Preparatory Programmes for
Master of Laws (LLM)
Postgraduate Diploma in Laws
Postgraduate Certificate in Laws

University of London
Established by Royal Charter 1836
External System
American University of Technology
AUT is happy to offer the lawyers’ community in Lebanon the opportunity to expand their legal expertise made necessary with globalization and the presence of multinational companies in this area by teaming up with the University of London to offer one of the best-rated LLM programmes in the world. Having operated many joint academic ventures with universities in Europe and the United States of America for over 10 years, AUT brings its international experience to ensure the success of this current programme. AUT’s main campus is located in Halat and its off-campus program is in the city of Tripoli. Its three faculties offer accredited bachelor and master programmes in the areas of business, arts and applied sciences.

University of London External System
The University of London is one of the oldest, largest and most diverse universities in the UK. A federation of research-based higher education institutions, the University of London is committed to undergraduate and/or postgraduate teaching of the highest quality in a research environment. The range and breadth of activity within the University provides it with a unique character and high level of distinction. Established in 1858, the University of London External System manages the majority of the University’s distance learning courses to make University of London degrees accessible to students staying overseas who, for one reason or another, could not leave their home countries for study.

Today, there are more than 40,000 students in over 180 countries studying for more than 100 University of London qualifications.

Programmes Features
The part-time Preparatory Programmes described in this brochure prepare students for the examinations leading to the awards by the University of London. They provide opportunities for students who:
• have completed Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or a “Licence en Droit” and wish to proceed to a more advanced level of study
• are legal practitioners and require further studies to serve as part of their continuing professional legal education and training
• are working professionals but requiring necessary legal training as part of their career enhancement

Academic Direction
The academic management for the programmes is provided jointly by the Department of Laws of Queen Mary (QM) and Faculty of Laws of University College London (UCL). The Law Schools of UCL and QM are each rated in the top 10 in the UK, with UCL Laws as number one and QM as number seven.

Full Learning and Teaching Support
These Preparatory Programmes are taught by reputed faculty from the University of London who will visit Lebanon to provide special lectures and by top professors recruited from the prestigious local lawyers’ community. Apart from face-to-face teaching, students will also have access to online facilities provided by AUT, a student support system as well as University of London’s extensive study materials (text books, Study Guides, reading materials, CDs, and web resources) and e-Campus containing online library resources, legal databases (Lexis/Nexis® and Westlaw®) and dedicated discussion forums.

Assessment
Assessment of the Postgraduate Law Programmes is by unseen written examinations. Entry for examination is arranged through the British Council. All marking is done by the University of London’s Board of Examiners, in London.

Quality Assurance
Individual academic staff of the University of London are directly involved in the External System. They develop the syllabuses, compile the study materials, set the examination papers and mark the examination scripts. As a result, high academic standards are maintained, the same as if you were studying the degree IN London.
Entry Requirements

Master of Laws (LLM)
Applicants must have:
(i) obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree of the University of London with at least Second Class Honours;
(ii) obtained a first degree, in a subject appropriate to the Master of Laws (LLM), awarded by an institution acceptable to the University of London, with a result considered by the University of London to be equivalent to at least Second Class Honors; or
(iii) obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Laws from a college or institute of the University of London; and
(iv) competence in English acceptable to the University of London

Postgraduate Diploma in Laws
Applicants must have:
(i) obtained a degree of the University of London with at least Second Class Honours; or
(ii) obtained a first degree awarded by an institution acceptable to the University of London, with a result considered by the University of London to be equivalent to at least Second Class Honours; or
(iii) obtained a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws from a college or institute of the University of London; and
(iv) competence in English acceptable to the University of London

Postgraduate Certificate in Laws
Applicants must have:
(i) obtained a degree of the University of London; or
(ii) obtained a degree awarded by an institution acceptable to the University of London; and
(iii) at least five years relevant working experience, such as accounting, banking, finance, insurance, law or policing; and
(iv) competence in English acceptable to the University of London

Graduation Requirements
For the successful completion of the LLM programme, candidates must complete four courses each consisting of four sections (a total of 16 sections). Each section is the equivalent to six European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. Students have a period of one year to five years maximum to complete the LLM.

There are exams for each section (or module) that can be taken when the candidate is ready. Exam sessions are organized in May and October in Lebanon (The British Council) and many other countries. Candidates who fail the same section twice are expelled from the program. Students aiming at the LLM degree will acquire on the way a Postgraduate Certificate when they complete 5 sections and will earn a Postgraduate Diploma when they complete a total of 10 sections.

General or Specialized LLM
You can get a general LLM by taking any four courses. If you want to specialize in an area and have the LLM bear the specialization, you will need to study three courses out of four (12 out of 16 sections) that are part of the specialization area.
Specializations Available

- Banking and Finance Law
- Commercial and Corporate Law
- Common Law
- Comparative and Foreign Law
- Competition Law
- Computer and Communications Law
- Corporate and Securities Law
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Economic Regulation
- Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Equity and Trusts
- European Law
- Family Law
- Human Rights Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Business Law
- International Criminal Justice
- International Dispute Resolution
- International Intellectual Property Law
- International Justice
- Law and Development
- Legal Theory and History
- Maritime Law
- Medicine and the Law
- Procedural Law
- Public International Law
- Public Law

Additional Information
More information about the programme structure and syllabuses are provided in the prospectus of the University of London External System, which can be downloaded from the website at www.london.ac.uk/llmexternal

Campus Environment
Classes will be conducted in the Beirut area in locations that will be specified.

Duration
Students can complete the Master of Laws (LLM) during a period of 1 to 5 years.
The completion of the Postgraduate Diploma necessitates the same duration as that of the LLM degree
The Postgraduate Certificate in Laws should be completed during a period of 6 months to 5 years

The Fees
Registration fees
630 B.P. paid one time only

Tuition fees
- Master of Laws (LLM)
  Each section’s tuition is 900 B.P. (360 B.P. for UoL and 540 B.P. for AUT) and the total tuition for the LLM degree is fourteen thousand four hundred British pounds. Tuition is paid “as you go” meaning each section is paid separately. It includes the cost of lectures, text books, Study Guides, reading materials, CDs, and access to the electronic databases.

- Postgraduate Diploma in Laws
  Consists of 10 sections. The total tuition is 9000 B.P.

- Postgraduate Certificate in Laws
  Consists of 5 sections. The total tuition is 4500 B.P.

These Preparatory Programmes are offered on a self-financed basis. Except for unsuccessful applications or course cancellation, tuition fees paid are not refundable. Fees paid and places allocated on courses are not transferable after an application is made. The fees above are for the year 2009. There is no application fee.

Testing fees
Students need to apply for entry to the examinations and pay a separate examination fee to the British Council every time when sitting for an examination. The examinations are held in May and October each year.
Law plays an increasing role in all our lives. As such, everyone who wishes to take a leading place in society will benefit from postgraduate legal studies. Advanced study of law has become a necessary key to open the doors of success in legal work. But it also greatly assists outside the strictly legal world, by strengthening intellectual skills, analysis and discipline of mind.

The new Postgraduate Laws programme is aimed at providing the tools necessary for success in all areas of life. It is very flexible and well adapted to the needs of people who study away from a fulltime university, juggling work, family and social commitments. A great range of courses has been introduced and many more will follow, suited to the interests and needs of people from a range of backgrounds.

We hope you will enjoy your studies with us.

A message from Dr James J. Busuttil
Director, Postgraduate Laws programme for External students

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More options, greater support
Application and Admission

The application form is obtainable:
• from the AUT website www.aut.edu
• by email at info@aut.edu
• in person at AUT

Completed application forms should be submitted to AUT in person together with the following documents:
• a recent photo (size: 1” x 1.5”)
• a copy of your national identity card or passport as evidence of your full name and date of birth; and
• copies of original academic and/or professional certificates verified by the British Council (no other verification is acceptable). An original official translation into English must be provided for any document that is not already in English
• an original statement/transcript of your academic and/or professional studies certified by the institution at which your qualification was obtained
• an original English language certificate or other evidence of your proficiency in English (TOEFL or IELTS scores) if you have not worked or studied in English for at least 18 months; and
• a curriculum vitae

Admissions Enquiries

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Faculties

Faculty of Business Administration
*BBA and MBA in:*
Accounting
Banking & Finance
Management & Human Resources
Business Computing
Marketing
Hospitality Management

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities:
*BA and MA in:*
Graphic Design
Interior/Industrial Design
Communication Arts:
  - Public Relations
  - Radio and Television/Journalism
  - Audio Visual

The Faculty of Applied Sciences:
*BS and MS in:*
Computer Science
Telecommunication Science
Information Technology
Water Resources and Geo-environmental Sciences
Nutrition
Environmental Health

Civil, Mechanical, Electrical Engineering with the University of Dayton, Ohio

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