

LLM or MSc/Postgraduate Diploma
Postgraduate Certificate/Certificate of Completion

GLOBAL CRISIS, CONFLICT, AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Commencing September 2017

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Full-time:

12 months (LLM, MSc, or PGDiploma)
6 months (PGCertificate)

Part-time:

36 months (LLM or MSc)
24 months (PGDiploma/PGCertificate)

Individual modules may be taken
with award of Certificate of Credit

Flexibility to transfer between
degree entry points

10% fees discount available
to qualifying NGOs

Suitable for Law and
Non-Law graduates

The number, intensity, and impact of crises, emergencies, conflicts and disasters are increasing. During the past ten years alone, an estimated 1.5 billion people were affected by some form of disaster, complex emergency or conflict-related event.

These exciting, timely, dynamic and innovative multidisciplinary postgraduate taught programmes examine the role of global (ie national, regional and international) law, policy and practice across the spectrum of possible crises, conflicts (eg civil, international, post-conflict peace-building, terrorism), 'man-made' (eg pollution, contamination) and 'natural' (eg earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis, health pandemics, wildfires) disasters. It considers the complete disaster cycle of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The programmes reflect current and changing global priorities such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-30; progressing agreement reached during the UN Climate Change Conference 2015; UN Sustainable Development Goals 2015; and the World Humanitarian Summit 2016 (and parallel Grand Bargain).

The overarching aim is to equip students with many of the substantive, professional, practical, and personal skills and knowledge necessary to operate effectively in inherently multidisciplinary crisis, conflict and/or disaster environments.



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Reading is ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide (QS University World Rankings 2016/17). The University was established in 1892 as the Christchurch College of the University of Oxford and received its Royal Charter in 1926. Since then it has developed into a leading force in British and international higher education. A globally orientated University, we deliver a world-class student experience, research-led teaching and our graduate employability record is excellent.

PLANNED MODULES INCLUDE:

- Global Architecture of Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management
- Human Rights Law, Policy, and Practice
- Disaster Management
- Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability and Resilience
- Public International Law
- International Refugee Law
- International Law and the Regulation of Armed Conflict
- International Criminal Justice and Post-Conflict Peace-building
- Climate Change Disasters
- Technologies and Weaponry
- Research project
- Professional placement

Non-law modules are expected to include such topics as:

- Development (eg foundational concepts, food security, gender)
- Political (eg contemporary diplomacy, conflict in the Middle East, terrorism)
- Economic (eg macro/micro-economics for developing countries, economics of public/social policy, climate change and economics)
- Preparing for Floods

UNIVERSITY OF READING CONTACT DETAILS

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Who the programme is designed for?

The programme is designed for Law and non-Law graduates who are early to mid-career professionals working in roles dealing with different types of crises, conflicts and/or disasters, particularly governmental, intergovernmental, private/corporate, civil society/non-governmental who wish to broaden and deepen their existing areas of expertise. It will be suitable too for recent graduates, those on career breaks, and career changers.

Syllabus

It is possible to take an LLM or MSc pathway. Both are framed around the global architecture of crisis, conflict and disaster management with embedded multidisciplinary. The key distinction is that an LLM route takes more optional law modules, whereas optional modules for the MSc are more multidisciplinary in nature.

Overarching themes and questions include: the increasing interconnectedness between different legal regimes; what role law does and should have in responding to crisis, conflict, or disaster situations; the relationship between law and other non-legal disciplines; sustainability; resilience; disaster risk reduction; and disaster management. The programme further considers the development of new legal norms, such as international disaster law and disaster risk reduction law. Much of the teaching is research-led around these and other important and current global issues.

It is anticipated that participating schools will include: Law; Agriculture, Policy and Development; Politics, Economics and International Relations; Archaeology, Geography, and Environmental Science. There will be input from other disciplinary perspectives too, together with practitioners drawn from across the conflict, humanitarian and disasters sectors.

Practical training opportunities

A series of non-assessed, employability orientated practical training events, inside and outside the classroom, will take place throughout the programmes. Such training opportunities are aimed at consolidating and applying substantive knowledge learnt as well as developing transferrable professional and personal skills. This will include the opportunity to undertake a fantastic and unique practical 'fragile/hostile environment training' package delivered by external professional trainers.

Employability

The future employability of programme graduates is expected to be excellent, with graduates uniquely positioned and clearly distinguishable to prospective employers. Not only will they have knowledge in key principles and topics associated with traditional Public International Law and Human Rights related LLM programmes, but graduates will also acquire unique understanding of cutting edge law and policy (eg international disaster law and disaster risk reduction law), become more multidisciplinary conversant, and acquire professional, personal and practical transferable skills.

Postgraduate research opportunities

There are also opportunities for students to undertake postgraduate research for the award of PhD on issues covered by the programme including disaster law more generally. For further details see the School of Law's website (www.reading.ac.uk/law - postgraduate research). We welcome informal enquiries which should be sent to pgr@reading.ac.uk.

The University of Reading School of Law

The University of Reading, School of Law is a leading UK Law School with a world class reputation. The Law School has a dynamic and international learning environment, our teaching is supported by first class research, with renowned experts across the main fields of national, European and international law. We provide active career development and co-curricular opportunities including a series of guest lectures by visiting practitioners and academics. We are rated among the top law schools in the UK across a number of rankings for students satisfaction, offering state-of-the-art learning facilities and resources, great pastoral support and a thriving student community.