

LLM Top-up Degree:

Converting your practice qualification to an LLM

Leeds Law School, part of Leeds Metropolitan University, UK, has agreed to make the LLM Top-up degree available to graduates who have passed the Nigerian Bar Final Examination.

How the programme is studied

The LLM top-up is primarily delivered on a 'distance learning' basis, which means that contact with tutors and other Law School staff, outside of teaching blocks, will be via email, Skype and telephone.

Students based in Nigeria start the programme by attending a five day induction course in Leeds. The induction course concentrates on research methods for postgraduate legal studies and will help you to refine your dissertation topic. The induction course allows you to meet staff from the university, including, most importantly, your dissertation supervisor and library staff.

Six to eight weeks after you attend the induction, we will ask you to submit your final dissertation proposal, along with a literature review for your chosen topic and an explanation of the methodology you plan to use for your dissertation.

Provided the final proposed title is accepted, you will then move to the dissertation stage. The dissertation is a major piece of postgraduate writing of between 16,000 and 19,000 words. You will receive 'at a distance' support from your supervisors about the structure of the work, your methodology, sources of information and the development of critical ideas. Essentially the dissertation is a piece of independent work undertaken by you and which allows you to focus on an issue of personal professional interest.

You will normally submit your dissertation twelve months after the initial induction course.

Provided both the research methods module and the dissertation have been satisfactorily completed, you will then be eligible to be awarded the LLM degree. All dissertations are reviewed by an external examiner to help Leeds Law School ensure that the work is consistent with national standards for postgraduate awards.

Choosing a dissertation topic.

You will need to choose a dissertation topic that falls within an area of expertise of the Leeds Law School. The Law School can support dissertations on English Law, European Union Law, aspects of International Law and, in appropriate cases, on comparative English/Nigerian Law topics. The Law School cannot supervise dissertations based exclusively on Nigerian Law.

More specifically, the areas in which we can provide supervision include:

- Business Law
- Company Law and Corporate Governance
- Consumer Law

- Criminal Justice
- Employment Law
- Equalities and Discrimination
- European Union Law (particularly the Internal Market, Competition Law and Citizenship)
- Human Rights (including the investigation and prosecution of war crimes and crimes against humanity)
- Immigration
- Intellectual Property
- International Trade Law (public and private dimensions)
- Internet Law
- Land Law
- Medical Law
- Obligations - Contract and Tort
- Professional Practice and Ethics

Key Benefits

As a distance learning student you will be supported by Leeds Law School. You will be able to study the course from home, meaning that you can continue to develop your professional career and to combine work with study.

How to apply

The Executive Business School in Lagos coordinates the recruitment process for the LLM Top-up degree.

You can make your application by:

1. Downloading the application form online at www.ebsng.com
2. Complete an outline proposal this allows the Law School to decide whether it is likely to be able to supervise the applicant's intended dissertation subject. The outline proposal is an important document and the university cannot process an application unless the document has been appropriately completed.
3. Submit the completed application for to EBS attaching the following:
 - (a) Notarised copy of certificates
 - (b) Dissertation proposal outline
 - (c) Letters from 2 referees
 - (d) 3 passport photographs
 - (e) N50,000 application fee (Draft or teller for direct payment to Bank)

Further information

If you would like to discuss the programme, then please contact either the course leader, Edmund Fitzpatrick, on e.b.fitzpatrick@leedsmet.ac.uk or +44 133 8126409 **OR** Dr Remilekun Bakare, Director-General/CEO, The Executive Business School, Lagos, 2nd Floor NACCIMA House, 8A Oba Akinjobi Way, GRA-Ikeja, Lagos, Tel: 07030821555, 017612221, 017414946 and 0700024242424. E-mail: contacts@esng.com

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[Http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/fbl/leeds_law_school.htm](http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/fbl/leeds_law_school.htm)