

LL.M/PGDip in International Finance: Law and Regulation

Admissions policy 2020-21



The Truman Bodden Law School reserves the right to change its policy in relation to any of the matters referred to herein, and furthermore, to consider each application on its particular merits.

A. General

TBLS seeks to admit each year well-qualified applicants from a range of educational backgrounds who can demonstrate their aptitude, suitability and preparedness to pursue a degree in law. TBLS welcomes applications from mature candidates and seeks to give each such applicant full and individual consideration.

Successful applicants will be expected to fulfil the requisites below:

1) **To hold an Undergraduate degree:** A University degree in Law or a related discipline with a 2.i, or equivalent, or above and completed before the commencement date of the LL.M/PGDip programme. The definition of 'related discipline' includes degrees in finance, economics or business. However, admissions decisions will be at the discretion of the TBLS Director of Studies, in accordance with the Institutional Agreement between the Government of the Cayman Islands and the University of Liverpool, on a case by case basis. In cases where the degree has not been awarded prior to an application, a conditional offer will be given; which will only become unconditional upon fulfilment of all entry conditions prior to the start of the programme.

2) **To have achieved appropriate English language command:**

**Only for students whose English is not his/her first language*

Applicants whose first language is not English will have to comply with the University of Liverpool's policy on postgraduate English language entry requirements prior to the start of the programme. An IELTS 6.5 with minimum 6.0 in each component or a TOEFL iBT 88 with minimum band scores of Listening 21, Writing 21, Reading 22, Speaking 23 will be required. Additional information available at:

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/apply/english-language/postgraduate-entry/>

All applicants who are required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language will be given the option of taking the TBLS mature entrance examination to establish their proficiency in the English language.

- 3) **Work experience (optional):** work experience is not required. However, relevant work experience/professional background will be considered during admissions and may contribute towards the success of the application.
- 4) **Additional merits (optional):** Applications from students with a professional background rather than a degree will be assessed in accordance with the principles of the University of Liverpool's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) policy, and the practice and precedents of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. More information available at: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/eddev/supporting-teaching/rpl/> Other evidence of academic strength will be considered.

B. Contact information

Enquiries on the programme should be directed, in the first instance, to Laura Panades (laura.panades@gov.ky). Administrative enquiries should be directed to Ms Kady Myers (kady.myers2@gov.ky) or Mrs Antonette Vernon-Hamilton (lovisa.vernon-hamilton@gov.ky).

C. When can I apply for admission to the LLM degree?

Admission for the academic year 2020-21, starting in September 2020, is now open. The deadline for applications is 31st August 2020.

D. How long does the LLM degree course last?

The LLM and PGDip are available both full-time (1 year) and part-time (2 years) to complete all teaching components, plus the second year's summer term to complete the dissertation (which could be done remotely).

E. What is the application process for Mature Students?

TBLS encourages both recent graduates and mature students to apply for admission. All applications will be considered on their own merits and no special procedures apply.

F. What admission procedures apply to international applicants?

Applications for the full-time programme are open to international students, legal residents and Caymanian nationals.

Applications for the part-time programme are open only to Caymanians and legal residents.

All applications are considered on a rolling basis. Early applications are encouraged.

More information on legal residence on the islands at: www.immigration.gov.ky

G. How to apply

All applicants are encouraged to submit the following documentation in support of their application. You can use this as a checklist.

- Truman Bodden Law School application form with all its sections completed, available at www.lawschool.gov.ky or in paper form from the Law School reception
- University undergraduate degree or diploma (or a letter from your institution with expected graduation date)
- Application fee (Non-Refundable) of CI\$150.00 or US\$183.00 (bank draft)
- A complete transcript of your undergraduate studies
- Cover letter explaining why you want to undertake the LLM (1,000 words max)
- Full Curriculum vitae
- Two recommendation letters (at least one of them academic)
- Evidence of past work experience (optional) and recommendation letter
- Evidence of minimum standard of English language (if English is not your mother language). Either IELTS 6.5 (min 6.0 in each component), TOEFL iBT 88 (minimum

band scores of Listening and Writing 21, Reading 22, Speaking 23) or TBLS mature entrance examination

Any other documentation in support of your application, clearly indicating why and how you believe it strengthens your application

Please submit your application in person, by post or by email to Laura.Panades@gov.ky to the Law School:

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