

PROGRAMME CONVENOR BACKGROUND



Billy Melo Araujo is a lecturer at the School of Law of the Queen's University Belfast where he teaches and researches on EU and International Trade Law. He has a Master in International Economic Law from the University of Warwick, and a PhD from King's College, London. Prior to entering academia he worked as a solicitor in Brussels advising clients on corporate law and EU law. His research focuses mainly on EU External Trade relations Law and WTO law. He is the author of several publications on international trade law, including a monograph entitled the *The EU Deep Trade Agenda – Law and Policy* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

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The Masters in Law is an accelerated 2 year, full-time senior status postgraduate degree in law. The degree offers the highest quality of teaching, delivered through intensive small group weekly seminars and the specially devised curriculum builds on the fact that students have already benefited from a university level education by enabling them to acquire a qualifying law degree in 2 years, rather than the 3 years it would normally take to obtain an LLB.

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“Everyone has studied different degrees before which adds an extra dimension to classes and makes tutorials really lively. Overall, the subject areas we study are really interesting, everyone is motivated. Doing coursework instead of exams means you can examine issues in more depth and at your own pace. We also ensure we make time to get together outside of classes for coffees, meals and nights out.”

Julie Ellison

SPECIAL FEATURES

- QUB Law is ranked in the top 200 Law Schools world-wide (QS World University Rankings 2016/17) and our international reputation is enhanced by the work of our prominent leading academics. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF2014) we are ranked in the top 20 in the UK. The School is 9th in the UK for Law (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017).
- This Masters programme is designed for UK non-law graduates, and for law and non-law graduates from other countries who wish to acquire a thorough grounding in UK law. It is particularly attractive for those who wish to enter the legal profession, for whom it is an alternative to a graduate level CPE/GDL programme. By spreading study over 2 years of intensive postgraduate-level work, students gain a greater depth of understanding than is possible in one-year CPE programmes.
- The MLaw is recognised by the Law Society and the Bar Council as a qualifying senior status Law degree for practice in Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Students hoping to practice in another jurisdiction should contact that jurisdiction's regulatory body.
- Queen's postgraduates reap exceptional benefits. Unique initiatives such as Degree Plus and the Leadership Development Programme which all students are welcome to sign up for bolster our commitment to transferable skills and employability.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The MLaw is offered on a modular basis. To complete the degree a total of 300 CATS points must be obtained. Twelve modules (20 CATS each) must be taken and a dissertation (60 CATS) must be completed. The structure is as follows:

Year 1

- Constitutional Law in Context
- Criminal Law
- European Constitutional Law
- European Internal Market Law
- Legal Methods and Skills
- Rights and Accountability

Dissertation (commenced over the summer between Years 1 and 2 and submitted at end of Year 2)

Year 2

- Contemporary Issues in Property Law
- Contract Law
- Equity
- Evidence
- Land Law
- Torts

Assessment – assessed by coursework assignments. In addition, students must also complete a 15,000-20,000 word dissertation, supervised by a member of academic staff with a research interest in the chosen topic.