

LLM in Comparative Private Law



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Ranked 13th* in the world, the University of Edinburgh's Law School is widely recognised as one of the leading institutions in the world in the field of Comparative Private Law.

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings: Law 2024

This unique LLM offers the ideal platform for you to develop expertise in core areas of private law from a comparative perspective. It provides an excellent foundation for a PhD, a career in legal practice in national and transnational law firms or employment in international organisations.

The importance of studying private law from a comparative perspective

In a globalised world, anyone working in legal practice, academia or national or international institutions will need to be familiar with foreign laws and legal concepts. The study of private law from a comparative perspective is thus vital.

Scotland is a mixed legal system meaning that its laws are shaped by both the civil law and the common law traditions. Edinburgh is therefore the perfect place to study private law in a comparative perspective.

In the Edinburgh Centre for Private Law, you will join a vibrant scholarly community, and have the opportunity to interact with leading scholars and experienced professionals in the field of comparative private law.

The centre is also home to the Edinburgh Private Law Blog which provides expert insight and debate on a range of fields related to Private Law.

How to apply

To find out more about the programme and how to apply please visit our website. The application deadline for September 2024 entry is 29 May 2025.

Structure of the programme

The LLM in Comparative Private Law is taught by leading experts in their field.

You will be able to choose from a range of core courses which may include:

- Child Law in Comparative Perspectives
- Comparative & International Trust Law
- Comparative Property Law
- Comparative Statutory Interpretation
- Contract Law in Europe
- Delict and Tort
- Fundamentals of Comparative Private Law
- Reasoning with Precedent
- Reasoning Using Civilian Authority

In addition, you can choose courses from a broad range of areas of law.

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