-frontier activity, international disputes and the use of mechanisms to resolve them have grown exponentially. Few corporations do not resort to international commercial arbitration. The Court of Justice of the European Union is seeing ever more cases and the European Court of Human Rights is barely able to keep up with its caseload. Investor-state dispute settlement has moved from being an obscure area of international law to one of the most-discussed political issues of our day.

In the 21st century, only an attorney with a sound knowledge of these mechanisms will be able to give her clients the best possible advice.

King’s LLM in international dispute resolution (IDR) will introduce you to the whole breadth of IDR. The program includes three mandatory modules (on private, public international and EU law mechanisms as well as on current developments in IDR) and more than a dozen optional modules. Not-for-credit optional seminars allow you to catch up on public international and EU law if you have no prior knowledge in the areas.

Numerous events with guest speakers offered by the King’s community and the chance to study with and learn from King’s outstanding and diverse student body allow you to build friendships and contacts with your peers from all over the world.

Key facts

- **PROGRAMME LEADER:** DR HOLGER HESTERMeyer
- **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

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Faculty

The faculty in international dispute resolution brings together world-leading scholars and practitioners. King’s academics teaching in the pathway include Silvia Borelli, David Caron, Jan Dalhuisen, Florian Grisel, Holger Hestermeyer, Mihael Jeklic, Nima Mersadi Tabari, Octavio Luiz Motta Feraz, Federico Ortino, Nicola Palmer, Eva Pils, Eloise Scotford, Takis Tridimas*. Practitioners teaching in the LLM on IDR include:

- Dr Paul Key, QC, a barrister at Essex Court Chambers is one of the leading QCs for international arbitration and, in 2012, was awarded the Chambers UK Bar Award as International Arbitration Junior of the Year.

- Toby Landau, QC, a barrister at Essex Court Chambers, has arbitrated more than 100 international cases and was one of the draftsmen of the English arbitration act, the Pakistan Arbitration Ordinance and the IBA Rules on Evidence.

- Tim Otty, QC, a barrister at Blackstone Chambers, has appeared in more than 40 cases before the ECtHR and in three cases before SCOTUS. In 2008 he was recognised by the National Council for Civil Liberties as Human Rights Lawyer of the Year.

- VV Veeder, QC, a barrister at Essex Court Chambers, is one of the world’s leading arbitrators. He is an ICCA Governing Council Member, Vice-President of the LCIA, UK Delegate to UNCITRAL. He has held numerous other positions, including general editor of *Arbitration International*.

- Sam Wordsworth, QC, a barrister at Essex Court Chambers working on public international law and arbitration, who has represented many governments before courts including the ICJ, ITLOS and numerous arbitrations.

King’s Forum on International Dispute Resolution

King’s law students benefit from an impressive range of events organised by the law school. As to IDR, the King’s Forum invites distinguished speakers to present on the latest developments in various areas of IDR. Former speakers include the former Vice-President of ITLOS, the President of the LCIA and the South African member of the ILC. The Shearman & Sterling International Arbitration Speakers Series in association with King’s offers additional events in the field.

Every year, one former King’s student has the opportunity to kick-start her or his career in international dispute resolution by working as an assistant legal counsel of the Permanent Court of Arbitration as a King’s Forum fellow for a year.

Available study modules

Examples of modules available in the LLM on International Dispute Resolution*

***Mandatory modules***

- Introduction to IDR (international and EU law mechanisms)
- Introduction to IDR (private mechanisms)
- Current Developments in IDR
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Investment Arbitration
- International Investment Law
- Oral Advocacy in IDR
- World Trade Law
- Transnational & International Criminal Law
- Judicial Protection in the EU
- Negotiation
- Introduction to Transnational Litigation
- Transnational Human Rights Litigation
- Global Law of Climate Change
- Arbitration of International IP Disputes

*[Please note that lecturers and 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).*

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.
'As companies move into emerging and frontier economies, international disputes increasingly raise complex issues that are not conducive to resolution by traditional litigation mechanisms. More than ever, such disputes require lawyers with a specialised set of skills and a broad understanding of cross-border legal and cultural issues. With its all-star faculty, innovative curriculum and a location in the heart of London’s legal community, the Dickson Poon School of Law’s LLM Pathway in International Dispute Resolution is an ideal training ground for future generations of leaders in the field of international dispute resolution. I only wish there had been a similar programme when I was in law school!'

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