

LLM (R) HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF LAW

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The LLM (R) in History and Philosophy of Law is a programme designed to combine a structured teaching component with an opportunity to produce a substantial piece of research under supervision.

The LLM (R) in History and Philosophy of Law is a Masters degree that builds on Edinburgh Law School's national and international reputation in the fields of Philosophy of Law and Legal History. Edinburgh's current expertise in those fields is grounded in a long tradition of historical and philosophical research that can be traced back to the Scottish Enlightenment. Edinburgh hosts one of the most important centres of Legal History in Scotland, the United Kingdom and indeed in the world. The Centre has an established international reputation and is staffed by renowned experts in the field of legal historical enquiry. The Director of the Centre for Legal History is Professor John Cairns, and the team includes Professor Hector MacQueen, Mr David Sellar and Dr Paul du Plessis. The members of the centre also act as office bearers for some of the most important legal history bodies in Scotland and elsewhere (e.g. the Stair Society and the Scottish Eighteenth-Century Society).

In the field of Legal Philosophy, Edinburgh is one of the leading institutions in the world. That recognition is both given to the individual staff members and to the institution itself. The team of legal theorists which will be involved in the teaching and/or supervision includes Professor Zenon Bankowski, Professor Neil Walker, Professor Sir Neil MacCormick and Dr Claudio Michelon. Legal theorists in Edinburgh are part of the Centre for Law and Society, which enjoys international institutional prestige as one of the most important research centres in the field worldwide.

Edinburgh is committed to providing a unique research student community in both legal history and legal philosophy. Our research students in legal theory, for instance, run their own legal theory seminar series and reading group.

We offer the student a strong and active research community which fosters and encourages the development of researchers in legal history and legal theory at all stages of their careers.

The LLM (R) in History and Philosophy of Law was designed as a free-standing programme that, if successfully completed, leads to the award of a research degree. However, the programme's design also allows it to become a platform for the development of further research projects.





PROGRAMME

The LLM (R) in History and Philosophy of Law may be taken over 1 year full time or 2 years part time (substantive course in Year 1, research courses plus dissertation in Year 2).

In order to achieve the LLM in History and Philosophy of Law, you are required to complete 180 credits. Students must complete 80 credits of taught modules and 100 credits for a 15000 word dissertation written under supervision.

The optional courses have been designed in such a way to allow students to choose combinations of courses that are tailored to their interests. A student with mainly theoretical interests might decide to choose a combination of courses with a philosophical focus, while a student with mainly historical interests might choose courses with a historical focus; and a student with an interest on the foundations of private law might choose courses with a focus on private law from the historical and theoretical perspectives, and so on.

Many members of the Law School's staff are involved in teaching and/or supervision, including Professors Zenon Bankowski, John Cairns, Hector MacQueen, Neil Walker, Professor Emeritus Neil MacCormick, Dr. Paul du Plessis, Dr. Claudio Michelon and others.

COURSES

Compulsory Modules – 20 credits each module	
Traditions of Legal Inquiry	Theories & Philosophies of Legal Research
40 credits may also be studied via 2 of the following modules – each is worth 20 credits	
History of Private Law	Issues in Contemporary Constitutional Law
Law & the Enlightenment	Law, Culture & Rights in a Transnational World
Law, Democracy & the Market	Philosophy of Private Law
Legal Research Methods	

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