

School of Law

European Business Law LLM/Diploma

Course length

The programme runs for 2 years on a Distance Learning basis.

There are two start dates each year – September and February.

Who can apply?

The LLM programme is available to both lawyers and non-lawyers. Applicants should normally possess one of the following:

- A degree in law
- A degree incorporating law elements or a joint honours incorporating law
- A comparable professional qualification.

Students with non-law degrees but appropriate work related work experience will also be considered.

Applicants for whom English is not their first language, should have attained a score of 6.5 IELTS or equivalent.

Enquiries:

If you would like to discuss your qualifications or suitability for the programme please contact the Programme Leader, Mr Emmanuel Guinchard

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About the course

The European Union, which now comprises 25 Member States, constitutes the biggest single trading block in the world. EU legislation increasingly governs most areas of commercial activity including contract law, employment law and the legal regulation of the environment. It is clear that no business can afford to ignore the increasing impact of legislation that affects its operations.

The LLM European Business Law programme will be of particular interest to legal practitioners and anybody involved in commercial activity particularly companies trading within the European Union. It will also be of interest to anybody wishing to obtain a

further academic qualification in this dynamic subject. The programme concentrates on those areas of European Union law that have an immediate effect on commercial activity.

The LLM European Business Law is offered by Northumbria's School of Law on a distance learning basis, which provides a flexible means of study for those people in business or employment. The programme starts in September and February of each year and lasts for 2 years. Students are invited to attend an initial study week at the beginning of the programme.



John Massey

LLM European Business Law

"The ever-increasing impact of European law on all aspects of public and commercial activity fully justifies a specialised LLM such as that offered by Northumbria University. The value of this course is that it corrects any preconception of EU law as narrow, arid or abstract by examining the relevant principles within the context of specific national and corporate issues.

I had initially been apprehensive that a distance-learning course, in what is a relatively complex field, would be difficult to follow. Any such fears proved groundless. The structured course materials for each module enabled me to progress at my own speed and gave guidance for further reading in areas of particular interest. Especially valuable is each module's Answer Book, which neatly helps to resolve all those "Yes, but..." niggles which inevitably arise from the often complex issues addressed. There is unlimited remote access to the powerful legal databases subscribed to by the University and each course tutor is always available to assist by phone or email – indeed, such contact is actively encouraged. My queries have been responded to quickly and thoroughly; the tutors fully appreciate the nature of distance learning and you are not fobbed off with "Just go and read Chapter 12 again."

Both my location and my work commitments would have prevented me from undertaking an LLM on an attendance basis. The freedom of distance learning has enabled me to come to terms with what is undoubtedly a crucial and demanding area of law.

further info

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Course structure

The programme comprises two parts. In the first part of the programme students are required to successfully complete six taught modules (lawyers are only required to complete five). At this point successful students may, if they wish, exit with the award of Postgraduate Diploma in European Business Law. Students wishing to be considered for the award of LLM European Business Law must also successfully complete the second part of the programme which comprises a research project on a subject relevant to the award. There are no examinations and all assessment is by means of written coursework.

The six modules are taught by means of a Distance Learning package, which comprises a mix of hard copy and online sources. Students complete two modules in each semester.

The taught part of the programme includes the following modules:

Compulsory

- Legal Method and Research (for non-lawyers)
- Foundations of European Business Law.

Options

Students must select four options from the following list:

- Free Movement of Goods
- Freedom of Movement of Workers
- Freedom of Business Establishment and Services
- EC Public Procurement Rules
- EU Employment Law
- WTO Law
- EU Competition Rules
- Legal Remedies
- Environmental Law.

Start dates and applications

The programme commences twice a year, in September and February. In order to apply for the LLM please complete a standard Northumbria University application form and return it the address as directed below. Alternatively applications may be made online at www.northumbria.ac.uk/law

Applicants should endeavour to submit their application before the dates indicated below:

Enrolment: applications invited by

September 2005	August 12 2005
February 2006	January 13 2006

Late applications will be considered. However, candidates should be aware that, due to postal delays beyond the control of the School of Law, it may take up to 6 weeks for an overseas application to be finalised. This may delay the start of the programme. Therefore we strongly recommend that candidates apply as soon as possible.

Benefits of the programme

- Specifically designed to meet the needs of both lawyers and non-lawyers
- Flexible – most students complete the programme in 2 years but an accelerated route is available for those who wish to complete in 18 months
- Focused on those areas of European Union Law which impact on public and commercial activity
- Relevant to people in both the public and private sectors and also those based outside the EU
- Enables students to develop their abilities to critically analyse the law and develop a deeper understanding of the impact of EU Law on commercial activity
- E-learning – the programme provides students with online access to a wide array of legal and academic sources.



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