

Master of Laws (LLM)

College of Law



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BEST
CHOICE**

Key facts about the programme

- 1** Masters degree with a thesis or research papers.
- 2** Develops research capability and analytical skills.
- 3** The School of Law features research clusters including: Commercial Law, International Law, Disasters and the Law, and Feminism and the Law.
- 4** Individual supervision by experts in their field.



What does this programme cover?

The Master of Laws (LLM) degree offers a choice of over 40 topics for either general study or specialised research. It is a flexible programme, where you can study by thesis alone, by research papers, or by combining research papers and a dissertation.

The **LLM by thesis** gives you the flexibility to thoroughly research an area of particular interest. A thesis is a significant piece of research of 40,000 to 50,000 words

The **LLM by Research Papers** at the University of Canterbury is partly taught and partly research based. The degree requires students to complete one taught course on legal research methods, to produce three research papers on topics of their choice and a dissertation also on a topic of their choice.

- Legal Research Methods Taught Course
- Three research papers of 7,000 words
- Dissertation of 20,000 words + Presentation

The Faculty caters for a wide variety of research interests and offers supervision in core areas, including the New Zealand Legal System, Public

Law, Torts and Accident Compensation, Law and Medicine, Arts and Media Law, Legal Philosophy, Indigenous Peoples' Rights, International Law, Business and Commercial Law, and Intellectual Property.

You must have qualified for the degree of Bachelor of Laws with a minimum B grade average.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have a Bachelor of Laws degree with good grades from a recognised tertiary institution, or a combination of qualifications considered to be equivalent
- You are also required to meet the School of Law's English language requirements

English	Overall	Lowest Band
IELTS	7	6.5
TOEFL	100	23 writing

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Start Dates

LLM by thesis – start anytime

LLM by research – February or July

Months to Complete

LLM.....12 Months

Features

Research projectYes

Supervisor supportYes

Price for 2018

LLM.....\$32,200*

Scholarship

Deans Award

Scholarship..... up to \$3,200

For more information on scholarships go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/



‘I chose to study at Canterbury because the School of Law is known as one of the best in the country. We are fortunate to have some of the leading authorities in Law available as our lecturers and supervisors. Law has trained me to approach any situation in life through reasoning and analysis.’

Aishwarya S. Bagchi

Master of Laws with First Class Honours,
Studying towards PhD

What careers can this lead to?

Law graduates are highly employable in both the private and public sectors. LLM graduates develop in-depth expertise in their fields of legal specialisation, while broadening their knowledge in a range of legal subjects and related disciplines.

In certain circumstances and with approval, students enrolled for the LLM by thesis can transfer to the PhD degree.

Average starting salary

\$47–70,000 with masters degree.

Average salary by year 5

\$74–250,000 with masters degree.

Enrolment information

How to apply

Apply online through myUC:
<https://myuc.canterbury.ac.nz>

Before enrolling in the LLM by Thesis prospective students must contact the Director of Postgraduate Studies and submit a detailed research proposal.

When to enrol

International student applications must be received no later than 1 February and for the July intake, no later than 1 July.

Who to contact

School of Law
Email: law-enquiries@canterbury.ac.nz
www.canterbury.ac.nz/laws

Important information

For more information about the University of Canterbury and New Zealand, please refer to the International Toolkit on our website, www.canterbury.ac.nz/.

This information was correct at May 2020.

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Why New Zealand?

- 1st in the world for Social Capital
- 2nd in the world for Personal Freedom, Business Environment & Governance
- 4th in the world for Natural Environment

Why Christchurch?

- Largest city in South Island
- Easy to get around
- Lowest unemployment rate in Australasia
- Strong economy

Why the University of Canterbury?

- QS ranked 214th with Law in top 150
- Over 140 years of experience in leading legal research and teaching
- UC Law academics write for leading international publishers LexisNexis and Reuters
- UC Law academics are on editorial boards for the *Journal of Medical Law and Media* and *Arts Law Review*