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Part-time and online

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Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)
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Queen Mary University of London's (QMUL) online programmes in International Dispute Resolution aim to inspire a new generation of lawyers to rethink traditional approaches to conflict and its resolution, and to equip them with the tools required to succeed in the field. They combine solid theoretical grounding, broad interdisciplinary training and opportunities for individual study and skills development. What's more, they are designed to offer you all the excellent learning opportunities you would get on campus, without the restrictions of fixed times and locations.

The programmes are offered by the School of International Arbitration (SIA) within Queen Mary's Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS). The SIA is a global leader in teaching and research in International Dispute Resolution. As a research-led centre, it studies the specific problems that arise in arbitration and contributes to the development of arbitration theory. Taking a practice-orientated approach to teaching arbitration, the SIA helps lawyers grasp the complex theoretical problems and parameters of the subject.

CCLS is a centre of national and international excellence in legal study and research. It specialises in the knowledge and skills in commercial law that can be placed at the service of government, public bodies, overseas institutions, the legal profession, industry and commerce.

Programme qualifications

The online programme is part-time and it is possible to study it either as a Master of Laws (LLM), Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) or Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert). The PGDip and the PGCert are shorter versions of the LLM programme: unlike the

LLM, there is no dissertation but you are still provided with masters-level content. The PGCert requires completion of fewer modules.

- **LLM** (180 credits): four taught modules and a 20,000 word dissertation over two years.
- **PGDip** (120 credits): four taught modules over one and a half years.
- **PGCert** (60 credits): two core taught modules over a year.

Taught modules carry 30 credits, with 60 credits awarded for the dissertation. To graduate you must accrue the full number of credits for your award, achieved by completing the modules and passing all relevant assignments.

Programme content

All modules are challenging and pertinent to international arbitration in the current climate. Each provokes critical thinking and requires an analytical approach to problem solving.

International Commercial Arbitration: Theory and Context

Aim: to introduce the fundamental principles of international commercial arbitration.

Topics include:

- What is Arbitration? Forms of Arbitration; different dispute resolution mechanisms; main arbitral institutions
- Legal framework of arbitration; theories of arbitration
- The Arbitration Agreement I – formal and substantive validity; separability; kompetenz-kompetenz
- The Arbitration Agreement II – essential characteristics of arbitration clauses; pathological clauses; drafting and effective arbitration clause
- Arbitrability





- Appointment of arbitrators – selection mechanisms, neutrality and independence; conflicts of interest; repeat appointments; ethics
- Arbitral Procedure I – party autonomy vs harmonisation; different phases of arbitration; bifurcation; terms of reference; hearing
- Arbitral Procedure II – evidence; discovery; tensions between civil and common law; IBA guidelines
- Arbitration and the courts in general – provisional measures and enforcement.

International Commercial Arbitration: Selected Issues

Aim: to establish knowledge and critical understanding of international commercial arbitration as an independent comparative law subject.

Topics include:

- Decision making in arbitration: role of Arbitral Institutions, arbitrators, domestic courts and administrative secretaries
- Legitimacy of the arbitration process: due process, rule of law and other hallmarks of legitimacy
- Applicable Law Issues I – determination of applicable substantive law
- Applicable Law Issues II – law governing the procedure
- Challenges to arbitrators, including standards of independence and impartiality
- Multi-party arbitration; multi-contract arbitration
- Provisional measures; emergency arbitrators
- Recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards
- Funding of arbitration and costs, including third party funding.

Investment Treaty Arbitration

Aim: to develop awareness of the complex international legal elements involved in the resolution of investment and trade disputes.

Topics include:

- Introduction to the subject matter and the course – Regulatory and Institutional Framework
- ISDS – overview and history
- ICSID – jurisdiction: consent; *ratione materiae*; *personae*
- ICSID – procedural Issues
- ICSID – award and annulment
- ICSID – enforcement and sovereign immunity
- BIT I – models and key content
- BIT II – key procedural issues

Investment Treaty Arbitration: Substantive Protection

Aim: to develop awareness of the complex international legal elements involved in the resolution of investment and trade disputes.

Topics include:

- An evolution – from BITS to FTAs to mega-regionals
- NAFTA
- CAFTA
- ECT – a sectoral FTA/BIT
- CETA, TPP, TTIP and other endeavours
- Substantive Protection I: expropriation
- Substantive Protection II: fair and equitable treatment
- Substantive Protection III: other rights and state defences to investor rights
- MFN and umbrella clauses

Dissertation (LLM only)

Advanced independent research (20,000 words). All students undertake an in-depth examination of a particular area of law on a topic to be agreed with the Academic Team. The chosen subject should relate to a relevant issue within the academic field.





How you study

The online programme in International Dispute Resolution is designed to offer the same excellent learning opportunities available to on-campus students, without the restrictions of fixed times and locations. All modules are developed by leading academics and professionals.

Online Tutors deliver the lectures using video and online presentations, with clear links to further resources and downloadable materials. Your Online Tutor is also the primary contact for any academic questions.

A series of online forums encourage student interaction and members of the academic team conduct weekly webinars. These allow you to share opinions, discuss the programme material, and debate current topics and issues.

Individual study is an important part of the online

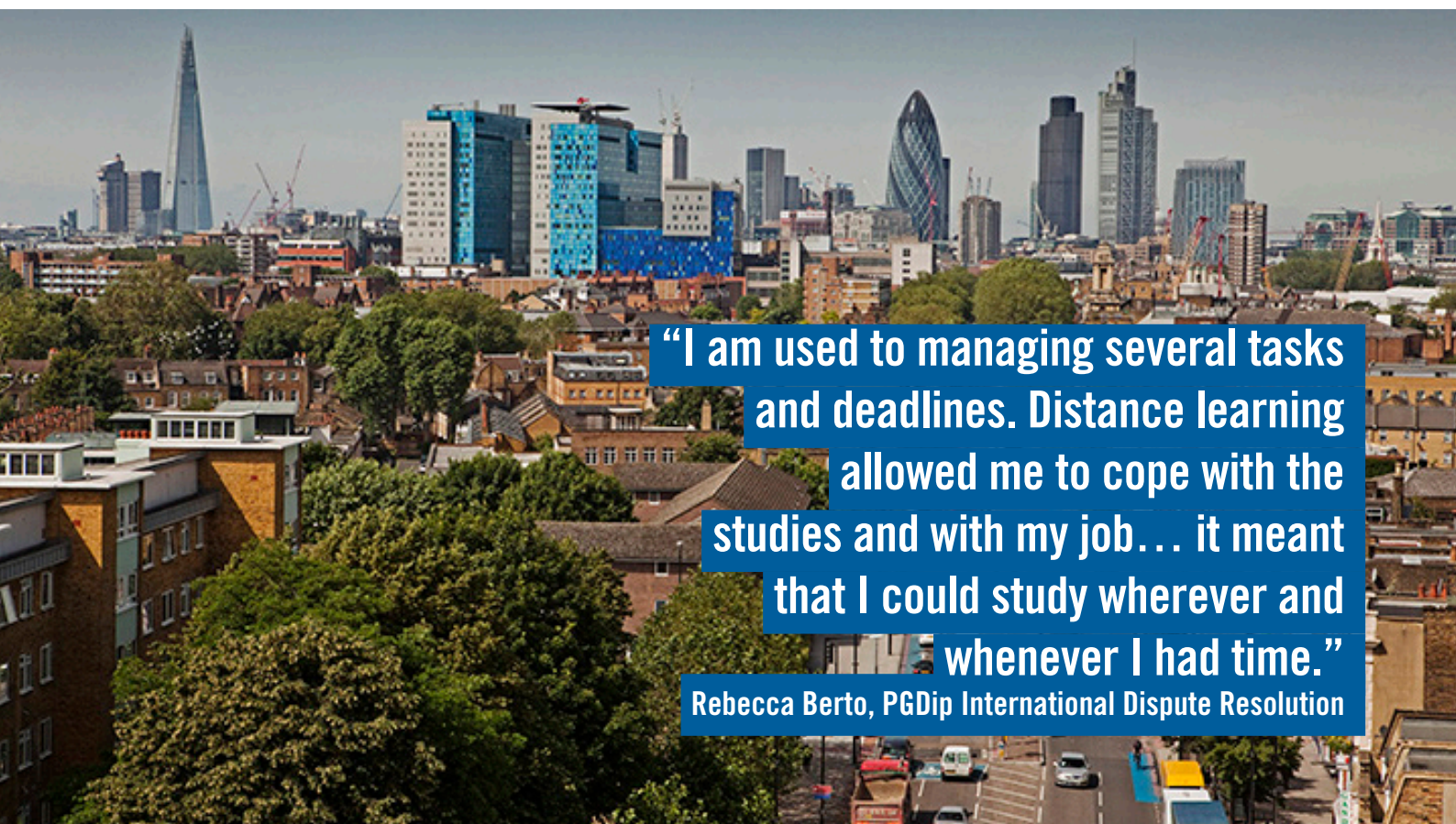
experience: time spent preparing for, or following up on formal study sessions; reading; producing written work; completing projects; and undertaking research for your dissertation. The direction of your individual study will be guided by the online weekly content, along with your reading lists and assignments.

Pastoral support

An online Student Adviser is appointed to you when you first enrol and will stay with you for the duration of your studies. They are the first point of contact for any non-academic queries or issues.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by coursework and a final exam. Assessments are set appropriate to the content of the module, usually in the form of a research essay or critical evaluation, and your Online Tutor will be available to advise and support you. The topic for the final dissertation is agreed with your supervisor.



“I am used to managing several tasks and deadlines. Distance learning allowed me to cope with the studies and with my job... it meant that I could study wherever and whenever I had time.”

Rebecca Berto, PGDip International Dispute Resolution



Fees and payment

Programme	Total tuition fee
LLM	£12,900
PGDip	£8,600
PGCert	£4,300

A £250 acceptance fee, that is offset against the total payable, is applicable.

Payment methods

Payments can be made online or by phone, using a credit or debit card, or by bank transfer.

Financing your studies

There are a number of sources of funding available to help you finance your studies.

For more information please visit online.qmul.ac.uk or call us on +44 (0) 20 3859 7192.

How to apply

Visit online.qmul.ac.uk to apply online. You will need the following supporting documents to complete your application:

- Degree transcripts
- Evidence of English language ability (IELTS, TOEFL, PTE Academic or equivalent)
- Curriculum vitae (CV)/resume
- References
- Personal statement

We welcome applications from candidates who wish to be considered, at least in part, on the basis of relevant experience gained either in the workplace or similar environment. Please get in touch for more details.





Queen Mary University of London

Queen Mary is part of the internationally recognised University of London and is ranked in the top 20 universities in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2021).

At QMUL we take pride in our teaching and have made a strategic commitment to the highest quality of research across a wide range of subjects. We have invested in this principle by systematically recruiting the best academics in their disciplines from around the world.

To join QMUL is to become part of a truly global community. Thirty five per cent of QMUL students are from outside the UK, and the university boasts an impressive international teaching body, with more than a third of our staff coming from overseas. Our partnerships and activities around the world allow us to deliver teaching and research with an international dimension and impact.

Our online students enjoy the same status as those who attend Queen Mary on campus, including access to our extensive online resources and free access to extensive online databases and collections. If you are able, you are welcome to attend any of the extra-curricular events run by various research centres to complement your studies.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for entry to the LLM International Dispute Resolution programme you normally require one of the following:

Law graduates

- A degree in law, or a degree with a substantial law content, of at least 2.1 honours (or international equivalent).
- Law graduates with 2.2 honours who also have other legal qualifications and/or substantial professional legal experience may also qualify.

Non-law graduates

If you do not have a law degree, you may still be eligible if you have:

- A minimum second class honours degree in another discipline, with a Merit (or 60 per cent) in the Common Professional Examination (CPE) or Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) recognised by the UK professional bodies.
- Substantial professional experience in a legal area or an area directly related to their programme of study.

All applicants must submit a full online application in order for a fair assessment and decision to be made. Each application will be considered on its merits and on sight of comprehensive documents. A full and detailed CV/resume is also required and is particularly relevant where professional experience needs to be considered.

If English is not your first language you will need:

- IELTS 7 (including 7 in the writing component) or [equivalent](#)