

International Lawyers Programme 2009



The College of Law is the UK's leading provider of professional development for lawyers. We are focused exclusively on equipping legal practitioners at all levels with the knowledge and skills they need to further their careers and meet their continuing professional development requirements.

The College, a leading training provider to international lawyers for many years, is a pioneer in the use of electronic interactive learning methods. We are also the leading provider of the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test for international lawyers wishing to practise in England and Wales.

The International Lawyers Programme is a structured training programme at Masters level delivered through a joint initiative by The College of Law, the Law Society of England & Wales and the European Lawyers Association.

A key part of the programme is the 3 month practical attachment within a law firm or an in-house legal department. Over the years we have forged impressive links with many leading London law firms and corporate leaders who endorse the programme as highly valuable for participants and law firms alike. This placement experience gives overseas lawyers the opportunity to demonstrate their expertise in their field, put into practice their newly gained knowledge of English law and practice and offers invaluable networking opportunities for the future.

Key outcomes

- practical training by qualified solicitors/barristers
- an in-depth exposure to the legal system of England and Wales
- earn two thirds towards an LL.M in Professional Legal Practice
- potential dual-qualification through QLTT
- an internationally recognised qualification
- practice lead personal and professional development that may not be available in your own jurisdiction
- superb networking opportunities

Who should attend

The programme is open to a small and select group of lawyers who have excellent written and oral English skills (at least equivalent to IELTS 7.5), who wish to become international practitioners. The programme will commence in May 2009.

The programme

The International Lawyers Programme is modular. For the first three weeks of the programme you will study Principles of Common Law. Three commercial law modules will then follow.

You must study and complete all modules and a compulsory Assignment, together these components add up to 120 credits at M (Masters) level.

There are three commercial Modules on the programme and, once completed, you will have the option to continue with your studies to complete your LLM; which requires 180 credits M(Masters) level. You can choose which Modules to study in line with your career goals and aspirations.

The modules

- Principles of Common Law – topics to include: Introduction to the English Legal System, Contract Law, Tort Law.
- Commercial Law – topics to include: Intellectual Property Rights, Domestic Sale of Goods, International Sale of Goods, Agency and Distribution Agreements, Exploiting IP Rights.
- Mergers and Acquisitions – topics to include: share and business sale transactions, confidentiality agreements, financing the transaction.
- Banking – topics to include: chronology of banking transaction, lending, representation & warranties, guarantees & securities and loan sales.

The learning approach

Each module utilises a blended learning package of face to face workshops, on-line learning through I-tutorials, examinations in all subjects and includes a final assignment completed in the practical attachment. There are also further examinations in some QLTT subjects for those eligible.

Assessments – each module will be assessed by one formal written examination per Module. In addition, an assignment of 15,000 words should be completed whilst in the practical attachment.

Completion

At the conclusion of a six month programme, successful candidates will have the option to continue study through supervised learning to achieve a Masters (LLM) in Professional Legal Practice.

The College recognises that not all candidates on the programme may wish to complete the LLM. There are provisions for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice for candidates who complete 120 credits at M (Masters) level with the College.

Practical attachment

Please note that every effort is made to secure placements for participants on the programme, however this is not guaranteed. To avoid disappointment, applicants are advised to use their own contacts to arrange a suitable placement.

Fees

The cost of the programme is £6000 per participant, payable in advance. Additional modules required to gain an LLM qualification (programme commencing May 2009) are charged per module.

This cost includes all course materials but excludes the cost of travel to and accommodation in London, which must be organised independently.

Please note, a further £600 is payable for those wishing to complete the full QLTT.

Application process

There is no closing date for applications, but there are only a few places and these will be filled by successful applicants on demand. Application forms can be downloaded from the website at www.college-of-law.co.uk. Please submit them to:

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The Law Society represents 135,000 solicitors in England and Wales. From negotiating with and lobbying the profession's regulators, government and others, to offering training and advice, we're here to help, protect and promote solicitors across England and Wales.

About the ELA

The European Lawyer Association (ELA) was founded in 1985 by the alumni of the British Council's European Young Lawyers Scheme (EYLS). The ELA was set up with a view to maintaining the professional and social contacts established during the scheme, and to build upon and further develop these links with past and future participants and UK practitioners. The ELA counts some 500 members. For further information visit www.european-lawyers.org

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