

# KNOW THE LAW LEAD THE WAY



# Flexible. Comprehensive. International law expertise.

Are you ready to take on the challenging but rewarding world of compliance and governance?

Whether you are a lawyer or not, the LLM International Commercial Law (online) programme equips you with in-demand skills and knowledge to navigate the intricacies of international commerce.

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# A growing demand

The demand for experts in compliance, governance, and international business law has never been higher. Professionals who master these areas can step into roles within corporations that often provide better compensation and more balanced workloads than traditional legal practice. At UWE Bristol, 91% of graduates are in employment or further study.

## Compliance Officer

Ensures organisations adhere to global laws and regulations, using the LLM's emphasis on legal frameworks and governance.

## Corporate Legal Counsel

Provides in-house legal expertise for companies, applying comprehensive legal knowledge gained from the LLM to manage corporate matters and compliance effectively.

## Contracts Manager

Needed in every large corporation, manages and negotiates contracts, leveraging skills from the LLM in international contract law.

## Policy Advisor

Shapes and advises on policy in global bodies, supported by the LLM's training in issues of international trade and commerce.

## Legal Consultant

Offers expert legal advice, drawing on the LLM's coverage of global commercial law and complex business regulations.

## Regulatory Affairs Advisor

Both in-house or as a freelancer, oversees compliance with laws and policies, benefiting from the LLM's insights into regulatory frameworks.

## Academic or Legal Researcher

Conducts in-depth legal research and teaching, building on the LLM's strong research component and critical analysis skills.

## International Commerce Lawyer

For existing lawyers, specialises in the legal aspects of banking and finance, backed by the LLM's focus on international financial law.

**Questions about your potential career prospects?**

[Book a meeting with our Enrolment Success Team!](#)

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# Why UWE Bristol?

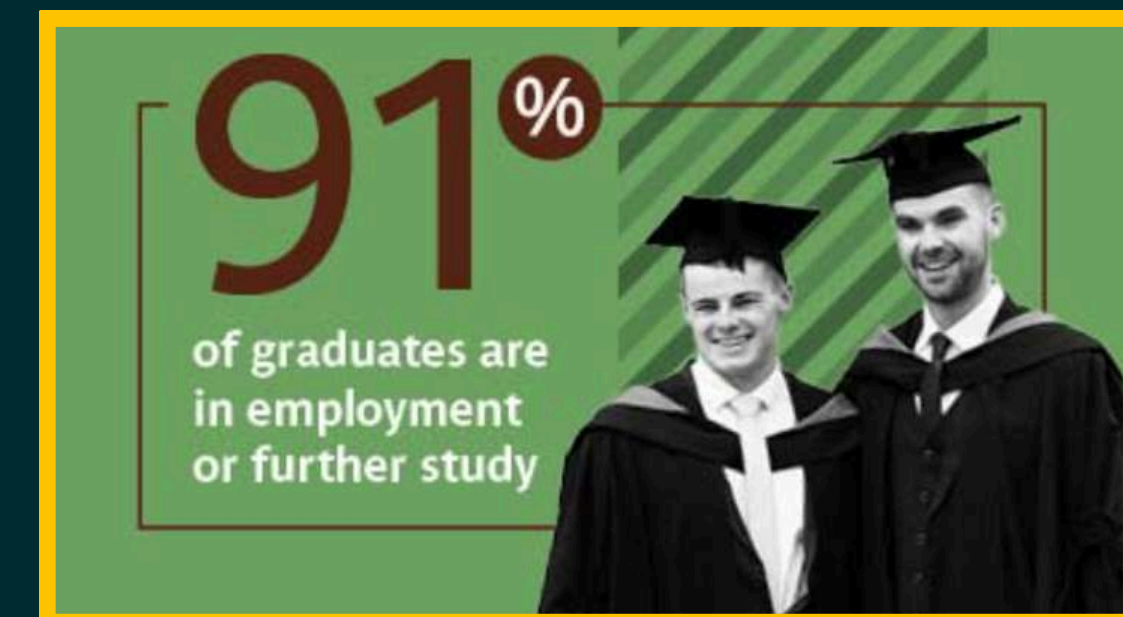
## Teaching Excellence

UWE Bristol is a thriving, modern university with a rich history of academic excellence and a strong reputation for producing highly employable graduates. We are proud to hold a **gold rating for student experience** in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).



## Impactful Research

Bristol Law School boasts a thriving research culture and most members of staff who teach on our LLMs are active researchers, publishing in leading journals. The high quality of teaching has been recognised by the **Quality Assurance Agency, which awarded the Law School an 'excellent' rating.**





# Who is this programme for?

Designed for both legal and non-legal professionals, this programme delivers the legal knowledge needed to thrive in diverse, high-stakes global business roles.

## **Professionals who want to advance their careers:**

Whether you're a lawyer or aiming for a role in business that intersects with legal knowledge, our LLM equips you for the demanding world of compliance and international commercial law. These insights are invaluable not only for legal careers but also for applying legal understanding in business management and strategy.

## **Those looking to work in ESG and compliance:**

Environmental Social Governance (ESG) is no longer a nice-to-have, it's a must due to investment funds, boards, and shareholders demanding compliance with ESG frameworks and regulations. Most companies lack the know-how to do so, making this a very in-demand niche.

## **Professionals who want to make a real impact:**

As an LLM International Commercial Law graduate, you'll be equipped to make impactful contributions to your organisation and community. By ensuring legal compliance and shielding your organisation from legal risks, you support responsible business practices and help foster a positive business reputation, with benefits extending beyond the organisation.



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# Unlock your potential with online study

Balance your studies with your work and personal commitments, without sacrificing the quality of your education.

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## Flexibility

Our **100% online format** gives you the freedom to study at your own pace. You can design a study schedule that suits you. Tuition is also paid on a per-module basis, allowing payments to be spread out across your programme.

## Mobility

Your programme is in your pocket. Your programme travels with you as you **study asynchronously** from the device of your choice from anywhere in the world. **Enjoy 24/7 access to class** through your Virtual Learning Environment and online library.

## Expert Faculty

Our programmes are **designed by experienced law professionals** and academics who are passionate about teaching and research. Benefit from their insights, guidance, and support.

## Support

Develop your knowledge with 24/7 access to the UWE Bristol online library service. You can also rely on your programme leaders, module leaders and tutors, as well as a **dedicated student support team**. When needed, you can also get 24/7 support from the **mental health helpline**.

## Community

Connect with a **diverse network of learners** and experts from around the world through engaging discussion forums. Learn from their experience and expand your point of view.

# Programme structure

Your path to international commerce law mastery

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The UWE Bristol LLM International Commercial Law is a **two-year, part-time programme** designed to fit seamlessly into your professional life. Through a blend of theoretical discussion and reading, coupled with case studies and real-world application, you'll gain the expertise to navigate the complexities of international commercial law.

## Core Modules: Building your skills toolkit

Each of the **eight compulsory modules** is 15 credits and is carefully crafted to build upon your existing knowledge and skills, ensuring a logical progression throughout the programme.

## Legal research dissertation : Your final project

In your final year, you'll undertake an independent research project of 60 credits, applying your knowledge and skills to a **real-world legal issue**. This is your opportunity to demonstrate your expertise and make a meaningful contribution to the field.

### Are you a suitable candidate?

Take our questionnaire to find out if you are eligible to study on one of our online postgraduate degree courses.

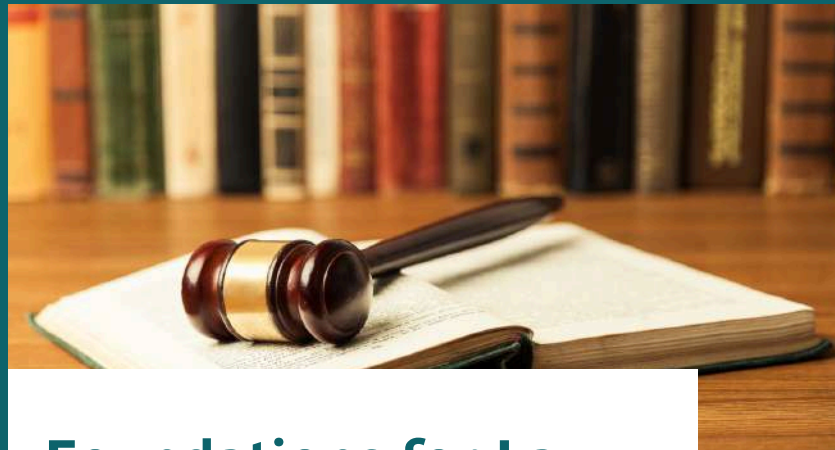
**Eligibility test** >



# CORE MODULES

Explore your online modules designed to develop in-demand skills in areas such as financial crime, banking and finance, corporate governance, international contracts, world trade law, intellectual property regulations, and technology law.

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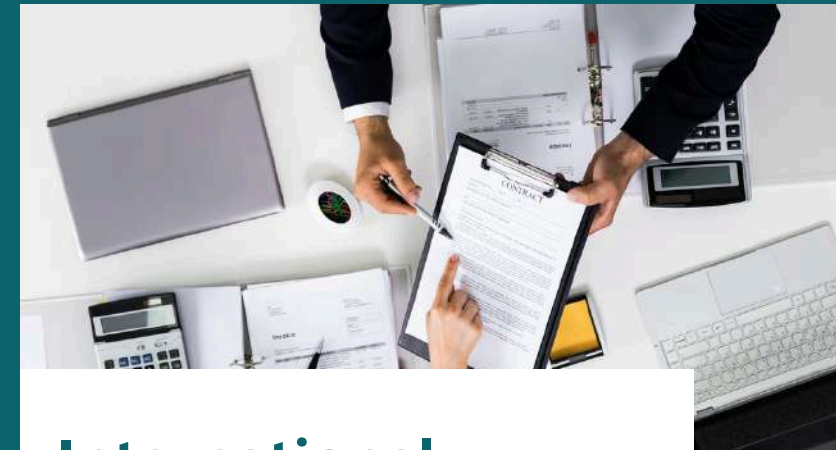
## Foundations for Law and Research

Understand the foundations of international law and research, exploring legal systems, critical thinking, and research skills. Gain hands-on experience in legal reasoning, referencing, and teamwork through practical assessments, preparing you for advanced studies and professional growth in global legal and commercial contexts.



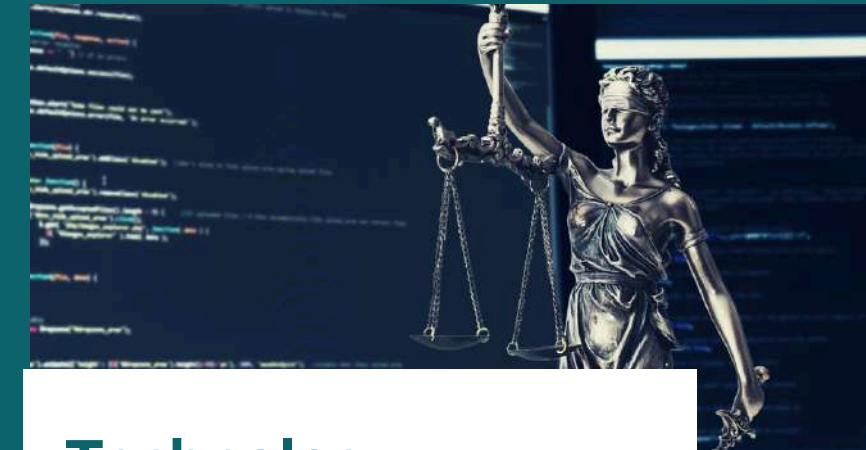
## Corporate Governance

Explore the principles of corporate governance and its global impact. Examine key topics such as directors' duties, corporate social responsibility, and ESG integration, while developing critical research and problem-solving skills. Gain insights into creating ethical, sustainable and responsible business environments and addressing contemporary governance challenges.



## International Contract Law

Examine the complexities of contract law in international transactions, focusing on issues such as sales contracts, bills of lading, and the CISG. This module deepens your understanding of balancing rights across diverse legal systems and enhances research, analytical, and problem-solving skills essential for navigating global trade agreements.



## Technology Law

Examine the intersection of law, business, and technology in this module. Topics include data protection, ethical AI, and intellectual property for business technology users. You will develop skills in research, critical analysis, and problem-solving, applying your knowledge to advise organisations on technology law issues, such as data privacy, due diligence, and more.



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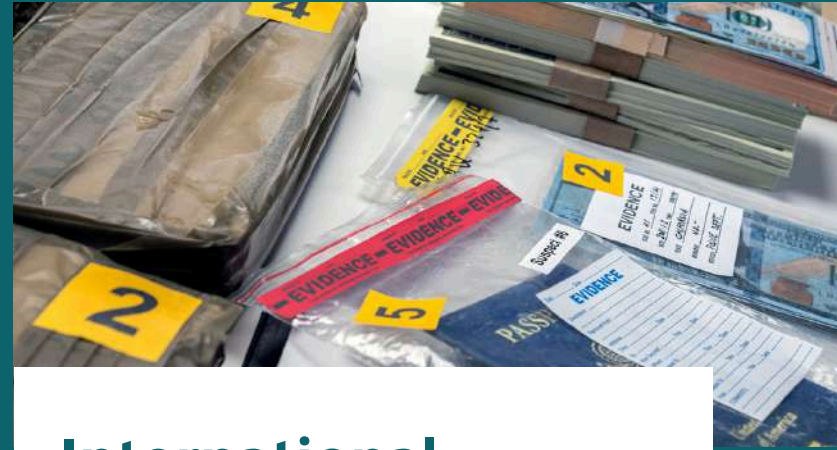
The programme has a total of 180 credits. You take eight core modules; each is worth 15 credits and is an average of eight weeks in duration. The journey culminates with your legal research project worth 60 credits.

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## International Banking and Finance Law

Explore the global legal frameworks that shape international financial architecture, learning key topics like bank supervision, prudential regulation, and the impact of digital currencies. You will develop critical research, communication, and problem-solving skills, applying your understanding to real-world issues in banking and finance.



## International Financial Crime

Explore global legal frameworks to combat financial crime, including money laundering, terrorist financing, tax evasion, bribery, and fraud. Gain in-depth knowledge of international regulations and their effectiveness. Develop advanced research and analytical skills, applying your understanding to real-world challenges through assessments, preparing you to address complex issues in financial crime prevention.



## World Trade Law

Explore the key institutions, principles, and frameworks governing world trade law and international economic relations. This module covers global trade organisations, regional agreements, and issues impacting developing countries. You will build skills in research, critical analysis, and problem-solving, applying world trade law to complex scenarios.



## Intellectual Property Law

Explore international and European intellectual property law, focusing on copyright, patents, and new technologies. Engage in a comparative analysis of US and European legal frameworks, honing critical research and problem-solving skills. Gain in-depth knowledge of IP principles and policies, equipping you to address complex challenges confidently in professional contexts.

# Meet your programme and academic leaders

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## Dr. Neeti Shikha



**Qualifications:** PhD in Corporate Governance, LLM, LLB, Diploma in International Law

**Position:** Lecturer and Programme Leader, LLM International Commercial Law

Dr. Neeti Shikha brings over a decade of expertise in corporate law and governance. Holding a PhD from National Law University Jodhpur and an LLM from University College London, she has taught at leading institutions in India and Singapore. Dr. Shikha is also an experienced trainer, advisor to various organisations, and contributes to the Goeman Bind HTO think tank while being a member of the European Corporate Governance Institute.

## Mark Coombs



**Qualifications:** MS in Socio-legal Studies, PG.Dip in Bar Vocational Studies, PG.Cert in Learning & Teaching in HE, LL.B (Hons) in Law

**Position:** Bristol Law School Director of Learning & Teaching, Lecturer, Barrister-at-law

Mr. Mark Coombs brings extensive expertise as the Director of Learning & Teaching at UWE Bristol's Faculty of Business and Law. With recognition as an FHEA and CMBE, he specialises in contract law, company law, and teaching methodologies. Mark's leadership in educational practice and his dedication to enhancing teaching standards have made him a respected figure in legal education.



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“83% of risk and compliance professionals said that keeping their organisation compliant with all relevant laws, policies, and regulations was a very important or absolutely essential consideration in its decision-making processes.”

**Navex Global's 2023  
Definitive Risk &  
Compliance  
Benchmark Report**



# Skills development with real-world impact

## Real-world application

The skills you gain in the UWE Bristol LLM International Commercial Law programme are more than theoretical—they're practical tools you can implement in your workplace immediately. Whether it's navigating complex international contracts, addressing financial regulations, or leading governance initiatives, these skills empower you to make meaningful contributions.

## Personal and professional growth

This programme supports not only technical expertise but also personal development, enhancing your critical thinking, time management, problem solving, and decision making abilities.

**By graduation, you'll possess an in-demand combination of knowledge and skills, ready to tackle modern legal workplace challenges and lead positive change.**





# Key skills you'll develop

Level up your legal expertise

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## Strategic Legal Analysis

Gain a comprehensive ability to analyse complex global legal and regulatory frameworks and apply these insights to real-world business scenarios.

## Global Compliance and Governance

Acquire the knowledge to navigate international compliance and governance issues, ensuring that organisations meet regulatory standards and ethical practices.

## Problem-Solving Expertise

Cultivate practical skills to identify, assess, and devise solutions for challenging legal and commercial issues.

## Effective Communication

Learn to articulate complex legal concepts clearly to a variety of stakeholders, enhancing your influence and leadership.

## Advanced Research and Writing

Develop strong legal research skills to create well-supported written arguments and reports, essential for professional practice and academic excellence.

# The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Your digital campus, your global classroom

At UWE Bristol, we've created a dynamic and engaging virtual learning environment (VLE) that brings the classroom to you, wherever you are in the world. Our VLE, powered by Blackboard Ultra, is designed to facilitate seamless online learning, collaboration, and connection.

## Blackboard Ultra: Your learning hub

Blackboard Ultra is more than just a platform; it's your personalised learning hub. Access programme materials, engage in discussions, submit assignments, and connect with your peers and instructors, all in one convenient location. With features like:

**Interactive content:** Engage with multimedia learning materials, including videos and quizzes.

**Discussion forums:** Share ideas, ask questions, and collaborate with your peers in a vibrant online community.

**Live online sessions:** Participate in real-time discussions and Q&A sessions with your instructors and classmates.

**24/7 access:** Study at your own pace, anytime and anywhere, from any device.





# Collaborative learning

## **Building a community of legal and business professionals**

We believe learning thrives through collaboration. Our LLM International Commercial Law programme encourages interaction among students and faculty, promoting an environment where ideas and perspectives are shared. Through group projects, peer feedback, and online discussions, you'll connect with fellow law and business professionals from around the world, building your network and enriching your understanding of international legal systems.

## **Case study approach: merging theory and practice**

Our programme prioritises the practical application of legal concepts. By working through real-world case studies, you'll sharpen your analytical skills, solve complex legal problems, and make informed, strategic decisions. This bridges the gap between theoretical learning and the practical demands of a career in international law.

Your academic journey is supported every step of the way, ensuring an engaging and empowering online experience designed to help you reach your professional goals.





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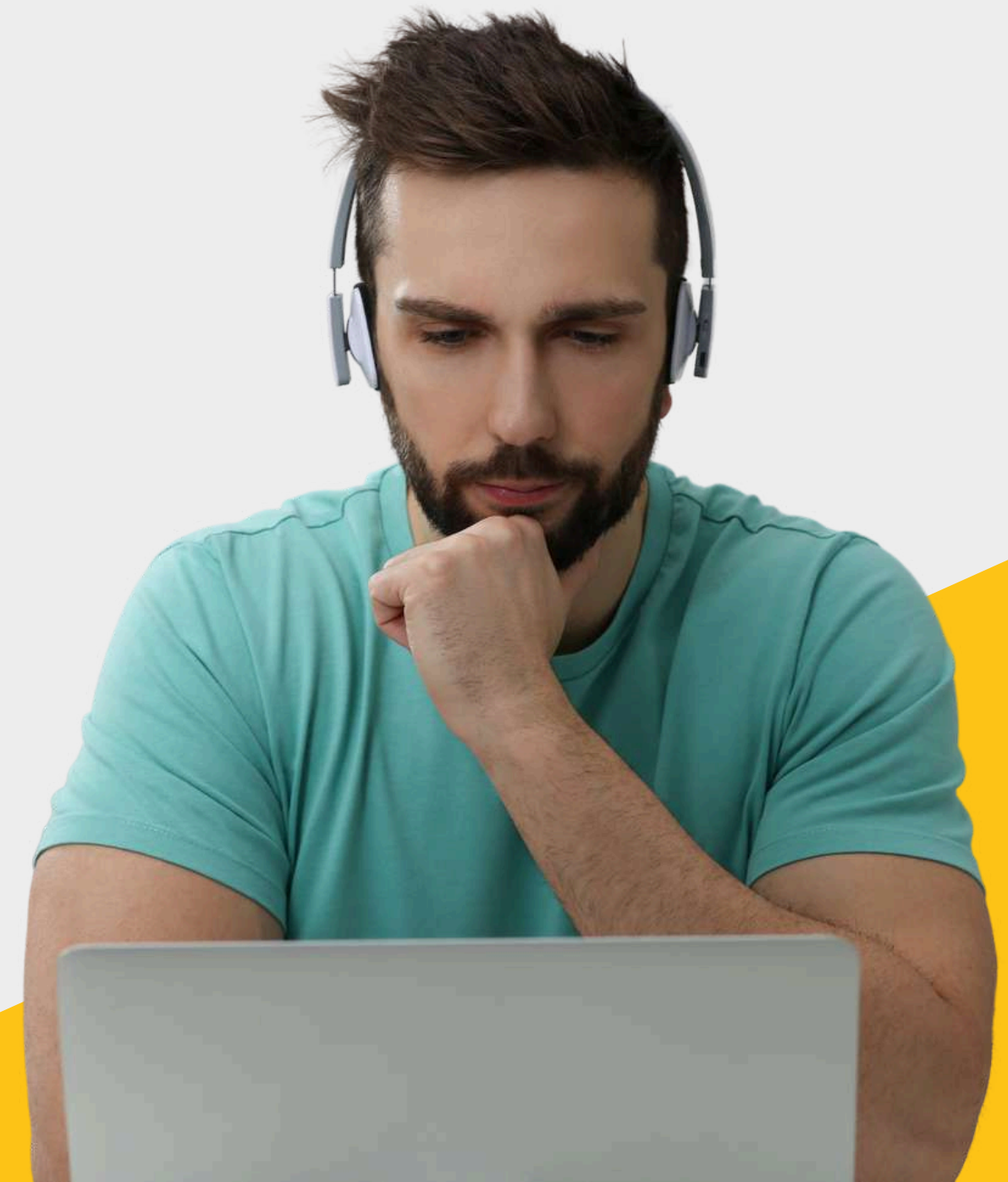
**Capital Group,  
ESG perspectives  
from global investors**



# Assessment methods

The LLM International Commercial Law (online) programme utilises a variety of assessment techniques to evaluate your comprehension and practical application of course material. These include:

- **Self and peer reflections:** Develop insight into your approach to international law, understanding its impact on others, and supporting your professional and personal growth through reflective activities and engagement records.
- **Written work:** Synthesise complex legal topics and communicate them effectively through reflective essays and analytical pieces aimed at diverse audiences.
- **Reports and analyses:** Utilise evidence from multiple sources to perform detailed evaluations, draw insights, and make strategic recommendations.
- **Legal Research Project:** A comprehensive capstone project allowing you to apply the accumulated knowledge and skills from the programme, showcasing your analytical and research expertise.



# Tuition fees

The fee for this programme is £7,950. You pay £795 per module and £1,590 for the final project.

Fees are paid on a modular basis over the duration of the two-year course. The balance for the current module needs to be paid before being able to register for the next module. For your convenience, invoices will be issued as near as possible to the start of each module. UK students pay by credit or debit and international students through our official online payment partner, Flywire.

## Scholarships and financial aid

We are committed to supporting individuals in pursuing their studies. Please consult with the Enrolment Success Team for the latest information on tuition fees: [onlineenquiries@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:onlineenquiries@uwe.ac.uk)

UK (home) students may be eligible for UK postgraduate student loan assistance. Students who receive this funding need to complete the course within two years, otherwise payments will be interrupted or stopped.

Browse our website about postgraduate funding.  
More information available here: [gov.uk/masters-loan](https://gov.uk/masters-loan).





# Entry requirements

To be considered for the LLM International Commercial Law (online) programme, you should have **a minimum of a 2:2 Honours degree** or equivalent, ideally in a relevant field such as law, business, politics or international relations.

If you do not meet the above requirements but have **a minimum of 12-months relevant professional experience** and/or equivalent qualifications, we recommend that you apply. All applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## English language requirement

If English is not your first language, you'll be required to meet the University's minimum English language requirements, such as the International English Language Test (IELTS) with an overall score of 6.5 with 5.5 in each component.

\*The university accepts a large number of UK and International qualifications in place of IELTS. To find details of acceptable tests and the required grades, please visit our [English Language Requirements](#) pages.

## Exemption from the English language requirement

A Proof of English Language Proficiency (POE) exemption may be offered to you if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Completed at least three years of high school in an English-speaking country
- Completed an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in English
- Completed an IB diploma in a different language if they obtained a grade of 5 or higher for one of the English courses
- Completed a higher educational or professional qualification in English
- Working in an English-speaking environment and demonstrably working in English
- Passing a [Duolingo test](#)

# Tips for a strong application

By following these tips and submitting a well-prepared application, you'll increase your chances of being accepted into the LLM International Commercial Law (online) programme.

## **Personal statement:**

In a 300–500 word statement or a 4–5 minute video, you should explain:

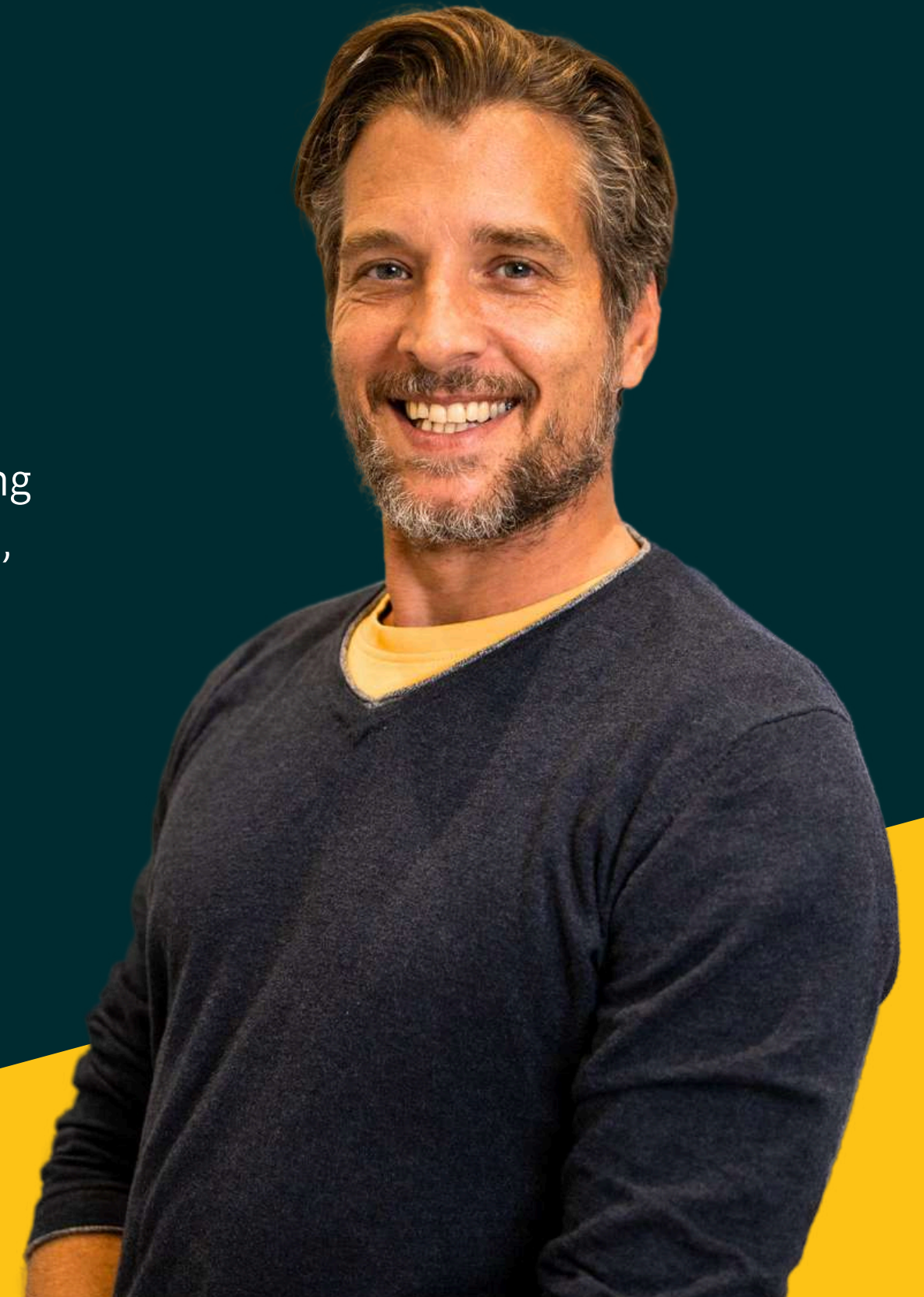
- Why you're interested in a career in law and what aspects are of particular interest to you
- What personal attributes and experience you have which make you suited to a career in law
- An overview of your intended career path

Wherever possible, your statement should draw on relevant personal experience. When describing the personal attributes and qualities which you believe equip you for a career in commercial law, try to give actual, brief examples from your experience where you displayed those attributes and qualities.

## **CV/resume:**

If you are applying based on experience, ensure that you complete the employment section of the application form, clearly highlighting examples of responsibilities you've held and that have relevance to this programme.

Ensure your CV/resume or LinkedIn profile is up-to-date and showcases your skills and experience.







**"We're all about equipping people for great careers. These courses are not just about the knowledge that students will leave us with but also about the skills, capabilities and the mindset that they need to lead in those industries for the future."**

Jo Midgley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, UWE Bristol

**Our LLM International Commercial Law offers a flexible path to career advancement, you'll gain in-demand knowledge and skills from the comfort of home.**

**Apply today**

