

The Master of Laws is designed for those wanting to take the next step towards practising law at a higher level with a programme designed to allow you to upskill or specialise.

Quick facts

Programme type: Taught and research

Points: 120

Applications: Throughout the year

Intake: February and July

Postgraduate fees for international students



Programme overview

The LLM is an opportunity for LLB graduates to enhance knowledge, focus on a specialised area of law, and gain internationally recognised academic qualification. The programme is made up of 120 points undertaken by taught courses, research or a combination of both. With over 30 taught courses to choose from you can concentrate your study in particular areas of specialisation or study a broad range of legal subjects.

Entry Requirements

You must have completed a Bachelor of Laws with a GPA of 5.0 or equivalent degree.

See the full list of postgraduate subjects



Some postgraduate course options you may enrol into:

Mergers and Acquisitions

Climate Change Law

Freedom of Speech as Constitutional Principle

Global Environmental Law

International Business Law

International Peace and Security

Regulation of International Trade

South Pacific Legal Studies: Critical Issues



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Dr Fleur Te Aho has experience as a LLM supervisor and primarily conducts research and supervises postgraduate research on issues regarding Indigenous peoples and the law.

Fleur's recent research includes attention to Māori and the criminal law too, co-authoring an article on Māori jurisdictional protests in the criminal courts for the NZ Universities Law Review and a LexisNexis textbook on Criminal Law in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Fleur's research informs her advocacy for Indigenous peoples' rights, including formerly as a co-director of Te Puna Rangahau o te Wai Ariki | The Aotearoa New Zealand Centre for Indigenous Peoples and the Law and as a member of Te Ara Takatū, a collective advocating for Māori survivors of abuse in state and faith-based care.

Professor Fleur Te Aho

Flexible Delivery

Our LLM is designed to provide flexible legal study for both full-time and parttime students. You can study while you work to keep up the momentum or go full-time to get to the next level even faster. The intensive courses offered through out the academic year offers the flexibility you need to accelerate your career.

- · Full-semester courses taught in the early evening once a week.
- Half-semester courses taught for six weeks of the semester in the early evening once a week.
- The three day course is on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday or Wed-Fri rarely spills over to the Monday.
- · Independent research through thesis and dissertations.

"The lecturers and staff are very helpful and understanding.

I feel supported to achieve my academic goals whilst also
taking my career to new heights.

"I like meeting other students, especially international students, and asking them what dispute resolution is like in their home jurisdiction. I also enjoy researching a complex topic or current issue, and then writing about my research."

Karen Chow
Master of Laws (LLM)



Where could this programme take you?

The LLM (taught) coursework enables you to enhance your knowledge of particular areas of law or to develop new expertise and new specializations. The LLM by research provides a unique opportunity to investigate a legal topic in depth and truly master an area of law. Whichever path you take, an LLM will help distinguish you from your peers and help enhance your career opportunities.

Jobs related to this programme:

- · Academic
- Barrister, solicitor
- · Legal, financial or strategic adviser
- · Foreign policy officer
- · Policy analyst in public or private sector
- · Police and defense forces
- · Tax adviser, auditor, revenue assessment officer
- · Resource management, property consultant



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