

Master in Law

Programme Details

Final Qualification

Master in Law

Language of Study

Arabic

Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

9 Courses + Thesis or
10 Courses + Applied Project

Brief about the Programme

The Master in Law programme offers you a distinguished opportunity to excel in the legal field by choosing one of two tracks: Public Law or Private Law. It is carefully designed to provide you with in-depth legal knowledge and advanced critical and analytical skills that enable you to understand and interpret laws with high proficiency, alongside developing scientific research and innovation capabilities.

The Public Law track focuses on legal issues relating to the government sector and international institutions, while the Private Law track provides you with specialised knowledge in commercial law, civil law, and contracts, qualifying you to work in the private sector and legal institutions. Students may choose between 9 courses plus a research thesis, or 10 courses plus an applied project.

Aims of the Programme

1. Meet the needs of society by providing graduates specialised in Public Law or Private Law, capable of serving it and working with high efficiency, by enabling students to acquire critical knowledge, use professional skills, and innovate in their application.
2. Prepare graduates capable of using a combination of approaches to conduct critical analysis and evaluation in the field of existing and emerging legal issues.
3. Encourage and foster rigorous scientific research and innovation among graduates in the legal field, and contribute to it, through developing their skills in using sound research methods, methodology, ethics, and mastering its tools.
4. Develop and refine graduates' scientific capabilities and create an appropriate climate for creativity and innovation in the legal field, in a manner consistent with professional ethics and social responsibility.
5. Develop graduates' communication skills to convey complex information and ideas in the field of law, and work independently in this regard across changing contexts



The first university in the Kingdom of Bahrain achieved the global accreditation from the British Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)



Rated 5 Stars in the QS Rating System



Ranked 30th in the QS Arab Region University Rankings 2026



Ranked 613 in the QS World University Rankings 2026



Ranked 301+ Worldwide in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings

General Statistics

Employer Satisfaction Rate

90.00%

Graduate Satisfaction Rate

89.83%

Advisory Board Satisfaction Rate

92.00%



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Career Paths

1. Legal Researcher
2. Judge
3. International Arbitrator
4. Specialist Lawyer
5. Legal Consultant
6. Specialist Legal Counsel
7. University Lecturer
8. Legal Affairs Manager

Entry Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a Bachelor's degree in Law or its equivalent from a university or college recognised by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain, or any other relevant discipline subject to successfully completing a number of remedial courses approved by the University and specified by the department.
2. The minimum requirement for admission is a Bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of not less than 'Good' or its equivalent. If the applicant's GPA is below the required level, the case is referred to the Appeals Committee chaired by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Development.
3. The applicant must pass an interview conducted by the Academic Department committee.
4. The applicant must pass the University's English language placement test, or provide a TOEFL certificate or equivalent with a score of not less than 450. Otherwise, the student must study and successfully complete a remedial English course determined by the College during their first year of study.



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Study Plan

Programme Study Plan				
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
First Year - First Semester - Programme Compulsory Courses: (9) Credit Hours				
1	ML 601	Legal Research Methodology - In- Depth Studies	3	-
2	ML 611	Civil Law - In-Depth Studies	3	-
3	ML 651	Political Systems and Constitutional Law - In- Depth Studies	3	-
First Year – Second Semester (Private Law Path)				
1	MCL 620	Law of Commerce - In-Depth Studies	3	-
2	ML 614	Law of Civil and Commercial Procedures - In Depth Studies	3	-
3	-	Course Elective (Group 1)	3	-
4	-	Course Elective (Group 1)	3	-
First Year – Second Semester (Public Law Path)				
1	ML 641	Administrative Law - In-Depth Studies	3	ML 641
2	ML 631	Criminal Law - In-Depth Studies	3	ML 631
3	-	Course Elective (Group 2)	3	-
4	-	Course Elective (Group 2)	3	-
Second Year - First Semester (Private Law Path)				
1	ML 681	Jurisprudence of Islamic Transactions	3	-
2	-	Course Elective (Group 1)	3	-
3	ML 600	Thesis	9	21 credit Hours
Second Year - First Semester (Public Law Path)				
1	ML 661	Public International Law - In-Depth Studies	3	-
2	-	Course Elective (Group 2)	3	-
3	ML 600	Thesis	9	21 credit Hours
Second Year - Second Semester (Both Paths)				
1	ML 600	Continuity in Thesis	-	-

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Programme Compulsory Courses (9 Credit Hours)

ML601 Legal Research Methodology - In- Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with studying various scientific research methods. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth study of the conceptual framework of legal research curricula and their classifications in the legal studies field through addressing the scientific and legal research curriculum, its types, progress and development, and preference over research methods in the social and natural sciences. It also addresses the curriculum applications in the legal studies field.

ML611 Civil Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum examines some significant topics relating to private law in general, civil law and its sources, tortious liability and contractual liability and their provisions. The specific curriculum includes an in-depth study of a topic of civil law, such as the civil liability of the doctor, the provisions of the promise of an award through modern means of communication in the Civil Code, franchise agreements, liability for nuclear and radiological damage, civil liability of the real estate broker, civil liability of the judicial expert, personal data protection, compensation for variable damage under civil liability, or any other topic as deemed appropriate the lecturer deems and approved by the concerned department.

ML651 Political Systems and Constitutional Law - In- Depth Studies

The course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of political systems that are based on the country and government, and constitutional law rules that are based on the form of the system of government and the organization of public authorities in the country. The specific curriculum includes an in-depth analytical study of one of the topics of political systems and constitutional law, such as overseeing the constitutionality of laws, which includes the types of control, its applications and the mechanism of undertaking, or any topic that the course lecturer deems appropriate and approved by the concerned department.

Compulsory Requirements depending on the path: (9 credit hours)

Private Law Path:

MCL620 Law of Commerce - In- Depth Studies

The course includes an in-depth legal study of commercial law topics. The General curriculum deals with studying Bahraini trade law in terms of its sources, the scope of application and relationship with other branches of law, the legal system for business, and the obligations of the commercial profession. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the topics of the general curriculum, such as commercial contracts (e.g. the commercial mortgage contract) in terms of its meaning, characteristics, composition, consequences and expiry, or any topic of the general curriculum as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

ML614 Law of Civil and Commercial Procedures - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with studying the Civil and Commercial Procedures Law, its sources, its significance and validity in terms of time, and the judicial organization in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the topics of the pleadings law, such as the theory of defences in jurisprudence and civil justice, the conflict between judicial rulings, conflict of jurisdiction rules, the

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role of the judge and the litigants in the conduct of the litigation, or any of the other topics as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the department.

ML681 Jurisprudence of Islamic Transactions

This course examines the provisions of transactions within Islamic jurisprudence and the underlying rules. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the theory of money and ownership and an introductory introduction to the definition of financial transactions and their divisions within the framework of Islamic Sharia provisions compared to the law and positive legislation. The Specific Curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the Islamic transaction jurisprudence topics (contracts received on property ownership - and contracts received on usufruct ownership) or deals with any topic within the framework of Islamic transaction jurisprudence in an accurate and detailed manner as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

Public Law Path:

ML661 Public International Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of public international law in terms of its characteristics, sources, nature and individuals of public international law. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth analytical study of one of the topics of public international law, such as international disputes and general rules for dispute settlement, compensation in public international law, or one of the topics related to public international law as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

ML631 Criminal Law - In-Depth Studies

The course includes a general and specific curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the general theory of crime and criminal sanction. The specific curriculum addresses one of the criminal law topics and its in-depth study in a precise, comprehensive manner as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department, such as the study of alternative penalties.

ML641 Administrative Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the basics of administrative law and general principles in administrative management. The specific curriculum includes an in-depth study of one of the topics of administrative law, such as administrative decision, administrative contract, exceptional management authority in the administrative contract field, management's sanction authority, management's power to withdraw and terminate the administrative contract, or any topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

Programme Elective Courses depending on the path: (9 Credit Hours)

Elective Courses: (Private Law Path)

ML612 Private International Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with an in-depth study of the general framework of private international law in terms of its nature, sources, and issues of private international law. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth analytical study of one of the selected topics of the general curriculum, such as recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, impediments to the enforcement of foreign judgments, judicial

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immunity, Foreign Law Centre before National Courts, exclusion of foreign law applicable in conflict of laws, or any topic of the general curriculum topics as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the department.

ML613 Labour Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum addresses an in-depth study of the employment contract and its implications. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth study of one of the labour law topics, such as the legal protection of the employee's private life or any other topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

ML615 Electronic Communications and Transactions Law – in Depth Studies

This course includes a general and a specific curriculum. The general curriculum addresses a domestic in-depth legal study of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Law No. 54 of 2018 and a regional study in terms of concluding the electronic contract and the law applicable to electronic contracts and finding potential solutions to these difficulties. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth analysis of one of the course topics, such as the authenticity of electronic records or any topic of electronic communications and transactions as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the department.

MCL622 Commercial Arbitration – in Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum addresses the study of arbitration as a means of settling civil and commercial disputes in terms of its nature, types, stages, and relationship to the ordinary judiciary in the light of Bahraini law, international and regional agreements and comparative laws. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the general curriculum topics, such as the arbitration decision, in terms of its definition, and preference over the judicial ruling, methods of appealing and cancelling the arbitration decision, and the reasons for cancellation contained in the Bahrain Arbitration Law and comparative laws and international agreements, or any topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

MCL629 Maritime Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum includes the study of maritime navigation in terms of its definition, characteristics and types, and the related contracts. The specific curriculum includes a topic of maritime law and studying its in-depth analytical studies, such as the maritime transport contract and maritime carrier's legal liability under the contract, where the provisions related to this contract are studied, where the provisions relating to this contract are examined in terms of stating the necessary terms for concluding the contract and the parties thereto, how the contract is concluded and its implications, examining the bill of lading and the liability of the maritime carrier, or any topic of the specific curriculum as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

Elective Courses: (Public Law Path)

ML632 Law of Criminal Procedures - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the procedural rules that govern the conduct of the public rights lawsuit (criminal lawsuit) in its various stages, from the occurrence of the crime until the issuance of a final

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criminal case, the authorities concerned with taking procedures and its relationship to a fair and prompt trial. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth study of issues related to procedural rules, such as alternatives to criminal proceedings or the theory of criminal invalidity and criminal proof in light of the criminal judge's discretion within the framework of Bahraini legislation, comparative legislation, jurisprudence and judicial jurisprudence, or any other topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the academic department.

ML633 Cyber Crimes

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the general framework of information technology crime and its distinction from traditional crimes in terms of nature, elements and national and international efforts to combat IT crime. As for the specific curriculum, it deals with an in-depth analytical study of one of the selected topics, such as crimes against the systems and data of the information technology means, related crimes, and the procedural rules for information technology crimes in terms of jurisdiction and agencies concerned with combating IT crimes or any topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the department.

ML634 Economic Crimes

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The General curriculum addresses a detailed study of the general framework for economic crimes in terms of the nature, risks, characteristics and types of economic crimes, the scope of criminal responsibility, and the various legislative approaches to confronting economic crimes. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth, analytical study of one of the selected topics, such as money laundering crimes, tax evasion crimes, commercial fraud crimes or any topic as deemed appropriate by the lecture and approved by the concerned department.

ML642 Administrative Judiciary

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the legality principle, the administrative judiciary's formation and development. The specific curriculum includes a detailed analysis of one of the topics of administrative judiciaries, such as the annulment lawsuit or any other topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

ML671 Financial and Tax legislation - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the general principles of financial science. The specific curriculum includes one of the topics of finance and tax legislation and an in-depth analytical study, such as the value-added tax, mechanisms for reducing public debt, mechanisms of reducing public debt, mechanisms of closing the public budget deficit, or any other topic as deemed as the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

The Thesis is a compulsory course for both paths.

ML600 Thesis(9 Credit Hours)

This course is designed to prepare the student to plan and implement an independent specialised Thesis in Law according to the specialised scientific research steps. The student is expected to utilise the higher-level skills to conduct a critical evaluation of information to investigate a complex problem and devise creative solutions by adopting an organised methodology, reviewing the literature and analysing relevant data, reaching research conclusions and appropriate

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recommendations that hopefully contribute to qualitative development at the professional and societal levels. The Thesis, in its final version, is subject to the public defence, and its evaluation is based on the written and oral presentation, which is prepared according to the Thesis Guide at Applied Science University. To enrol in the Thesis, the student must successfully pass (21) credit hours, including Legal Research Methodology – In-Depth Studies (ML 601), and observe the stipulated conditions in the University's Graduate Studies By laws.