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About HBKU
Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), was founded in 2010 to continue fulfilling QF’s vision of unlocking human potential.

HBKU is a homegrown research and graduate studies university that acts as a catalyst for positive transformation in Qatar and the region while having a global impact.

Located within Education City, HBKU seeks to provide unparalleled opportunities where inquiry and discovery are integral to teaching and learning at all levels, utilizing a multidisciplinary approach across its focus areas.

The university provides an array of graduate programs through its College of Islamic Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Science and Engineering, College of Law, College of Health and Life Sciences, and College of Public Policy.

HBKU is also home to three research institutes – Qatar Biomedical Research Institute (QBRI), Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI), and Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI) – which together with the colleges are at the forefront of efforts to seek novel solutions to grand challenges facing Qatar and the region.

Additionally, HBKU’s Executive Education Center delivers customized programs for the business community of Qatar and the region.
At Hamad Bin Khalifa University, our people are our greatest strength, and when students enroll in one of our academic programs, they become part of a thriving community that is committed to the pursuit of excellence and innovation. HBKU has a mandate to build and cultivate human capacity by offering students an enriching academic experience that extends beyond the classroom. By utilizing unique collaborations with local and international partners, we aim to tackle the challenges of the region and the world through interdisciplinary education and innovative research.

HBKU is proud to offer students the opportunity to learn from world-renowned faculty and industry leaders through our colleges and our three national research institutes, providing the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to become experts in their chosen fields, and take their careers to the next level. HBKU is situated in a regional economic and cultural hub, and our students benefit greatly from exposure to diverse perspectives as they determine how to use their degrees to positively contribute to their own development and that of their communities, whether in Qatar or across the world.

Additionally, HBKU benefits from an exceptional student-to-faculty ratio and from being based in Education City – a unique hub of learning that offers students a wealth of opportunities to play an active role in a vibrant multicultural environment.

As a student at HBKU, you have the opportunity to play a key role at an institution that, at its heart, is committed to innovating today and shaping tomorrow.
Research

Research is the cornerstone of Hamad Bin Khalifa University’s commitment to building human capacity through interdisciplinary education and innovation that supports Qatar’s journey towards sustainable growth. HBKU’s interdisciplinary research and education environment is distinguished by a unique synergy among the colleges and research institutes.

The university’s students, faculty, and researchers work within an ecosystem that addresses challenges of national priority and contributes to outcomes with a tangible impact on society. Collectively, they are achieving breakthroughs in the fields of biomedicine, genomics and precision medicine, information and communications technology and sustainability, while advancing knowledge across the humanities, Islamic studies, law, and public policy.

At each of the six colleges, students work under the guidance of faculty to conduct research that results in tangible solutions and innovative outcomes.
About the College of Law
Founded in 2015, HBKU’s College of Law is a graduate-level law school located in Qatar Foundation’s Education City.

College of Law offers three degrees: Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Laws (LLM) in International Economic and Business Law and Master of Laws (LLM) in International Law and Foreign Affairs. It also offers a Certificate Program on Law in Practice in Qatar.

Mission
A world-class provider of legal education with an international reputation for quality and innovation in teaching and research whose graduates contribute positively to shaping the legal profession and society in Qatar and beyond.

HBKU’s College of Law provides its students with professional legal skills to bolster the sectors vital to Qatar, the region, and the world. These sectors are many and include the most dynamic aspects of a society such as Energy; Environment; Finance and Global Investment; Healthcare; Infrastructure Development; Media; and Sports.

Four qualities distinguish learning at the College of Law:

- The curriculum balances theory with practical application. Each course integrates the professional, industry, governmental and social context, which the College is dedicated to serve.
- Courses have a strong international and comparative law focus. The College of Law faculty, which comes from around the world, teaches by using the disciplines needed to understand the three diverse legal systems – civil, common, and Shari’a – that inform Qatari law.
- Education occurs extensively outside of the classroom, as students learn from leading legal worldwide academics, practicing lawyers, and government officials.
- Driving all aspects of the educational experience is the steady volume of high-level and societally relevant research produced by the faculty and students, which addresses contemporary problems in law and related disciplines.

HBKU’s College of Law students have abundant career prospects in Qatar and globally. The college encourages students to participate in internship programs and moot court competitions to gain professional experience. These activities enable students to build long-lasting networks, all for their professional benefit.
College of Law prospectus 2021/2022

College of Law students have undergraduate and graduate degrees from around the world as well as diverse work experience.

Recent graduates have been admitted to outstanding LLM programs in the United States and Europe, such as:
- Duke University School of Law
- Georgetown University Law Center
- Harvard Law School
- New York University School of Law
- The Graduate Institute, Geneva

Students
Faculty

The college's faculty members are graduates of the world’s best universities:

**Europe/United Kingdom:**
- University of Athens
- University of Cambridge
- University of Glasgow
- University of Grenoble
- University of Heidelberg
- University of Liverpool
- University of Oxford

**North America:**
- Harvard Law School
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Texas
- University of Virginia
- Yale Law School

**Canada:**
- McGill University
- University of Calgary

Faculty members have published in top university presses:
- Cambridge University Press
- Oxford University Press
- Edward Elgar Publishing
- Routledge, and Springer Publishing Company

Faculty have served as advisors to:
- The African Union
- Council of Europe
- European Union
- Government of China
- Government of Nigeria
- International Development Law Organization
- Ministry of Public Health in Qatar
- Qatar Research Development and Innovation Council
- United Nations Development Programme
- United Nations Environment Programme
- The World Bank
At a Glance

3 Programs
Juris Doctor (JD)
LLM in International Economic and Business Law
LLM in International Law and Foreign Affairs

49 Students
across the College

60+ Nationalities
across HBKU

Qatari Students (70%)

35 Alumni
College Programs
Juris Doctor

The Juris Doctor (JD) degree is a unique model of graduate legal education designed to meet the needs of Qatar and the Middle East. The JD is the first-of-its-kind graduate law degree in the MENA region; courses are taught in English, so graduates are prepared to work in the international legal market.

A JD differs from the undergraduate law degree in that it targets individuals who already hold an undergraduate degree, which can be in any subject, including law. The JD education builds on the student’s previous expertise and experience. JD students may pursue expertise in law that is aligned with their previous degree or move in a completely different direction.

The College of Law’s JD curriculum is consistent with the best offered internationally. The JD was created through a strategic partnership with Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. The JD equips graduates with a high level of legal knowledge and complementary research, writing, and advocacy skills. The focus on skills training enables our graduates to make the most of a wide range of career options in the public sector, private corporations, law firms, international organizations, and academia.

The American Bar Association, the governing body of US lawyers, has passed the following resolution about the JD degree:

"WHEREAS, the acquisition of a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree requires from 84 to 90 semester hours of post baccalaureate study and the Doctor of Philosophy degree usually requires 60 semester hours of post baccalaureate study along with the writing of a dissertation, the two degrees shall be considered as equivalent degrees for educational employment purposes."

JD graduates are also in a position to undertake further legal studies in the United States and other countries in Europe. Recent JD graduates have pursued or are pursuing LLM degrees at Duke University School of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Harvard Law School, New York University School of Law, The Graduate Institute, Geneva.

In short, our JD graduates rise to the top as they have combined previous university education and training with three years of a rigorous, interdisciplinary legal education.

Program Focus

The first year and a half (Part I) focuses on foundations for lawyering, while the second year and a half (Part II) applies and elaborates on the legal principles from Part I to major sectors that are vital to Qatar and the region.

The courses in Part I, foundations for lawyering, develop a student’s understanding of legal doctrine in key subjects. They also develop analytical and reasoning skills so that the student can articulate the relevant principles and apply them to real world problems. Taught from a comparative perspective, the courses in Part I examine the different legal systems that converge in global legal practice with a focus on identifying common themes and points of departure. Part I also trains students how to navigate from one system to the other, depending on the exigencies of the transnational transactions they will be required to manage during their professional careers.

During Part II, students apply and further develop their foundational skills to sectors that are vital to Qatar and the region. These areas include Energy, Healthcare, Global Economic Law and Governance, Construction & Infrastructure Development, Media, and Sports.

Accompanying a dynamic curriculum is an extensive offering of co-curricular activities, such as colloquia and Majlis, at which leading experts provide insights on contemporary legal topics. Student moot court competitions, in which students argue a simulated case before a court or arbitral tribunal, provide an important avenue for skills development. Through moot courts, students experience drafting memorials and engaging in oral argument. The College of Law has fielded teams in top international competitions, including the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, and the Europa Competition. In 2019, the College of Law hosted its first international moot, the Cybersecurity Law Moot Court Competition, featuring ten teams from around the world.
College Programs

Juris Doctor (Continued)

Curriculum
Class of 2023 Study Plan:

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Total Degree Credits: 85
LLM in International Economic and Business Law

The LLM in International Economic and Business Law is a one-year program designed for recent or established university graduates in law. It is ideal for lawyers working or aspiring to work in international business, private practice, academia, government, and the judiciary.

The world’s major commercial hubs, including Doha, rely on those equipped with legal and business tools to sustain and grow international trade and investment. Critical to this reliance is a culture based on the law. Understanding relevant legal principles, and how they apply to a myriad of existing and new situations, is key to the success of anyone working in this dynamic area.

The program examines a wide range of issues relating to international business and does so in an innovative, comparative manner so that students develop analytical and problem-solving skills while gaining substantive knowledge.

Program Focus
The program provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of critical substantive areas relevant to the role of the lawyer in a global context. This focus is fitting given HBKU’s location in Qatar – one of the world’s most prosperous economies with vibrant and fast-growing business, energy, financial, construction, aviation, maritime, media, sports, health care, and tourism sectors.

Students gain expertise relevant to the structure of international business transactions, entrepreneurship, e-commerce, financing risk management, international trade law, international investment law, international banking and finance, intellectual property law, international environmental law, and the resolution of disputes in these and other areas.

Curriculum
Coursework is divided into mandatory core courses and electives, which consists of 31 credits, including 25 credits for core courses and six credits for a thesis that must be completed within 12, and no more than 18 months after course commencement.

The curriculum comprises foundational courses such as Contract Law, Commercial Law, Research Methods in Law, and Global Legal Ethics, which address principles needed to practice law in multiple convergent legal systems. The curriculum also includes courses and seminars in transnational law, with modules on infrastructure development, international arbitration, global economic law, energy law, and others. These innovative courses are comparative and build on common law, civil law, and Shari’a traditions.

The thesis is the cornerstone of the LLM program. Students, in consultation with a faculty advisor, write a paper on a policy sector of their choice with the aim of analyzing the current legal framework, putting forward reasons for reform by using the skills developed in the methodological courses, and making a policy proposal for legislative or regulatory reform.

Other integral features of the LLM program are professional skills training sessions, internships and placements that focus on such skills as contract drafting, trial advocacy, alternative dispute resolution, and effective negotiation and presentation techniques.
College Programs

LLM in International Law and Foreign Affairs

The LLM in International Law and Foreign Affairs is a one-year program that offers world-class academic and professional training in international law and foreign policy decision-making on pressing global challenges facing today’s world. Owing to its position at a crossroads in terms of culture, business, and geopolitics, Qatar is at the heart of a region that requires leaders who can manage multi-faceted relationships that span different legal systems and who have a command of a wide range of skills.

The specialized LLM program is ideal for lawyers and certain non-lawyers who wish to immerse themselves in the intricacies of international regulation in the fields of sustainable development, energy and environment, infrastructure development, health care, new technologies, anti-corruption, and the global economy.

Program Focus
The program provides an ideal learning opportunity for lawyers, academics, members of the judiciary, and non-lawyers in international relations, political science, economics, and other fields related to global affairs and governance.

Courses combine legal studies with public policy analysis relevant to all aspects of international relations. The program aims to educate students and equip them with the skills to:

- Engage with themes and ideas that cut across disciplines.
- Demonstrate methodological skills and competency in using various methods to undertake and produce interdisciplinary research in the frontier of the law and social sciences.
- Acquire superior knowledge of professional responsibility issues in the practice of transnational and international law.
- Demonstrate expertise in multiple fields within the law and social sciences.

Curriculum
Coursework is divided into mandatory core courses and electives, which consists of 31 credits, including six credits for a thesis that must be completed within 12, and no more than 18 months after course commencement. One core course of each semester is dedicated to the methods and methodology of law and public policy. In certain cases, students may be required to complete non-credit prerequisite courses.

The LLM curriculum comprises foundational courses, such as Global Legal Systems, International Law, Administrative Law, Research Methods in Law, and Global Legal Ethics, which unpack the nature of international law and core principles of foreign policy decision-making in an increasingly turbulent world. They also provide the opportunity for students to reflect on the intricacies of diplomatic work, including the qualities and skills required for a career in international affairs in the 21st century.

The curriculum also has intensive courses and seminars on international law and global governance that are comparative and build on common law, civil law, and Shari’a traditions.

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Admission Requirements

**JD:**
Bachelor’s degree with a strong academic record (minimum 3.0 GPA out of 4) from a recognized university.

**LLM in International Economic and Business Law:**
Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree or Juris Doctor (JD) degree from a recognized university with a minimum 3.0 GPA (out of 4), with a preference given to candidates with at least a 3.3 GPA (out of 4).

**LLM in International Law and Foreign Affairs:**
Bachelor’s degree from a recognized university with a minimum 3.0 GPA (out of 4) in any of the following areas: Law, International Relations, Political Science, History, Economics, Business and Finance, Sociology or Anthropology. A strong preference is given to candidates with at least a 3.3 GPA (out of 4) in Law, International Relations, Political Science, or Economics.

Unless exempt, applicants are required to submit an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 79 to demonstrate their proficiency in English. Please visit our website admissions.hbku.edu.qa for more details on the language proficiency requirement and the process to seek exemption, where this is an option.
Application Requirements

**Application:**
A completed online application form: admissions.hbku.edu.qa

**Academic transcripts:**
Official electronic copies of transcripts should be submitted as part of the online application. Final transcripts and graduation statements are required for all previous university studies. All transcripts submitted should include an explanation of the grading system. For those who have not completed their current studies, transcripts must include results from the last completed semester of coursework. Transcripts in languages other than English or Arabic must be accompanied with an official translation. Applicants who are admitted to the program based on copies of or incomplete transcripts will be required to provide original transcripts upon enrollment in order to register for courses.

**Standardized test results:**
Official copies (where required) must be sent directly to HBKU. Please refer to the institutional codes below:
- TOEFL: 4981
- IELTS: No code required. Students should ask the IELTS center where they tested to send the IELTS TRF to Hamad Bin Khalifa University

Applicants should also submit copies of their test scores with the online application.

**Letters of recommendation:**
Two letters of recommendation from previous or current professors, employers, or other individuals familiar with the applicant’s qualifications.

**Personal statement of interest:**
The personal statement should introduce the applicant to the Admissions Committee. Topics that may be discussed include personal or professional goals and personal, academic, or career history. The Committee looks beyond test scores and grade point averages in making selection decisions. The personal statement gives the Committee a means to consider a variety of factors in assessing applicants.

**Research Proposal:**
LLM applicants are required to submit a research proposal (1,000 words) that illustrates their readiness to explore a particular research question, along with their application.

**Resume/curriculum vitae:**
Applicants should submit a copy of their current resume or curriculum vitae as part of the online application.

**Identification document:**
All applicants should submit an electronic copy of their passport as part of the online application. Nationals and residents of Qatar should also submit their valid Qatari ID.
Student Funding

The College of Law has a limited number of partial tuition waivers for the JD program, which are awarded on a competitive basis. Further information will be provided to applicants who are admitted into the program.
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