



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA (OUT)

MASTER OF LAW IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (LLM-IT&T)

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU) AND THE
UNITED KINGDOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACADEMY (UKTA)

FACULTY OF LAW

MASTER OF LAW (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS)

The LLM in Information Technology and Telecommunications is currently offered by the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, U.K. The programme draws scholars from all corners of the globe. However, the participation costs are prohibitive for most learners from developing countries. The tuition fees are currently standing at £8,930 (= \$17,860) and full time students need at least £15,000 (\$30,000) to complete the course in Glasgow.

Recently, the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the UK Telecommunications Academy (UKTA), and the Open University of Tanzania (OUT), signed a memorandum of understanding through which OUT will be enabled to offer the same programme for learners within the African sub-region. The course will be taught and assessed by the same professors from the UK, maintaining the same standards in quality assurance, as the accredited programme being offered by Strathclyde University. However, the tuition cost of participating in the course has been reduced to just about \$5000, and overall, the course will cost under 30% of the cost of the Strathclyde based programme.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. To develop a fundamental knowledge and understanding of the principles, nature and development of legal aspects of information technology and Telecommunications from jurisdictions.
2. To develop in students intellectual rigour, independence of mind, and the ability to think critically and constructively.
3. To develop in students a range of generic transferable skills which they can use in a wide range of settings.
4. To produce graduates who are confident, responsible and reflective and who are equipped to develop their potential throughout their careers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Normally, an Honours degree in law or any other degree with a substantial legal content. Other qualifications are recognised, especially where the applicant's work experience is relevant to the course.

MODE OF DELIVERY AND PROGRAMME DURATION

Lectures on each module will be conducted in Dar es Salaam or any other selected venue in Tanzania, in the period between January and July. The 35 hr lectures will be completed within one working week. Students will be given another three weeks to work on an assignment, after which each student is expected to submit a 6,000 word essay for assessment. Students wishing to pursue the LLM degree, will have another six months to work on a dissertation project. The entire programme shall be completed within TWO years for the award of LLM.

For the start, all Lecturers will come from the UK. OUT will undertake staff development for some of its staff so that the OUT can fully or partially take over the programme within five years.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Resources Available on the LLM Website

Lecture Notes with on-line links to relevant reading, Database of Information Technology Law URLs with search engine, Discussion Lists, Students' Home Pages, A link to the Butterworths site. This site contains links to the cases and statutes discussed during the course.

Technical Requirements

Internet Access, E-mail Address, Word Processor (MS Word compatible).

Every student must have a lap-top computer as a requirement for taking the courses.

For information on admissions and programmes, you may contact:

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COURSE STRUCTURE

CODE	Module	Units
OLW 651	Legal Aspects of Information Security	1
OLW 652	Legal Management of Contracts	1
OLW 653	Telecommunications Policy & Regulation	1
OLW 654	Intellectual Property law for IT	1
OLW 655	Legal Implications of eCommerce	1
OLW 656	Telecommunications Law	1
OLW 659	Dissertation	6

The Open University of Tanzania defines ONE credit unit as equivalent to thirty five (35) one-hour lectures.

Students wishing to gain a Postgraduate Diploma in IT and Telecoms may choose any four modules from among the above modules. The Dissertation is an additional requirement for those aspiring for the LLM. Students who wish to do only two modules will be awarded a Postgraduate certificate.

FEE STRUCTURE

Students will be charged fees according to module attended. A tuition fee of USD 1000 will be charged for each module. A further USD 1000 will be charged for the examination of the dissertation. The complete LLM will therefore cost about USD 5000. Students are responsible for their own living costs while attending the courses. Candidates doing research for their dissertation will meet all the costs of research on their own.

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA REACHES THE UNREACHED. THIS COULD BE YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO EARN AN INTERNATIONAL AWARD. ENROLL NOW!

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Candidates selecting this qualification undertake a unique opportunity - to study the legal implications surrounding Information Technology and Telecommunications on the world's longest established postgraduate masters (LLM) course in Information Technology and Telecommunications Law.

Provided at the University of Strathclyde since 1991 on a full or part-time attendance basis, and by online distance learning since 1994, the LLM and Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) in Information Technology and Telecommunications Law is an internationally renowned postgraduate qualification which currently attracts over 100 students from 20 countries.

As the international nature of the student body demonstrates, Information Technology and Telecommunications law is of wide interest and significant importance. The master's degree in Information Technology Law encourages students to consider legal initiatives both at European and International levels as well as within their own jurisdictions.

Students examine a diverse range of key themes including information security, privacy, intellectual property, telecommunications, e-commerce, internet governance and access to public information. These may be now be undertaken by attendance at Open University of Tanzania, or at The Law School on the University of Strathclyde's campus, or by internet based distance learning.

Whether for academic, personal or professional development, the LLM/PgDip in Information Technology and Telecommunications Law is an ideal choice for law graduates, lawyers and IT specialists seeking to equip themselves with the skills and knowledge to formulate and apply law in the information society.

There are three potential exit points from the course, certificate, diploma and masters. Assuming satisfactory performance, it is possible to change between these so that, for example, a student who initially registers for the certificate may opt to continue studying to the diploma or masters qualification. Likewise, a student originally registered for the masters may be transferred to the certificate or diploma stream.

Full-time LLM and PgDip students are required to complete four modules from those listed. For those candidates seeking the award of LLM in Information Technology and Telecommunications Law, a 20,000 word dissertation on a topic of your own choice is required. A flexible two-module Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) is also available.



The signing of an agreement between ITU, UKTA and OUT that paved way for the delivery of the LLM (IT&T) programme at the Open University of Tanzania

ACADEMIC STAFF

Prof David Mellor

Prof David Mellor was formerly president of the Cable and Wireless Virtual Academy and is currently Chairman of the International Telecommunication Union's Development Sector. He was awarded the OBE for services to education in 2004. He is current Chairman of the Board of the United Kingdom Telecommunications Academy (UKTA).

Prof Ian Lloyd

Ian is Professor of Information Technology Law. He is the author of Information Technology Law and the Data Protection Act (both Butterworths), joint author with Moira Simpson of Law on the Electronic Frontier (Edinburgh University Press) and managing editor of the International Journal of Law and Information Technology (Oxford University Press). He is a Council Member of the Society for Computers and Law and of the Centre for Software Reliability. Ian is also a member of the European Commission's Legal Advisory Board on the Information Market.

Prof Catherine Colston

Author of Modern Intellectual Property Law, (Cavendish Publishing, 2005) along with a series of articles and case notes on Intellectual Property. She is also involved with the development of the JISC Legal Information Service for higher education provided from the University of Strathclyde. Her research interests include domain names and their relation to trade marks, copyright on the Internet, and electronic commerce.