

International Dispute Resolution

The LLM in International Dispute Resolution permits students to gain advanced knowledge of the means by which cross-border disputes are resolved. In particular, the aims of this programme will include the study of international laws and regulations, including the various international treaties and conventions that may apply to cross-border disputes, and domestic laws which implement these obligations. In addition to this, students will also examine prevailing theories and existing literature of both the private/commercial side of dispute resolution (i.e. commercial arbitration) and the public aspect of international dispute resolution (international law/investment arbitration). This will enable students to understand both the domestic and the international context within which commercial arbitration, Investor-state arbitration and commercial mediation operate.

These aims will be pursued in the context of a variety of different areas of international dispute resolution, including:

- Commercial Arbitration;
- Investor-State Arbitration
- Commercial Mediation;
- Private International Law;
- Digital Governance;
- Domestic and International Investment Law Regimes; and,
- International Commercial Court Practices.

Under the programme, students must follow three core modules, and choose from a range of optional modules. The compulsory modules ensure students secure a grounding in the fundamentals of international dispute resolution, and acquire and practice key research skills. The optional modules allow students to develop their knowledge of more specialised areas of the related commercial and private international law knowledge.

Core Modules:

International Commercial Arbitration

This module is intended to equip students in-depth knowledge of the laws relating to mainstream and contemporary forms of international commercial arbitration. Students will develop an understanding of key aspects of the contemporary debates on international arbitration and its relationship with wider issues and will develop an understanding of the key legal concepts, principles and doctrines which underpin international arbitration. Students will develop a critical understanding of the policy issues and the methods of interpretation and application of national, regional and international commercial arbitration. This module enables students to acquire

Investor-State Arbitration

This module helps students to critically review existing law and/or practices in relation to specific aspects of international investment arbitration and to write a substantial and well-researched piece of work on specific aspects of international investment arbitration; students will develop expertise relating to international investment arbitration in conducting legal research using materials from a variety of national, regional and international sources; students will demonstrate an ability to explore complex issues creatively in writing on relevant legal matters. Students will be able to undertake discovery-enriched independent research.

Commercial Mediation

This module equips students to identify and use the leading primary and secondary sources relevant to a given legal issue, and to be able to use them to reach informed and reasoned conclusions on points of law. Students will be able to identify the legal issues relevant to a specific problem and to analyse and evaluate the existing law in light of the legal, social, political and moral questions raised. Students will engage in an informed debate concerning current proposals for reform and to interpret and critically analyse the jurisprudence in commercial mediation.

Optional modules (include)*

- International Sales Law
- International Commercial Dispute Resolution
- International Investment Law
- Cross Border Commercial Litigation
- International Trade Law & Policy

**Not all modules will run every year.*

