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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Master of Laws (LL.M)
International Business and
International Law



This booklet gives information on the Master of Laws with a specialisation in International Business and International Law (IBIL) programme offered in the Department of Law at the Turkeyen Campus of the University of Guyana.

Prospective students should consult the Head of the Law Department's office where clarification is required.

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Master of Laws (LL.M) International Business and International Law

MODE OF DELIVERY:

Online/Blended

PROGRAMME DURATION:

Full Time: One (1) Year

Part-time: Two (2) Years

COMMENCEMENT DATE:

August 2022

FIRST COHORT:

25 seats available

CREDITS:

44 Credits/50 Credits

Introduction

The University of Guyana (UG) Master of Laws with a specialisation in International Business and International Law (IBIL) programme, is designed to provide specialist legal knowledge to legal and business professionals to enable them to work effectively in multinational business, finance, commercial and corporate environments.

The social and economic dynamics of today's business environment require skilled experts that are well versed in a multitude of international legal norms and principles. This unique curriculum combines theoretical and practical approaches to ensure that students will emerge as accomplished thinkers and problem solvers who will add value to the ever-changing legal landscape of international business and international law. Moreso, this Master's programme will be geared toward building the knowledge capacity of the new kind of policymakers, entrepreneurs, investors, legal professionals, and innovators who will be required to develop Guyana's diverse and emerging economy.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

For emerging and experienced professionals, career prospects are remarkably high and vary from senior positions in government, legal, and diplomatic institutions, NGOs, legal advisors in the private sector, or as consultants for major multinational corporations.

As such career choices include the following:

- International Lawyer – 179,600 USD/year.
- Corporate Lawyer – 107,300 USD/year.
- Diplomat – 86,200 USD/year.
- Ambassador – 45,500 USD/year.
- Policy Advisor – 74,500 USD/year.
- Mediator – 51,700 USD/year.
- Legal Advisor – 78,700 USD/year.

Justification

Guyana's GDP rose by approximately 43% in 2020, and 14.5 % in the first half of 2021. The Local Content Act 18 of 2021, imposes obligations in the petroleum and related sectors to prioritize Guyanese companies and nationals in the procurement of goods and services, encourages local capacity development, and requires monitoring and evaluation of participation in local content in Guyana. The minimum local content levels set out in the First Schedule to the Act are 90% for Local Legal Services, 90% for local accounting services, and 100% for local Insurance services. Even if limited to local service, the local service providers will have to liaise and negotiate with multinational service providers. Therefore, Guyana's local service providers will benefit from specialist learning in international business laws, rules, and practices relating to their sector and related sectors.

The UG is well-positioned to meet the demand to provide education in these areas and play a progressively important role in stimulating and guiding capacity and building the in-country human resources in international and business law. The UG as the primary institution in Guyana must step up to make that training accessible locally.

This Master's programme is designed to provide specialist legal knowledge in legal subjects that support international business. With Guyana being on the cusp of a diverse and dynamic economy as the oil and gas industry continues to emerge, the UG shall build a legal and business infrastructure to support the expected extraordinary economic developments in the near future.

Objective

The postgraduate LL.M in International Business and International Law is designed to expand the student's academic legal knowledge, with a focus on specific areas of interest in international business affairs and legal practices, to enable the graduate to get the skills to work effectively in the local and global marketplace.

- To offer the opportunity to become more familiar with and instructed in the legal norms and rules applicable to the business environment in Guyana.
- To provide a learning experience that will enable students to develop their academic ability, further develop their careers, and assist them in making a positive contribution to the global and national community.
- To facilitate a critical awareness of current legal, economic, and political issues within the international business arena.
- To provide the basis, in particular through the undertaking of the research paper, but also through the undertaking of coursework and examinations, for the development of critical analytical skills and the application of academic knowledge to present-day issues in the global business community.

Expected Outcomes

At the end of this programme, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a systematic understanding of legal, commercial, economic, and political issues, in International Law and Business law.
2. Demonstrate advanced knowledge of the principles, rules, and procedures in International Law and Business law.
3. Analyze and critically evaluate and compare across regimes the principal features of International Law and Business Law, and the main institutions and procedures.
4. Use legal reasoning and legal analysis, and exhibit the ability to:
 - identify, formulate, and apply legal rules
 - read and analyze judicial opinions
 - parse and interpret legal writings
 - construct legal arguments
 - critically evaluate legal arguments
 - identify and evaluate the practical consequences of legal rules
 - formulate policy arguments for and against rules
5. Develop a range of practical legal skills, including the ability to:
 - use legal research tools
 - to identify and gather relevant information
 - articulate thoughts clearly
 - write clearly and effectively

Programme Details

PROGRAMME COSTING

It is anticipated that the programme cost per student will be USD 10,000 for local students, USD 13,000 for regional students, and USD 15,000 for international students. The postgraduate certificate per student will be - USD 3,636.

N.B. The University reserves the right to review the costing of the programme and audited courses annually consistent with market trends.

MATRICULATION

1. Persons applying for entry into this programme must have an overall GPA of 2.7 or greater in an undergraduate degree.
2. Persons who have an overall GPA of less than 2.7 must have a minimum of 3 years of working experience in the legal field after completing an approved undergraduate programme.
3. All candidates for the Master of Laws in International Business and International Law (IBIL) will be required to have successfully passed or as a prerequisite register for the following foundational courses:
 - (i) Law and Legal Systems and
 - (ii) Public International Law I.

DURATION OF STUDIES

The Master of Laws (IBIL) will be awarded after a minimum of one (1) year of continuous study, but not exceeding the maximum of seven (7) years as per University of Guyana regulations.

Programme Details Cont'd

PROGRAMME OF STUDIES

Candidates for the Master of Laws are required to complete eight (8) courses and a research paper. This includes two (2) core courses, six (6) optional courses, and the research paper.

EXAMINATIONS

The Master of Laws will be awarded on the successful completion of the examinations in eight (8) courses and one (1) research paper.

EXIT STRATEGY

The Master of Laws which specialises in International Business and International Law (IBIL) is designed for one (1) year. A student may exit through the following pathways:

1. Successful completion of Master of Laws after one (1) year.
2. Persons who have completed the required courses except the research paper may be awarded a **Postgraduate Diploma in International Business and International Law.**
3. Persons who have completed the two core courses and two optional courses may be awarded a Post Graduate Certificate in International Business and International Law.

Full Time: Courses

The following courses as outlined below have been selected for inclusion in the Master of Laws Programme for students who successfully passed the foundational courses of (i) Law and Legal Systems and (ii) Public International Law I. Students will take: two (2) core courses, six (6) optional courses and one (1) research paper.

Name of Course	Credits
SEMESTER ONE (1)	
• Offshore Oil and Gas Law and Policy	4
• Arbitration and Dispute Resolution	4
• Public International Trade Law	4
• Advanced International Environmental Law	4
• Private International Transactions Law	4
• International Law of the Sea	4
• Caribbean Business and Community Law	4
SEMESTER TWO (2)	
• Criminal Law Aspects of International Business	4
• International Aspects of Company Law	4
• International Investment Law (Core Course)	4
• Innovation and Intellectual Property Management for Business (Core course)	4
• Research Paper	12
Course Credits Total:	44

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Activity	Marks
Participation	10%
Short Essay	30%
Final Paper or Examination	60%
Total	100%

Part Time: Courses

The following courses as outlined below have been selected for inclusion in the Master of Laws Programme for students who did not complete the foundational courses of (i) Caribbean Law and Legal Systems and (ii) Public International Law I; students will take: prerequisites/Foundational Courses, two (2) core courses, six (6) optional courses, and one (1) research paper.

Name of Course	Credits
SEMESTER ONE (1)	
• Law and Legal Systems	3
• Public International Law I	3
• Offshore Oil and Gas Law and Policy	4
• Arbitration and Dispute Resolution	4
• Public International Trade Law	4
• Advanced International Environmental Law	4
• Private International Transactions Law	4
• International Law of the Sea	4
• Caribbean Business and Community Law	4
SEMESTER TWO (2)	
• Criminal Law Aspects of International Business	4
• International Aspects of Company Law	4
• Innovation and Intellectual Property Management (Core Course)	4
• International Investment Law (Core Course)	4
• Research Paper	12
Course Credits Total:	50

PREREQUISITES/ FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

- i. Caribbean Law and Legal Systems
- ii. Public International Law I

Part Time: Courses Cont'd

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Activity	Marks
Participation	10%
Short Essay	30%
Final Paper or Examination	60%
Total	100%



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