

## Programme Specification

### I. Programme Details

<b>Programme title</b>	Law	
<b>Final award</b> ( <i>exit awards will be made as outlined in the <a href="#">Taught Degree Regulations</a></i> )	<b>UG – FHEQ level 6</b>	<b>PGT – FHEQ level 7</b>
	BA <input type="checkbox"/>	MA <input type="checkbox"/>
	BSc <input type="checkbox"/>	MSc <input type="checkbox"/>
	LLB <input type="checkbox"/>	MRes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		LLM <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please specify FHEQ level:	
<b>Mode of delivery</b>	Distance-learning <input type="checkbox"/>	On-campus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Professional body accreditation</b> ( <i>if applicable</i> )		
<b>Academic year this specification was created</b>	2017/18 for 2018/19 onwards	
<b>Dates of any subsequent amendments</b>		

### II. Programme Aims: What will the programme allow you to achieve?

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This master’s programme allows students to combine the study of law with advanced methodological training in law, research methods and the option of an African/Asian/Middle Eastern language.</li> <li>2. The programme is designed to prepare students for further research, particularly PhD research, in law with an area specialism.</li> </ol>
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### III. Programme Learning Outcomes: What will you learn on the programme?

There are four key areas in which you will develop:

<b>Learning Outcomes: Knowledge</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. be familiar with legal approaches to research and have the ability to apply these to their own research;</li> <li>2. have an understanding of the philosophical, ethical and political issues at the heart of legal research, as well as a conception of some possible solutions to such problems;</li> <li>3. comprehend and critique a range of theoretical and empirical literature;</li> </ol>	
<b>Typical Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Typical Assessment Methods</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• familiarity with legal approaches to research will be developed through lectures, seminar discussions, compulsory reading assignments, and the dissertation;</li> <li>• an understanding of the philosophical, ethical and political issues at the heart of law research (as well as possible solutions to such problems) will also be developed through lectures, seminar discussions, compulsory reading assignments, and the dissertation;</li> <li>• critical comprehension of theoretical and empirical literature will be encouraged</li> </ul>	

through substantive modules, compulsory reading assignments, lectures, and seminars;	
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<b>Learning Outcomes: Intellectual (thinking) skills</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. plan and execute an appropriate research design;</li> <li>2. understand and utilise appropriate research methods;</li> <li>3. be able to perform qualitative analyses in a variety of settings in an intelligent and thoughtful manner;</li> </ol>	
<b>Typical Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Typical Assessment Methods</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• planning and execution of an appropriate research design will be developed through independent projects, essays, and the dissertation;</li> <li>• understanding and utilization of appropriate research methods will be encouraged through independent projects (e.g. essays), oral presentations, and the dissertation;</li> </ul>

<b>Learning Outcomes: Subject-based practical skills</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. be able to interpret and critique published research;</li> </ol>	
<b>Typical Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Typical Assessment Methods</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the interpretation and critique of published research will be encouraged via compulsory reading assignments, synthetic/critical lectures, and regular seminar discussions, as well as long essays and the dissertation;</li> </ul>	

<b>Learning Outcomes: Transferrable skills</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. be aware of a wide range of research resources available to law researchers;</li> <li>2. be able to write up and present the findings of legal analysis.</li> </ol>	
<b>Typical Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Typical Assessment Methods</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an awareness of research resources available to social scientists will be provided via 1) the provision of detailed reading lists, which include, where appropriate, reference to on-line materials and 2) compulsory reading assignments which familiarize students with secondary sources;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an ability to write up and present the findings of analysis will be encouraged via long essays, coursework, exams, and the dissertation.</li> </ul>

### **General statement on contact hours – postgraduate programmes**

Masters programmes (with the exception of two-year full-time MAs) consist of 180 credits, made up of taught modules of 30 or 15 credits, taught over 10 or 20 weeks, and a dissertation of 60 credits. The programme structure shows which modules are compulsory and which optional.

As a rough guide, 1 credit equals approximately 10 hours of work. Most of this will be independent study (see <https://www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/ug/teaching/>) such as reading and research, preparing coursework, revising for examinations and so on. Also included is class time, for example lectures, seminars and other classes. Some subjects may have more class time than others – a typical example of this are language acquisition modules.

At SOAS, most postgraduate modules have a one-hour lecture and a one-hour seminar every week, but this does vary.

More information can be found on individual module pages.

**MRes Law**

Dissertation	
credits	90
module code	15PLAD179
module title	Dissertation MRes Law
FHEQ	level 7
status	core module

Taught Component	
credits	30
module code	15PLAC181
module title	Research Methods in Law
FHEQ	level 7
status	compulsory module

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Taught Component	
credits	15
module code	15PFMC085
module title	Research Design and Epistemology
FHEQ	level 7
status	compulsory module

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Taught Component	
credits	30
module code	any PGT Law module
module title	guided option*
<b>OR</b>	
credits	30
module code	any PGT language module
module title	guided option*

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Taught Component	
credits	15
module code	any PGT Law module
module title	guided option*

**\*List of modules (subject to availability)**

15PLAC162	Preliminary Law, Legal Reasoning and Legal Methods	0
15PLAH060	Anatomy of a Human Rights Emergency: Case Study of Darfur	15
15PLAH025	Colonialism, Empire and International Law	15
15PLAH046	Comparative Constitutional Law	15
15PLAH051	EU Law in Global Context	15
15PLAH031	Foundations of Comparative Law	15
15PLAH021	Foundations of International Law	15
15PGNH005	Gender, Armed Conflict and International Law	15
15PLAH061	Gender, Sexuality and Law: Selected Topics	15
15PLAH062	Gender, Sexuality and Law: Theories and Methodologies	15
15PLAH065	Human Rights of Women	15
15PLAH055	International Criminal Law	15
15PLAH063	International Investment Law and Arbitration	15
15PLAH057	International Refugee and Migration Law	15
15PLAH040	Justice, Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Post-Conflict Societies	15
15PLAH053	Law & Critique	15
15PLAH026	Law and Policy of International Courts and Tribunals	15
15PLAH050	Law and Postcolonial Theory	15
15PLAH049	Law and Society in Southeast Asia	15
15PLAH064	Law, Rights & Social Change	15
15PLAH058	Law, Rights and Society in Taiwan	15
15PLAH022	The Law of Armed Conflict	15
15PLAH044	Water Law: Justice and Governance	15
15PLAC104	Alternative Dispute Resolution	30
15PLAC105	Banking Law	30
15PLAC106	Chinese commercial law	30
15PLAC154	Climate Change and Energy Law and Policy	30
15PLAC175	Comparative Commercial Law	30
15PLAC150	Human Rights and Islamic Law	30
15PLAC153	International Commercial Arbitration	30
15PLAC145	International Human Rights Clinic	30
15PLAC119	International Protection of Human Rights	30
15PLAC120	International Trade Law	30
15PLAC115	International and Comparative Copyright Law: Copyright in The Global Village	30
15PLAC116	International and Comparative Corporate Law	30
15PLAC121	Islamic Law (MA/LLM)	30
15PLAC160	Law and Development in Africa	30
15PLAC126	Law and Natural Resources	30
15PLAC129	Law and Society in South Asia	30
15PLAC130	Law and Society in The Middle East and North Africa	30
15PLAC159	Law of Islamic Finance	30
15PLAC118	Law, Environmental and Sustainable Development in a Global Context	30
15PLAC133	Law, Human Rights and Peace Building: The Israeli-Palestinian Case	30
15PLAC139	Modern Chinese Law and Institutions	30
15PLAC140	Multinational Enterprises and The Law	30
15PLAC177	Water Law and Development: Conflicts, Governance and Justice	30