

LLM (Master of Laws); LLM in International Human Rights; LLM in Criminal Justice; LLM in Criminal Justice and Human Rights

Programme Specification

Awarding Institution:

University of London (Interim Exit Awards made by Goldsmiths' College)

Teaching Institution: Goldsmiths, University of London

Final Award: LLM (Master of Laws)

Programme Name:

LLM (Master of Laws)

LLM in International Human Rights

LLM in Criminal Justice

LLM in Criminal Justice and Human Rights

Total credit value for programme: 180

Name of Interim Exit Award(s):

Postgraduate Certificate in Law

Postgraduate Certificate in International Human Rights

Postgraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice

Postgraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice and Human Rights

Postgraduate Diploma in Law

Postgraduate Diploma in International Human Rights

Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice

Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice and Human Rights

Duration of Programme: 1 year full-time

UCAS Code(s): Not applicable

HECoS Code(s): (100485) Law

QAA Benchmark Group: Not applicable

FHEQ Level of Award: Level 7

Programme accredited by: Not applicable

Date Programme Specification last updated/approved: September 2022

Home Department: Law

Department(s) which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme: Politics and International Relations, Psychology

Programme overview

LLM (Master of Laws)

The LLM (Master of Laws) equips you with advanced knowledge and expertise in specialist areas of law, putting you in a strong position to pursue professional legal practice (in the UK and internationally), opening for you diverse career paths in other areas of professional practice associated with Law or quickly advancing you to the position where you will choose to undertake a PhD as your next academic destination.

You have complete freedom to choose from the full range of innovative and dynamic LLM modules delivered by the Department of Law as well as modules from Masters programmes in other leading Goldsmiths departments, including the Department of Politics and International Relations and the Department of Psychology. This empowers you to explore Law in its socio-political and economic context, and in a multidimensional perspective.

Through a cross-disciplinary, socio-legal, social justice and international law lens, and by relying on the comparative law method, you interrogate Law's theoretical foundations, and ask how Law is applied in practice, in the UK and other legal systems as well as in international courts and other international organisations.

Goldsmiths' strong, historic focus on the pursuit of equality and 'justice for all' informs our research-led teaching across all LLM modules. Our activist approach to legal education puts you at the forefront of major contemporary socio-legal debates, from deconstructing political attacks on human rights and international law to critiquing racial inequality intrinsic in the criminal justice system, and reflecting on the role of international law in regulating the rapid advancement of AI and modern technologies or in the pursuit of climate justice against the backdrop of what appear to be insurmountable environmental challenges.

The uniqueness of Goldsmiths' LLM also manifests itself in relation to the faculty that delivers the programme. [Academics in the Law department](#) are internationally leading researchers who influence public policy and work with renowned organisations on pioneering projects. They are also universally committed to examining, and defending, through their socio-legal research and broader public engagement work, values that are central to the LLM and wider range of programmes we deliver: social justice, equality, fairness, human rights, the international rule of law. Students in the LLM programme have an outstanding opportunity to access research and education that is empowering in this way.

You are also given unique access to our eminent [Visiting Professors](#), who are internationally leading experts in human rights law, criminal law and criminal justice, politics and law, social justice and international law. Our Visiting Professors are eminent legal thinkers, barristers and politicians. They include the former Attorney General, [Dominic Grieve QC](#); the Director of the foremost human rights NGO in the UK (Liberty), [Martha Spurrier](#); the first Black Gresham Professor of Law, [Leslie Thomas QC](#); the first chairwoman of the UK Bar Human

Rights Committee, [Kirsty Brimelow QC](#); and the barrister who prosecuted notorious cases of crimes against humanity and genocide at the Hague, [Sir Geoffrey Nice QC](#).

Finally, the cutting-edge pedagogic methods that we use set the Goldsmiths LLM apart from similar programmes:

- You have unique access to a module that is led by the foremost human rights NGO in the UK, [Liberty](#).
- You are assessed on the basis of your continuous engagement with lectures and other learning activities, not one-off exams – this novel approach improves student satisfaction and academic achievement.
- You can take a ‘Law Clinic’ module (with a focus on either human rights or criminal justice), a ‘Human Rights Placement’ module or ‘Criminal Justice Placement’ module.
- We embed experiential learning activities, guest lectures and study trips to key legal institutions, law firms and NGOs in ‘legal London’, as part of contact time, in each and every module in the LLM. We adopt an immersive legal education approach: you learn the law in the classroom, and in legal London, in close interaction with leading thinkers in law, professional practice and public policy.
- You can study abroad over the summer. The [Go Abroad](#) programme at Goldsmiths and the Department of Law provide scholarships to students to attend international summer schools in areas central to the LLM. Goldsmiths Law students have previously attended summer schools in Amsterdam and Geneva, and our own human rights summer school in Athens. These summer schools will further enhance your understanding of law’s cosmopolitan character, and can also enable you to inject a comparative law dimension into your dissertation.
- You study modern subjects, which we teach in creative ways: for example, you can study **Counter-Terrorism, Human Rights and the Family** (where you critically interrogate counter-terrorism law from the viewpoint of its impact on the family, and where you draw on study visits to, and research collaborations with, leading human rights NGOs including Reprieve and Rights and Security International, and have guest lectures by UN experts, academics, barristers, solicitors and community activists); **Art Law** (co-delivered by leading Law firm [Mishcon de Reya](#)); **AI, Disruptive Technologies and the Law** (where you will get to visit AI exhibitions in London); **Queer and Feminist Approaches to Law** (where you could choose to submit photography, other digital formats or write a short story as your assessment); **Environmental Challenges, Social Justice and Human Rights** (which can include trips to prominent environmental NGOs such as Greenpeace, Client Earth or London based UN agencies such as the UN Global Compact Network UK); **Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy)** (where you may be given the opportunity to take part in a mock criminal trial at the Old Bailey, the central criminal court of England and Wales or participate in a fictional jury deliberations exercise) or **Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic, Comparative and International** (where you undertake a chronological survey of the criminal process, from arrest and investigation to the criminal trial and sentencing, across multiple legal systems).

Specialist LLM programmes

Our three specialist LLM programmes, the **LLM in International Human Rights**, the **LLM in Criminal Justice** and the **LLM in Criminal Justice and International Human Rights** share many of the features of the LLM (Master of Laws). They introduce students to a broad range of cross-disciplinary, socio-legal, social justice international law, and comparative law perspectives, and draws on Goldsmiths' strong, historic focus on the pursuit of equality and 'justice for all' as well as an activist approach to legal education. They give students unique access to a Law faculty with internationally leading expertise, including eminent Visiting Professors who have influenced with their work the development of key aspects of the legal system both domestically and internationally. Like the LLM (Master of Laws), they use cutting-edge pedagogic methods that set Goldsmiths LLM programmes apart such as a pioneering NGO-led module on advocacy, litigation and practice, access to a Placement module and a Law Clinic module, assessment on the basis of student participation and engagement in lectures and other activities, study trips to exciting destinations in 'legal London' as a standard part of 'contact time', an opportunity to participate in study abroad programmes and international human rights summer schools as well as access to a very broad range of modern modules that we teach in very creative ways.

LLM in International Human Rights

The LLM in International Human Rights equips you with advanced knowledge and expertise in international human rights law, putting you in a strong position to pursue legal practice in the area of international human rights law (in the UK, as a barrister or solicitor, and internationally), opening for you diverse career paths in other areas of professional practice associated with Law and international human rights (particularly in the human rights sector, family law, criminal justice, government, charities as well as international and regional intergovernmental organisations such as the UN, the EU and the Council of Europe), or quickly advancing you to the position where you will choose to undertake a PhD on international human rights theory and practice as your next academic destination.

The LLM in International Human Rights introduces you to the history, theory and practice of international human rights law, with a focus on highlighting the strengths and identifying, and critiquing, the limits of domestic and international systems for the protection of human rights. You become familiar with the instruments and institutions that make up the international system of human rights protection as well as regional systems of human rights protection, comparing and contrasting the different human rights instruments and institutions in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe and exploring potential for reform.

You are also introduced to some of the most cutting-edge human rights debates of our times. These may include: the relationship between the right to life, child abuse and corporal punishment; freedom from torture within the context of counter-terrorism operations; gender identity, sports and human rights; peace, disarmament and gender justice; climate justice, environmentalism and the right to food security; the regulation of public displays of religiosity; the right to education; the tension between freedom of speech and hate speech; the right to

information in the digital age; the relationship between poverty and social and economic rights within the context of austerity; rights of persons with disabilities; reproductive autonomy and justice and the place of racial justice within international human rights law; AI-based predictive policing, pre-trial detention by algorithm, and the use in criminal trials of evidence obtained by violation of international human rights.

Optional modules, including modules from the Department of Politics and International Relations, extend this analysis to a broad range of advanced subjects that act as contextual studies of the application of human rights in practice. They examine human rights law in its interconnections with counter-terrorism and family law, criminal law and criminal procedure, environmental law, art law, the law of war and 'transitional justice', technological advancement or feminist, queer and post-colonial perspectives.

LLM in Criminal Justice

The LLM in Criminal Justice equips you with advanced knowledge and expertise in criminal justice, from a UK and international law perspective, putting you in a strong position to pursue a career as a criminal law practitioner (in the UK, as a barrister or solicitor, and internationally), opening for you diverse career paths in the criminal justice and human rights sector, including in international and regional intergovernmental organisations, or quickly advancing you to the position where you will choose to undertake a PhD on criminal law or criminal justice as your next academic destination.

You get a panoramic 360-degree view of the criminal process, and a multidimensional perspective which explores organic synergies between domestic, transnational and international criminal justice systems. You take developments in English criminal law and UK criminal justice as a starting point, and extrapolate from their study modern trends in criminal law and criminal justice thinking, such as in relation to excessive criminalisation, the use of algorithm-based predictive policing, 'digital strip searches' or the use of live facial recognition technologies in policing.

The LLM in Criminal Justice continuously moves from domestic criminal justice to exploring parallel (and opposite) movements in comparative and international law, taking examples from EU criminal law/criminal justice and international criminal tribunals as well as selective examples from Anglo-American and Continental European criminal justice systems, with the aim of exposing strengths and weaknesses in domestic and international criminal justice systems, and concentrating critical analysis on the need for reform.

The LLM in Criminal Justice gives you significant freedom to choose from a wider range of criminal justice modules. You may select to concentrate on specific applications of criminal law and criminal justice, e.g. in the field of counter-terrorism, from the viewpoint of the interaction between counter-terrorism, human rights and the family. Or study criminal law and criminal justice from an international law, cross-disciplinary, perspective, by taking the 'Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies' module in the Department of Politics and International Relations, where you will get to examine official mechanisms of 'transitional justice' such as trials and truth commissions, as well as cultural forms of remembrance and

local community practices. You may similarly decide to explore psychological theories of crime and underlying causes of the origins of offending, where you are introduced by leading experts in the Department of Psychology to appropriate methods of working with witnesses and victims, and especially vulnerable individuals, in the criminal justice system. Or you may opt to undertake a criminal justice-related placement or participate in a criminal justice clinic. You have the power to choose.

LLM in Criminal Justice and International Human Rights

This cutting-edge LLM places you in the unique position to develop advanced knowledge and expertise in two specialist fields, criminal justice and international human rights, empowering you to pursue legal practice in the area of criminal justice and/or international human rights law (in the UK, as a barrister or solicitor, and internationally), opening for you diverse career paths in the criminal justice and human rights sector, including in international and regional intergovernmental organisations, or quickly advancing you to the position where you will choose to undertake a PhD on criminal law and criminal justice or international human rights law or the interactions between criminal justice and human rights, as your next academic destination.

The LLM in Criminal Justice and International Human Rights introduces you to the history, theory and practice of international human rights law, with a focus on highlighting the strengths and identifying, and critiquing, the limits of domestic and international systems for the protection of human rights. You become familiar with the instruments and institutions that make up the international system of human rights protection as well as regional systems of human rights protection, comparing and contrasting the different human rights instruments and institutions in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe and exploring potential for reform.

You are also introduced to some of the most cutting-edge human rights debates of our times. These may include: the relationship between the right to life, child abuse and corporal punishment; freedom from torture within the context of counter-terrorism operations; gender identity, sports and human rights; peace, disarmament and gender justice; climate justice, environmentalism and the right to food security; the regulation of public displays of religiosity; the right to education; the tension between freedom of speech and hate speech; the right to information in the digital age; the relationship between poverty and social and economic rights within the context of austerity; rights of persons with disabilities; reproductive autonomy and justice and the place of racial justice within international human rights law; AI-based predictive policing, pre-trial detention by algorithm, and the use in criminal trials of evidence obtained by violation of international human rights.

At the same time, you get a panoramic 360-degree view of the criminal process, and a multidimensional perspective which explores organic synergies between domestic, transnational and international criminal justice systems. You take developments in English criminal law and UK criminal justice as a starting point, and extrapolate from their study modern trends in criminal law and criminal justice thinking, such as in relation to excessive criminalisation, the use of algorithm-based predictive policing, 'digital strip searches' or the use of live facial recognition technologies in policing.

Optional modules, including from the Department of Politics and International Relations, and the Department of Psychology, extend this analysis to a broad range of advanced criminal justice and human rights topics. They examine human rights law in its interconnections with counter-terrorism and family law, criminal law and criminal procedure, international law and the law of war, forms of 'transitional justice' such as trials and truth commissions, as well as cultural forms of remembrance and local community practices. They also introduce you to psychological theories of crime, and techniques that will allow you to work with witnesses and victims, and with vulnerable individuals more particularly, within the criminal justice system.

Programme entry requirements

Applicants will normally have a degree in Law, a related social science discipline (such as Criminology, Politics and International Relations, Sociology, Anthropology, Media and Communications, Economics or Psychology) or a humanities degree (such as English, History, Philosophy or Art).

In taking a socio-legal approach to interpreting and applying human rights law and criminal justice, and placing strong emphasis on the integration of theory and practice, the LLM programmes at Goldsmiths are highly accessible for graduates from a broad range of disciplines, whose diverse contributions enrich the learning and teaching experience.

In putting partnerships with leading NGOs, barristers' chambers, law firms and social justice organisations at the centre of the student experience, the LLM programmes at Goldsmiths are also highly accessible to existing NGO experts, members of charities, or those working in the criminal justice sector or human rights organisations, journalism, the civil service or governmental positions.

Students will normally be expected to have an upper second class honours degree or its equivalent. Non-native English speakers will normally have to satisfy Goldsmiths' requirements of IELTS (6.5 or more).

These standard criteria can be altered where applicants demonstrate exceptional commitment or abilities to study for the degree – possibly by interview, because of their possession of other qualifications, or because they have relevant experiences that would qualify them for the programme.

Programme learning outcomes

LLM (Master of Laws)

Students who successfully complete the Postgraduate Certificate in Law will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
A1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of key themes and contemporary debates in specialist areas of law	International Human Rights Law: Theory and Practice; International Human Rights: Advanced Themes and Contemporary Debates; Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic, Comparative and International; Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation, and Practice; Counter-Terrorism, Human Rights and the Family; Queer and Feminist Approaches to Law; Environmental Challenges, Social Justice and Human Rights; AI, Disruptive Technologies and the Law; Art Law; Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy); Politics of Human Rights (Department of Politics and International Relations); Technology, Mobility and Justice (Department of Politics and International Relations); Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies (Department of Politics and International Relations)
A2	Demonstrate a good awareness of key domestic and international sources of law, legal institutions and other organisations that influence the development of law in the UK, foreign legal systems and in the international legal order.	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in: International Human Rights Law: Theory and Practice; Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic, Comparative and International; Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation, and Practice; AI, Disruptive Technologies and the Law; Art Law; Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy); Politics of Human Rights (Department of Politics and International Relations); Technology, Mobility and Justice (Department of Politics and International Relations);

Cognitive and thinking skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
B1	Critically analyse how theoretical approaches have impacted on juridical decision making, human rights and criminal justice policy development, and the study of human rights law and criminal justice	Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic, Comparative and International; International Human Rights Law: Theory and Practice; International Human Rights: Advanced Themes and Contemporary Debates; Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation, and Practice; Counter-Terrorism, Human Rights and the Family; Queer and Feminist Approaches to Law; Environmental Challenges, Social Justice and Human Rights; Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies (Department of Politics and International Relations); Politics of Human Rights (Department of Politics and International Relations); Technology, Mobility and Justice (Department of Politics and International Relations); Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies (Department of Politics and International Relations); Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy)
B2	Critique existing human rights and criminal justice norms, systems and organisations, and draw on different theoretical and practical approaches to advocate reform	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in: Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation and Practice; International Human Rights Law: Theory and Practice; International Human Rights: Advanced Themes and Contemporary Debates; Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic, Comparative and International; Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies (Department of Politics and International Relations); Psychology, Crime, and Law (Department of Psychology);

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
		Politics of Human Rights (Department of Politics and International Relations); Technology, Mobility and Justice (Department of Politics and International Relations); Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy)

Subject specific skills and professional behaviours and attitudes

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C1	Adopt an evidence-based approach to analysing public policy in the area of human rights and criminal justice, and challenge conventional views	International Human Rights Law: Theory and Practice; International Human Rights: Advanced Themes and Contemporary Debates; Counter-Terrorism, Human Rights and the Family; Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic, Comparative and International; Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies (Department of Politics and International Relations); Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation and Practice; Psychology, Crime, and Law (Department of Psychology); Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy); Technology, Mobility and Justice (Department of Politics and International Relations)

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C2	Communicate complex ideas and facts in textual or visual form, including through the use of creative and artistic media (such as photography, video and other digital formats)	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in: Queer and Feminist Approaches to Law, and modules adopting the 'assessment by student participation' method

Transferable skills (Elements)

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D1	Apply skills necessary for employment in the human rights and criminal justice sector	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation and Practice; Law and Policy Clinic: Criminal Justice; Criminal Justice Placement; Law and Policy Clinic: Human Rights; Human Rights Placement; Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy)
D2	Draw on advanced knowledge and provide structured responses when dealing with complex situations and multiple parties	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in Law and Policy Clinic: Human Rights; Law and Policy Clinic: Criminal Justice; Criminal Justice Placement; Human Rights Placement

Students who successfully complete the LLM in Criminal Justice and International Human Rights will have demonstrated achievement of all of the above outcomes, and in addition, be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
A1	Demonstrate an advanced knowledge of human rights and criminal justice, particularly through the means of an extended piece of written analysis or similar project	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in the Dissertation
A2	Demonstrate a systematic, current and in-depth knowledge and understanding of key institutional, cultural and professional challenges that arise in the area of human rights and criminal justice,	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in the Dissertation

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
	particularly through the means of an extended piece of written analysis or similar project	

Cognitive and thinking skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
B1	Construct and test a research hypothesis related to human rights and criminal justice, and expertly communicate the outcomes through the development of coherent and evidence-based argumentation	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in the Dissertation
B2	Deconstruct human rights/criminal justice theory and practice, and analyse human rights/criminal justice institutions, to showcase strengths and weaknesses in positive law; communicate the outcomes through the use of coherent and evidence-based argumentation	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in the Dissertation

Subject specific skills and professional behaviours and attitudes

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C1	Conduct self-directed research, retrieval and evaluating of accurate, current and relevant information on human rights and criminal justice law theory and practice from a range of appropriate sources	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in the Dissertation

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C2	Use a clear and accessible way of writing that follows methodological norms and uses human rights and criminal justice terminology accurately to communicate complex concepts	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in the Dissertation

Transferable skills (Elements)

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D1	Work autonomously, over a sustained period, within a complex area	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in the Dissertation
D2	Show resilience, creativity and intellectual rigour when undertaking a complex task	Across different parts of the programme, but especially in the Dissertation

Mode of study

This programme is delivered via in person teaching and learning on our New Cross campus in London.

Programme structure

LLM (Master of Laws)

Students take optional modules to the value of 120 credits.

These 120 credits can be made exclusively of optional modules in the list of 'Department of Law modules'. But students may choose to study 15 credits from the list 'Department of Law Level 6 (Year 3 of LLB) modules' or from the list of 'Interdisciplinary modules'.

Students also write a compulsory dissertation (60 credits).

Department of Law modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Dissertation	LA71 (TBC)	60	7	Compulsory	3

Department of Law modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
International Human Rights Law: Theory and Practice	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1
International Human Rights: Advanced Themes and Contemporary Debates	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic, Comparative and International	LA71 (TBC)	30	7	Optional	1-2
Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation, and Practice	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1
Counter-Terrorism, Human Rights and the Family	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Queer and Feminist Approaches to Law	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1
Environmental Challenges, Social Justice and Human Rights	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Law and Policy Clinic: Criminal Justice	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2-3
Law and Policy Clinic: Human Rights	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2-3
Criminal Justice Placement	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2-3
Human Rights Placement	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2-3

Students can choose a maximum 15 credits from the two lists below (in which case they must limit their choices of modules in the list above to 105 credits):

Department of Law Level 7 modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
AI, Disruptive Technologies and the Law	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1
Art Law	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy)	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2

Department of Law Level 7 modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Interdisciplinary modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Politics of Human Rights (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO71046B	15	7	Optional	TBC
Technology, Mobility and Justice (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO071064A	15	7	Optional	TBC
Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO71012B	30	7	Optional	TBC

LLM in International Human Rights

Students study compulsory modules to the value of 30 credits, and write a compulsory dissertation (60 credits) in the area of international human rights. They study optional modules to the value of 90 credits. These 90 credits can be made exclusively of optional modules in the list of 'Department of Law modules', but students may choose to study a total 30 credits from the list of 'Interdisciplinary modules'.

Department of Law modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
International Human Rights Dissertation	LA71 (TBC)	60	7	Compulsory	3
International Human Rights Law: Theory and Practice	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Compulsory	1
International Human Rights Law: Advanced Themes and Contemporary Debates	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Compulsory	2
Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation, and Practice	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1
Counter-Terrorism, Human Rights and the Family	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic, Comparative and International	LA71 (TBC)	30	7	Optional	1-2
Queer and Feminist Approaches to Law	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1

Department of Law modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Environmental Challenges, Social Justice and Human Rights	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Law and Policy Clinic: Human Rights	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2-3
Human Rights Placement	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2-3

Students can choose 15-30 credits from the list below (in which case they can only choose 60-75 credits from the Department of Law list of modules above).

Department of Law Level 7 modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
AI, Disruptive Technologies and the Law	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1
Art Law	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Interdisciplinary modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
The Politics of Human Rights (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO71046B	15	7	Optional	TBC
Technology, Mobility and Justice (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO071064A	15	7	Optional	TBC
Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO71012B	30	7	Optional	TBC

LLM in Criminal Justice

Students study compulsory modules to the value of 45 credits, and write a compulsory dissertation (60 credits) in the area of criminal justice. They study optional modules to the value of 75 credits. These 75 credits can be made exclusively of optional modules in the list of 'Department of Law modules', but students may choose to study a total 30 credits from the list of 'Interdisciplinary modules'.

Department of Law modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Criminal Justice Dissertation	LA71 (TBC)	60	7	Compulsory	3
Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic,	LA71 (TBC)	30	7	Compulsory	1-2

Department of Law modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Comparative and International					
Counter-Terrorism, Human Rights and the Family	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Compulsory	2
International Human Rights Law: Theory and Practice	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1
International Human Rights Law: Advanced Themes and Contemporary Debates	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation, and Practice	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1
Queer and Feminist Approaches to Law	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	1
Environmental Challenges, Social Justice and Human Rights	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Law and Policy Clinic: Criminal Justice	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2-3
Criminal Justice Placement	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2-3

Students can choose 15-30 credits from the list below (in which case they can only choose 45-60 credits from the Department of Law list of modules above).

Department of Law Level 7 modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy)	LA71 (TBC)	15	7	Optional	2
Interdisciplinary modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO71012B	30	7	Optional	TBC
Psychology, Crime and Law (Department of Psychology)	PS71079B	15	7	Optional	TBC

LLM in Criminal Justice and International Human Rights

Students study compulsory modules to the value of 60 credits, and write a compulsory dissertation (60 credits) in the area of criminal justice. They study optional modules to the

value of 60 credits. These 60 credits can be made exclusively of optional modules in the list of 'Department of Law modules', but students may choose to study a total 30 credits from the list of 'Interdisciplinary modules'.

Department of Law modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Criminal Justice and International Human Rights Dissertation		60	7	Compulsory	3
Advanced Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Domestic, Comparative and International		30	7	Compulsory	1-2
International Human Rights Law: Theory and Practice		15	7	Compulsory	1
International Human Rights Law: Advanced Themes and Contemporary Debates		15	7	Compulsory	2
Counter-Terrorism, Human Rights and the Family		15	7	Optional	2
Human Rights and Criminal Justice: NGO Advocacy, Litigation, and Practice		15	7	Optional	1
Queer and Feminist Approaches to Law		15	7	Optional	1
Environmental Challenges, Social Justice and Human Rights		15	7	Optional	2
Law and Policy Clinic: Criminal Justice		15	7	Optional	2-3
Criminal Justice Placement		15	7	Optional	2-3
Law and Policy Clinic: Human Rights		15	7	Optional	2-3
Human Rights Placement		15	7	Optional	2-3

Students can choose 15-30 credits from the list below (in which case they can only choose 30-45 credits from the Department of Law list of modules above).

Department of Law Level 7 modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
AI, Disruptive Technologies and the Law	LA71 (TBC)	15	6	Optional	1
Art Law	LA71 (TBC)	15	6	Optional	2

Department of Law Level 7 modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Criminal Evidence (with Advanced Mooting and Advocacy)	LA71 (TBC)	15	6	Optional	2
Interdisciplinary modules					
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Politics of Human Rights (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO71046B	15	7	Optional	TBC
Technology, Mobility and Justice (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO071064A	15	7	Optional	TBC
Memory and Justice in Post-Conflict Societies (Department of Politics and International Relations)	PO71012B	30	7	Optional	TBC
Psychology, Crime and Law (Department of Psychology)	PS71079B	15	7	Optional	TBC

Placement opportunities

Students are offered a unique opportunity to learn the law in action, whilst helping local communities and developing crucial professional skills, by being able to take the 15 credit 'Human Rights Placement' or 'Criminal Justice Placement' modules. These modules involve spending 14 days in total on a work placement. Students are assessed through a reflective essay on placement and oral presentation (and submission of presentation slides). They can also use time spent in longer placements, notably the Refugee Law Clinic in London, as Qualifying Work Experience (if they are pursuing a career as solicitor).

Our LLM students can also participate in a wide range of Law Clinics, such as:

- the [University of London Refugee Law Clinic](#), which allows five Goldsmiths Law students every year to work on litigation involving fresh claims for asylum, under the supervision of experienced solicitors and leading law firms—;
- our [Law and Policy Clinics](#) – on immigration, counter-terrorism, financial wrongdoing and suspects' procedural rights – which we modelled upon observation of the work of pioneering Law Clinics at Stanford Law School and Berkeley Law. Through these Clinics, students have the opportunity to collaborate on research, advocacy, investigation, strategic litigation and campaign projects with charities and NGOs, and support the delivery of educational and advice workshops. Students at the LLM can take the 'Law and Policy Clinic: Human Rights'

and ‘Law and Policy Clinic: Criminal Justice’ modules which give them credit-based access to one of Law and Policy Clinics.

Students are also offered continuous access to placement opportunities, including placements with a focus on social justice and human rights, where students are empowered to support people in need, for example as volunteers at Law Centres and advice agencies by the [Pro Bono Community](#) charity. Our students have also engaged in other civic partnerships, such as supporting students facing permanent or fixed term exclusion in secondary schools across London (we were delighted to collaborate with Southwark Council’s Safe Space Network, who empower student volunteers to advise and represent parents whose child(ren) are at risk of permanent exclusion, draft written arguments or take part in school reintegration proceedings). They are also sharing their educational journeys with local sixth-form and college students through the Lewisham Challenge Law programme, which seeks to widen participation, and are presenting human rights workshops to sixth-form students through Knowing Our Rights initiative.

The fascinating range of placements on offer also reflects, and is sensitive to, the diverse professional development needs of our students.

Where placements are offered on a competitive basis, students are chosen on academic merit as well as a holistic and inclusive evaluation of their background factors.

The Law programme also places particular emphasis on supporting applications that students will encounter during their professional journey, such as applications for placements and scholarships, as illustrated by a collaboration with the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, which has a particular focus on how to apply to the Inner Temple’s Pegasus Access and Support Scheme (PASS) programme. We are especially keen to support access to the profession of students who do not come from privileged backgrounds, through opportunities such as Freshfields Stephen Lawrence Scholarship Scheme for BAME male students, and Lincoln’s Inn Neuberger Prize for students from non-Russell Group law programmes.

External partnerships and collaborations

The LLM programme at Goldsmiths draws upon, and further develops, a range of existing and emerging collaborations with employers and legal practice that feed into all our programmes. The following can be mentioned indicatively:

UK Supreme Court, Parliamentary Select Committees, the Wellcome Trust, [Harvard Law School](#), [Stanford Law School](#), [Berkeley Law](#) and [Loyola Law School](#) (Los Angeles), the Law Commission, the [British Academy](#), [Liberty](#), the Bar Human Rights Committee, the [Being Human](#) festival, the [Human Rights Lawyers’ Association](#), the European Parliament, the [Council of Europe](#), Big Brother Watch, Doughty Street Chambers, Garden Court Chambers, 2 Hare Court and 1 Chancery Lane, [Linklaters LLP](#), Mishcon de Reya LLP, Travers Smith, Meta (legal department), SONY (legal department), Slaughter and May, the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, and the Migrants’ Rights Network, Oxford’s Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, the [Forensic Psychology Unit](#) in Goldsmiths’ Psychology department,

Goldsmiths' [Forensic Architecture](#), Lawyers against Poverty, the Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain, Age UK Lambeth, Justice for Tenants, [Pro Bono Community](#), and many others.

The Inns of Court, and in particular the [Honourable Society of the Inner Temple](#).

MPs, MEPs, NGO directors, leading Barristers, Judges, Solicitor Advocates, Compliance managers, Legal advisers at Select Committees.

The capacity of the Law programme to develop strong links with potential employers is particularly mirrored in the appointment of some of the UK's foremost experts on criminal law and human rights as Visiting Professors, including Kirsty Brimelow QC, Head of Doughty Street Chambers' international human rights team and Chairwoman of the Bar Human Rights Committee; Judge Donald Cryan, a Family Law judge and former Treasurer of the Inner Temple; the former Attorney General Dominic Grieve QC; Prof Liora Lazarus, former Head of Research at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights; Schona Jolly QC, Chair of the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales (BHRC) and Head of Cloisters Human Rights Practice Group; Alison Levitt QC, former principal legal adviser to the Director of Public Prosecutions; Prof Leslie Thomas QC, pre-eminent authority in the country in claims against the police (particularly relating to deaths in custody), other public authorities and corporations; Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, renowned for leading the prosecution of Slobodan Milošević and a leading figure on international criminal law; Jessica Simor QC, a founding member of distinguished Matrix Chambers and a 2016 UK nominee for Judge at the European Court of Human Rights; Martha Spurrier, Executive Director of Liberty, the UK's leading human rights campaigning organisation; and Adam Wagner, human rights expert at Doughty Street Chambers.

Employability and potential career opportunities

Goldsmiths' LLM programmes offer a range of employability experiences. The LLM (Master of Laws) programme and specialist pathways lead to various types of career opportunities, including as barrister, solicitor, prosecutor at the CPS, NGO expert, criminal justice expert, member of civil service or government organisation, external auditor, data analyst, arbitrator, barrister's clerk, detective, paralegal, advice worker, mediator, compliance manager, Anti-Money Laundering Officer, and human resources officer.

All students have access to a range of central careers service activities, including one-to-one appointments, workshops and employer events. The bulk of one-to-one appointments are 20-minute Quick Queries where students can discuss anything which will support them in working out their next steps. Career services also offer application and CV advice appointments as well as more specialist one-to-one provision covering placements, part-time work, volunteering, and enterprise. Other central events include fairs, volunteering events, enterprise workshops and other employer-focused activity. Workshops focus on topics such as interview skills, commercial awareness, work placements, and writing effective applications. An indicative Employability Plan, from 2021-22, can be found [here](#).

Programme-specific requirements

Not applicable

Tuition fee costs

Information on tuition fee costs is available at: <https://www.gold.ac.uk/students/fee-support/>

Specific programme costs

Not applicable