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## LLM in Comparative Private Law

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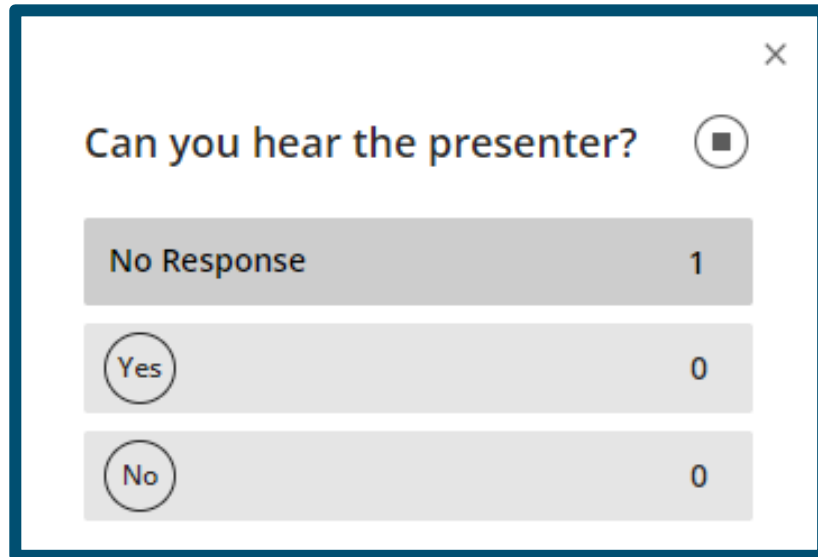
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- Questions should be posted in the chat area found in your Collaborate Panel
- We will work through your questions one-by-one at the end of the session

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## LLM in Comparative Private Law

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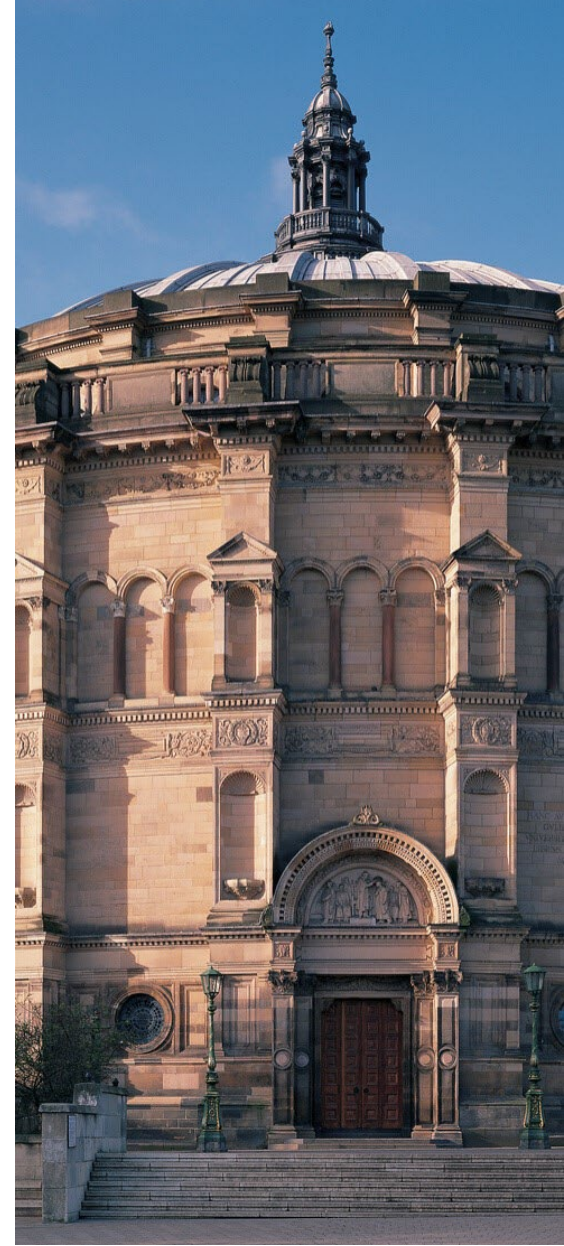
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# Why study law from a comparative perspective?

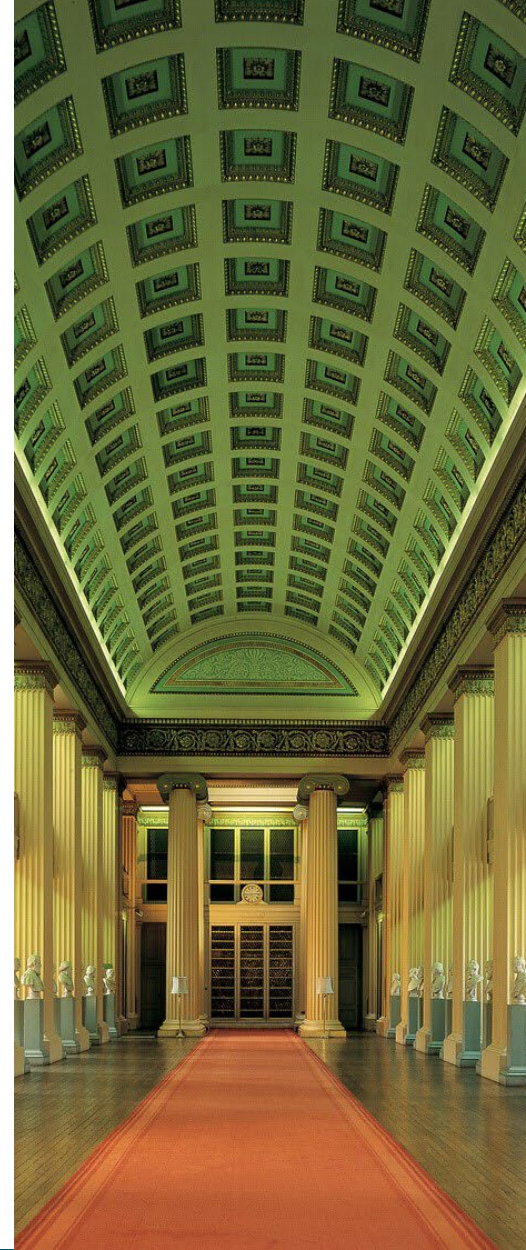
- In a globalised era, legal systems are interconnected, and it is therefore important to understand how law operates in different jurisdictions
- The comparative legal inquiry helps you to understand your own legal system better and more critically, as it invites new questions
- It shows you possibilities of things being done differently
- It opens up new horizons and gives you a deeper insight into the cultural and societal dimensions of law
- Anyone envisaging a career with an international dimension, whether in practice or in academia, will need to engage not just with foreign laws and foreign legal concepts, but will also be confronted with different legal cultures





# A little bit about this programme

- This is a unique programme that allows you to study core areas of private law (including contract law, property law, family law, the law of trusts etc) from a comparative perspective across both the common and civil law tradition.
- It builds on Edinburgh's strength in the discipline as a leading centre for the study and the teaching of private law in a comparative perspective.
- The programme is academically rigorous and professionally beneficial and is taught by leading experts in the field.



# Why study comparative private Law at Edinburgh Law school?

- Scotland is a mixed legal system meaning that its laws are shaped by both the civil law and the common law traditions.
- Private law has been taught and researched at the University of Edinburgh since 1722
- Edinburgh's private lawyers work in a tradition that is outward-looking by its very nature, maintaining active research links with scholars in continental Europe and with the larger common law world beyond the United Kingdom.
- Edinburgh is therefore the perfect perfect place to study private law from a comparative perspective.



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# Why study at Edinburgh Law School?

- The University is ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the world, 10<sup>th</sup> in Europe and 6<sup>th</sup> in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2026)
- We are ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the world, 5<sup>th</sup> in Europe and 5<sup>th</sup> in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025 by subject: law)
- The city of Edinburgh is ranked =15<sup>th</sup> Best Student City in the world and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK (QS Best Student Cities 2026)



# Our Community

- Become part of a diverse and welcoming student community
- Student-led social life: Edinburgh Law School Postgraduate Student Society
- Law School's world-class facilities based in historic Old College
- Old College is also home to a fabulous and beautiful Law Library
- Extracurricular lectures and seminars by invited experts



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# Edinburgh Centre for Private Law

- Private law has been taught and researched at the University of Edinburgh since 1722
- The Centre was founded in 2009. Several of its members are current or former Law Commissioners.
- Students are strongly encouraged to actively engage in the programme of research seminars throughout the year
- Edinburgh Private Law Blog:  
[www.blogs.law.ed.ac.uk/private-law/](http://www.blogs.law.ed.ac.uk/private-law/)
- Follow us on Bluesky and LinkedIn.





# LLM Degree Structure

Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful  
completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation



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# Core courses\*

Select between 80 and 120 credits from:

- Child Law in Comparative Perspectives (20 credits)
- Comparative and International Trust Law (20 credits)
- Comparative Property Law (20 credits)
- Comparative Statutory Interpretation (20 credits)
- Contract Law in Europe (20 credits)
- Delict and Tort (20 credits)
- Fundamentals of Comparative Private Law (20 credits)
- Principles of International Taxation (20 credits)
- Reasoning Using Civilian Authority (20 credits)
- International Private Law: Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgements (20 credits)

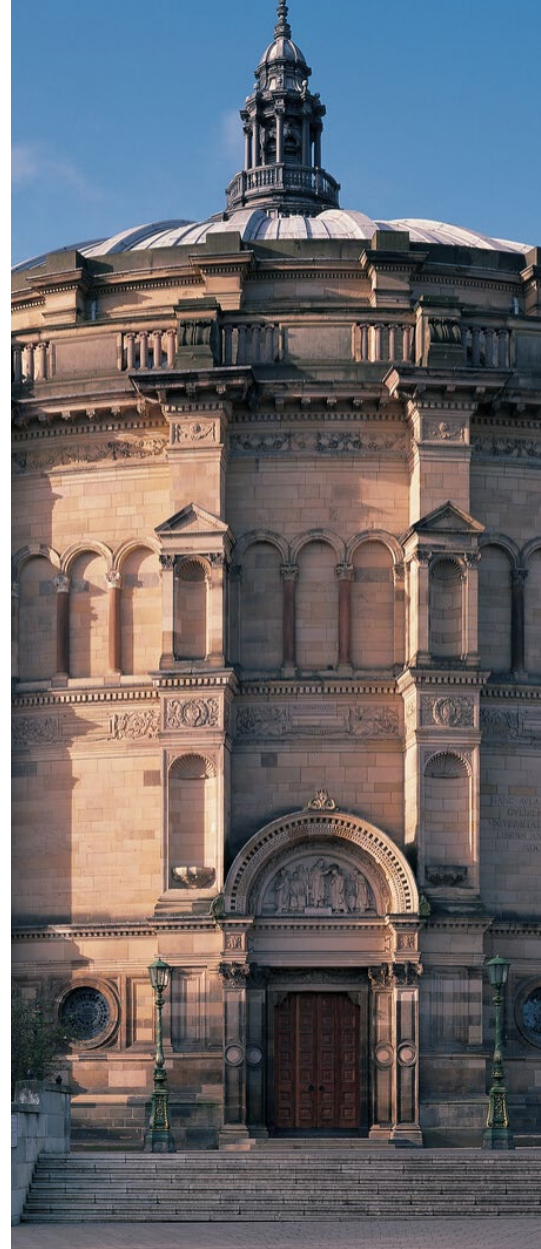
\*An illustrative list of the courses that may be offered in the 2026-27 academic year.

Please note that not all of the courses listed will be offered and these will be confirmed in May 2026.



# How you will learn

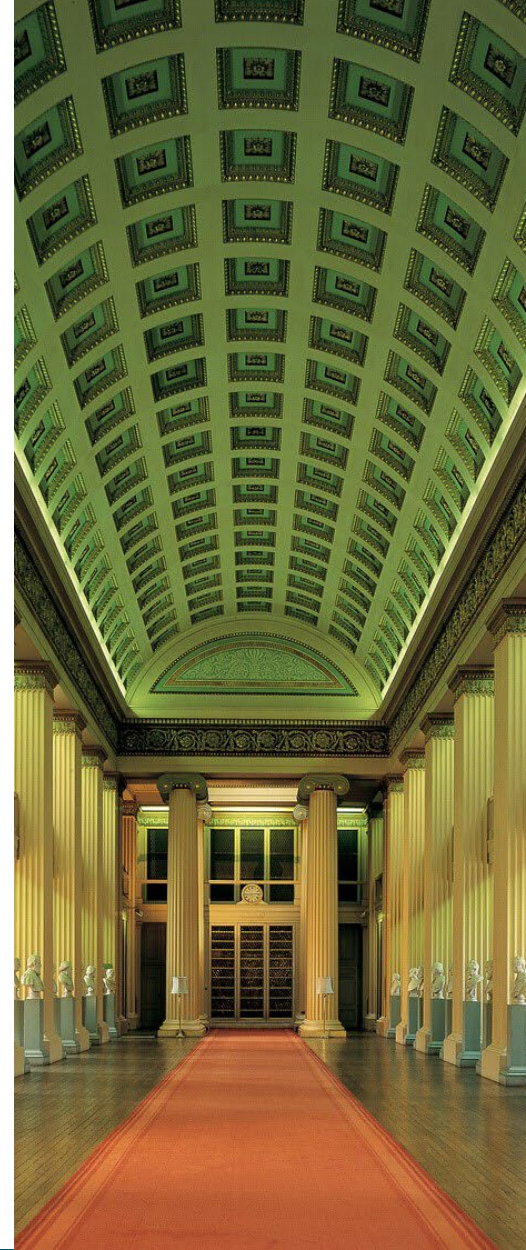
- Weekly two-hour interactive seminars per semester for each subject
- Active participation in discussions and advance reading expected
- Classes may also involve lectures, class debates, individual presentations, or group exercises
- No exams
- Courses use a range of take-home assessments (e.g. essays, reports) or in-class work (oral presentations, class participation).





# Dissertation (60 credits)

- Approved topic in the field of Comparative Private Law
- 10,000 words
- Written between April-August
- Structured supervision to support your independent scholarly research
- An excellent foundation for doctoral research
- An opportunity to deepen your knowledge in an area of the law in which you may want to practice



# Career opportunities

- This LLM provides an excellent foundation for a career in legal practice in national and transnational law firms or employment in international organisations.
- It also offers a strong basis for further postgraduate research in private law and the growing fields of Comparative Private Law whether in the UK, in Europe or beyond.
- Our students have gone on to a career in legal practice as well as academia, as well as the public sector.



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# Application deadlines

Round	Application deadline	Decisions by
1	15 December 2025	19 March 2026
2	04 May 2026	30 June 2026

- We will make as many offers as possible to the strongest candidates on an ongoing basis.
- We recommend that you apply as early as possible.
- Applications may close earlier than published deadlines if there is exceptionally high demand.







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# Thank you Any questions?

You can find a lot of useful information about the programme and how to apply on the Edinburgh Law School website.

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