LLM in International Corporate Governance, Financial Regulation and Economic Law
About the degree

The LLM in International Corporate Governance, Financial Regulation and Economic Law (ICGFREL) is an advanced-level programme examining corporate governance, financial regulation, and economic law from an international and comparative perspective with particular focus on European and UK corporate governance regulation and practices, and international institutional developments.

All of our graduates are awarded a University of London degree (LLM).

Study with us

The programme is based at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS), a member institute of the School of Advanced Study, University of London. It builds on the Institute’s existing research expertise in the area of company law, corporate governance, international economic law, financial regulation, law of foreign investment, and financial law. It has been designed to appeal to law graduates as well as those in other disciplines—such as business studies, international relations, and finance and economics—who would like to learn more about the legal side of international economic relations and to develop a specialised understanding of corporate governance concepts and the role of financial regulation in today’s globalised financial markets. The Institute is uniquely qualified and situated to offer this academic law degree programme in London, the world’s leading international financial centre.

The ever-changing nature of international financial markets and new challenges and crises associated with this dynamic sector of the global economy require an interdisciplinary and international approach. This LLM programme, which combines law and economics of financial markets and services, will meet the needs of law and business graduates who wish to pursue a career in financial services and to develop their knowledge and skills in an important and complex field.

The degree of LLM in International Corporate Governance, Financial Regulation and Economic Law is awarded by the University of London at a ceremony held each year in Senate House.
Why choose this degree?

- You are a lawyer or compliance officer, regulator, or policy maker who wishes to enhance your knowledge and understanding of corporate governance, financial law and regulation, and economic law.

- You are a law graduate, economics graduate, or graduate from another discipline who is pursuing a career in financial services and corporate finance with a legal and regulatory edge; the interdisciplinary nature of the programme means that applicants are not required to have a law degree nor a professional qualification in law.

- You already have professional experience working in financial service firms, law firms, or corporations and wish to learn more about how law and regulation affect management practices, corporate governance, and business strategy.

- You wish to work or are already working in government and state agencies in charge of production, supervision, and enforcement of regulatory laws, such as central banks, securities and exchange commissions, or insurance regulators.

- You have a background in university lecturing in business, law, or social science and are looking to enhance your qualifications to teach corporate law/governance, financial law/regulation, or international political economy and international economic law and organisations.
How will this course benefit me?

The LLM in International Corporate Governance, Financial Regulation and Economic Law aims to:

- Widen your knowledge of corporate governance, financial regulation, and international and comparative aspects of economic law and financial regulation.
- Introduce you to the principles and theories that underlie the field and to the role of financial regulation and legal mechanisms in averting and/or managing financial crises.
- Stimulate broader strategic thinking about the goals of corporate and financial regulation and how it affects business strategy and overarching public policy, with an analysis of the economic and legal principles applied to practical case studies.
- Address the public policy aspects of financial regulation and corporate governance.
- Assist you in developing the skills in legal analysis and compliance with laws and regulation required for a dynamic career related to the law, regulation and practice of financial markets, or to the financial services sector.
Degree overview

The programme offers modules that analyse corporate governance, financial regulation, international economics, and financial law from a European and comparative perspective. The main themes include the role of international economic organisations in globalised financial markets and the emerging legal and regulatory institutions that govern European financial markets. The United Kingdom’s legal and regulatory regime is an important area of focus, including the various institutional models of regulation. Some modules focus on an academic analysis of the relevant legal and regulatory concepts and principles, while in other modules the lecturers will address the practical aspects of corporate governance and financial regulation. Modules are taught by leading academics from the University of London and other UK universities.

Structure and assessment

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* Availability of modules and lecturers may vary from year to year. Please note that we are currently reviewing the structure and content of this programme and may introduce some changes for 2019–20.
Teaching and learning

The academic faculty for the programme consists of leading scholars in the fields of national and international financial law and regulation, European and UK economic law, corporate governance, and corporate law and practice. Faculty members have published in the leading academic presses and journals, including Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, and Lexis-Nexis/Butterworths. Experienced practitioners will teach some modules and guest lectures are presented by eminent lawyers and jurists.

The University of London experience

As part of the School of Advanced Study (SAS), University of London, IALS students benefit from a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment, as well as a range of funding opportunities. SAS is a national research hub and IALS enjoys close links with its other members, including the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, the Institute of Modern Languages Research, and the Institute of Historical Research. Cross-institute collaboration is actively encouraged, making us an ideal location for interdisciplinary research.

IALS students join a community of more than 300 students in SAS. They are encouraged to participate in the wider activities of the University and are able to use the libraries of other colleges in addition to Senate House Library and IALS’s outstanding law library. The IALS library is one of the world’s great legal research libraries and is widely regarded as the UK’s national law library, attracting up to 700 visitors per day and 6,000 readers each year.

The Institute is located in the heart of Bloomsbury in central London. Our location ensures that you will be able to enjoy everything the city has to offer, from the world-class resources of the British Museum (adjacent to Senate House) and British Library (within short walking distance) to shops, restaurants, parks, clubs, and theatres. London is regularly named the best university city in the world for its welcoming attitude, diversity, and vibrant student-friendly culture.

Full-time students, and part-time students with disabilities, may apply for accommodation in one of the University of London’s award-winning intercollegiate halls of residence. Our Registry office will send you housing information after you have been offered a place. To learn more about accommodation options, please visit halls.london.ac.uk/our-accommodation.
Entry requirements

The normal minimum entrance requirement is a First or Upper Second Class Honours degree from a university in the UK or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. We will consider applications from candidates who do not meet the formal academic requirements but who offer alternative qualifications and/or relevant experience. Applicants are not required to have a law degree nor a professional qualification in law.

English is the language of instruction and applicants are required to demonstrate an appropriate level of proficiency.

For more information on entry requirements, please visit sas.ac.uk/graduate-study/entry-requirements.

How to apply

Applications should be made online via the SAS website. For full details of the application process, please visit sas.ac.uk/study/icgfrel.

Course summary

Degree structure
The degree can be taken full time over one year or part time over two years, with entry in October only. The degree comprises seven modules: six modules assessed by a written essay of around 3,500 words and one module assessed by attendance as well as a dissertation of around 15,000 words.

Full-time students complete taught modules during the first and second terms (October–March) and write the dissertation during the third term (April–June). Part-time students typically take four modules in the first year of study and three modules plus the dissertation in the second year.

Fees 2018–19 (subject to annual uplift)
Home and EU students: full time, £8,570 | part time, £4,285
Overseas students: £13,660

Funding
The School of Advanced Study offers a number of funding options, including bursaries, scholarships, grants, and awards. For details, please visit sas.ac.uk/funding.

Learn more

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School of Advanced Study: sas.ac.uk/study
The **Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS)** was founded in 1947 as a national academic institution serving all universities through its national legal research library. Its function is to promote, facilitate and disseminate the results of advanced study and research in the discipline of law, for the benefit of persons and institutions in the UK and abroad. Its areas of speciality include arbitration and dispute settlement, company law, comparative law, economic crime, financial services law, legislative studies and law reform, and the legal profession and delivery of legal services. The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is a member institute of the University of London’s School of Advanced Study.

The **School of Advanced Study** is the UK’s national centre for the support and promotion of research in the humanities. Located at the heart of the University of London in Bloomsbury, the School provides an unrivalled scholarly community in which to pursue postgraduate study and research. Students learn from leading specialists in their fields, hone their research skills in highly regarded training programmes, expand their knowledge through an extensive calendar of events, and become part of a worldwide network of humanities scholars. Funding opportunities include AHRC-sponsored London Arts and Humanities Partnership studentships, SAS studentships, and a number of subject-specific bursaries and awards.