

UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA
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LL.M AND Ph.D PROGRAMMES

FACULTY OF LAW

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**UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA
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DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY LAW

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (LL.M AND Ph.D)

1.1 PHILOSOPHY, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

The general LL.B programmes in Law and the Law School training qualify students as general legal practitioners. LL.M and Ph. D programmes, on the other hand, enable students to qualify as specialist in specific areas of Law. The postgraduate programmes of the Department of Property Law are designed to offer specialist training to student in various areas of Property Law.

The programmes, thus aim to bring about a critical mass of knowledge and specialisation in specific areas of Law. It will also lead to improved skill and competence as well as inculcating evidence based knowledge through legal research methods in resolving legal issues/challenges.

The postgraduate programmes of the Department of Property Law cover the following areas of specialisation: Property and Fiscal Law; Law of International Finance and Commerce; Corporations, Governance and Dispute Settlement.

1.2 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The programmes will produce specialist law graduates with competence to serve as legal experts and consultants in diverse areas at national, regional and international levels. Graduates of the programmes have good prospects of employment in both the public and private sector (either salaried or self-employment.) In the public sector, they can serve the federal and state governments and their ministries, departments and agencies in various capacities. They can also serve in national, regional and international organisations. In the private sector, they can be employed as legal advisers and consultants.

1.3. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

(a) Master of Laws (LL.M) in Property Law

The following shall qualify for admission into the Master of Laws (LL.M) Programme in Property Law: graduates of the University of Nigeria or any other recognised universities

who have obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Laws (LL.B) with at least a second class honours (lower division) with CGPA of not less than 3.0 on a 5-point scale.

(b) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Property Law

The following shall qualify for admission into the Doctor of Philosophy(Ph.D) Programme in Property Law: graduates of the University of Nigeria or any other recognized universities with a good Master's Degree in Laws (LL.M), with a minimum CGPA of 3.5 on a 5-point scale or 3.0 on a 4-point scale or 60% or a B grade and Project score not lower than 60% (B).

1.4 DURATION OF PROGRAMMES

(a) Master of Laws (LL.M) in Property Law

- (i) **Full-time:** A minimum of three (3) semesters and a maximum of six (6) semesters.
- (ii) **Part-time:** A minimum of five (5) semesters and a maximum of eight (8) semesters.

(b) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Property Law

- (i) **Full-time:** A minimum of six (6) semesters and a maximum of ten (10) semesters.
- (ii) **Part-time:** A minimum of eight (8) semesters and a maximum of twelve (12) semesters.

1.5 COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

A student must have fulfilled, in addition to other University requirements, the following conditions to be awarded:

(a) Master of Laws (LL.M) Degree in Property Law

To be awarded the Master of Laws (LL.M) degree in Property Law, a student must have registered and passed a minimum of 33 credit units of both compulsory and elective courses as follows:

Compulsory courses	-	6 units
Elective courses	-	18 units
Seminar	-	3 units
Project	-	<u>6 units</u>
		33 units

(b) Doctor of Philosophy in Law (PhD)

To be awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Ph.D) degree in Property Law, a student must have registered and passed a minimum of 36 credit units of both compulsory and elective courses as follows:

Course Work (Both Compulsory and Elective)	-	15 units
Compulsory Paper Presentations	-	6 units
Ph.D Thesis Seminar	-	3 units
Thesis	-	<u>12 units</u>
		36 units

2. CURRICULUM SPECIFICATION TABLE

2.1 Master of Laws (LL.M) in Property Law

FIRST SEMESTER

3 Courses from Core Area	-	9 units
1 Elective course from Alternate Area	-	<u>3 units</u>
		12 units

SECOND SEMESTER

3 Courses from Core Area	-	9 units
1 Elective course from Alternate Area	-	<u>3 units</u>
		12 units

THIRD SEMESTER

Seminar	-	3 units
Project	-	<u>6 units</u>
		9 units

2.2 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Property Law

(i) First Year

FIRST SEMESTER

1 Compulsory course	-	3 units
2 Courses (1 from Core Area, 1 from alternate area)	-	<u>6 units</u>
		9 units

SECOND SEMESTER

2 Courses (1 from Core Area, 1 from alternate area)	-	6 units
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(ii) Second Year

FIRST SEMESTER

Research Proposal	-	3 units
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SECOND SEMESTERBook and/or Journal Article Review - **3 units****(iii) Third Year****FIRST SEMESTER**Ph.D Seminar - **3 units****SECOND SEMESTER**Ph.D Thesis Defence - **12 units****3. STRESS AREAS/AREAS OF SPECIALISATION**

Fundamentals (Research Methodology, Legal Research Writing, Research Proposal, Synopsis/Grant Writing)

- 1 Property and Fiscal Law
- 2 Law of International Finance and Commerce
- 3 Law of Corporations, Governance and Dispute Settlement
- 4 Seminar
- 5 Thesis

4. COURSES FOR MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M) IN PROPERTY LAW

FIRST SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
1	PGC 601	ICT and Research Methodology	3 Units
THREE ELECTIVES COURSES (TWO FROM STUDENT'S CORE AREA, ONE FROM NON-CORE AREA)			
2	PPL611	Energy and Natural Resources Law I	3 Units
3	PPL 613	Taxation Law I	3 Units
4	PPL 621	International Economic Law I	3 Units
5	PPL 623	Capital Market and Securities Law I	3 Units
6	PPL 625	Competition Law I	3 Units
7	PPL 627	Law of International Finance and Regulation I	3 Units
8	PPL 615	International Maritime Labour Law I	3 Units
9	PPL 631	Comparative Company Law I	3 Units
10	PPL 633	Corporate Theory and Governance Law I	3 Units
11	PPL 635	Law of Alternative Commercial Dispute Resolution I	3 Units
TOTAL (4 courses)			9 Units

SECOND SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
1	LAW 602	Legal Research Writing	3 Units
THREE ELECTIVES COURSES (TWO FROM STUDENT'S CORE AREA, ONE FROM NON-CORE AREA)			
2	PPL612	Energy and Natural Resources Law II	3 Units
3	PPL 614	Taxation Law II	3 Units
4	PPL 622	International Economic Law II	3 Units
5	PPL 624	Capital Market and Securities Law II	3 Units
7	PPL 626	Law of International Contracting II	3 Units
6	PPL 628	Law of International Finance and Regulation II	3 Units
7	PPL 636	Law of Alternative Commercial Dispute Resolution II	3 Units
8	PPL 616	International Maritime Labour Law II	3 Units
10	PPL 632	Comparative Company Law II	3 Units
11	PL 634	Corporate Theory and Governance Law II	3 Units
TOTAL (4 courses)			9 Units

THIRD SEMESTER			
1	PPL 681	Seminar in Property Law	3 Units
2	PPL 691	Project	6 Units
TOTAL (Seminar and Project)			9 Units

5. COURSES FOR Ph.D IN PROPERTY LAW

(i) First Year

FIRST SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
1	PGC 701	Synopsis and Research Grant Writing	3 Units
TWO ELECTIVE COURSES (ONE FROM CORE AREA, ONE FROM NON-CORE AREA)			
2	PPL 711	Advanced Seminar in Property and Fiscal Law	3 Units
3	PPL 721	Advanced Seminar in Law of International Finance and Commerce I	3 Units
4	PPL 731	Advanced Seminar in Law of Corporations, Governance,	3 Units

		Dispute Settlement Law I	
TOTAL (3 courses)			9 Units

SECOND SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
TWO ELECTIVE COURSES (ONE FROM CORE AREA, ONE FROM NON-CORE AREA)			
1	PPL 712	Advanced Seminar in Advanced Seminar in Property and Fiscal Law II	3 Units
2	PPL 722	Advanced Seminar in Law of International Finance and Commerce II	3 Units
3	PPL 732	Advanced Seminar in Law of Corporations, Governance, Dispute Settlement Law II	3 Units
TOTAL			6 Units

(ii) Second Year

FIRST SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
1	PPL 781	Research Proposal	3 Units
TOTAL			3 Units
SECOND SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
2	PPL 782	Books and/or Journal Article Review	3 Units
TOTAL			3 Units

(ii) Third Year

FIRST SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
3	PPL 783	Ph.D Thesis Seminar	3 Units

TOTAL			3 Units
SECOND SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
4	PPL 790	Ph.D Thesis	12 Units
TOTAL			12 Units

6. DESCRIPTION OF COURSES FOR MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M) PROGRAMME

PGL 601: ICT and Research Methodology (3 units)

Methods of collecting data. Design of questionnaire. Survey planning and execution. Sampling and designs: simple, random, stratified, systematic, cluster and multi-stage sampling. Area sampling. Sample size determination. Analysis of response errors. Introductory techniques of data analysis: measures of central tendency and dispersion. Principles of effective communication and technical writing. Organisation and presentation of technical reports, feasibility studies, technical proposals and technical descriptions and instructions. Technical correspondence.

PGL 602: Legal Research Writing (3 units)

Legal Research and Academic Writing: forms and skills required. Components of Legal Research: Proposal, Abstract, Introduction/Background, Statement of Problem, Research Questions, Objectives, Methodology, Literature Review, Body of the Work, Summary of Findings, Recommendations, Conclusions. Research Structure or Organisation: chapters and sections and sub-sections; Work Plan; Referencing and Citation in Legal Research/Academic Writing; Online Resources for legal materials.

PPL 631: Comparative Company Law I (3 units)

Memorandum and Articles of Association: scope of contractual effect; Ultra vires and Agency; Limited Liability and the Corporate Veil; Raising and Maintenance of Capital; Legal Distribution of Power; Duties of Directors; Auditors and Corporate Governance; Minority Protection and Majority Rule; Corporate Social Responsibility

PPL 632: Comparative Company Law II (3 units)

Certain Regulatory Bodies: Corporate Affairs Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission; the Stock Exchange; Insider Trading; Take-overs, Mergers and Acquisitions; Winding up of Companies.

PPL 633: Corporate Theory and Governance Law I (3 units)

Emergence of Corporate Governance as a major area of economic, political and academic debate and policy making; the Global Financial Crisis of 2008-2009: its effect on business organizations; the Concept of Shareholding and the nature of the corporation as a form of business organization; historical analysis of the emergence in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries of the modern form of the joint stock company (a precursor to the contemporary multinational corporation), and the theories that have propelled this business form to its contemporary status. Identification and analysis of the theoretical underpinnings of corporate legislation such as the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2004.

PPL 634: Corporate Theory and Governance Law II (3 units)

Analysis of corporate governance as a concept, its various models (especially the shareholder and stakeholder models), the agency problem and the diverse mechanisms for resolving this problem; Global financial crisis: its interpretation by international agencies (especially the OECD), in relation to corporate governance. The Nigerian CAMA: its support for shareholder value; the resolution of the agency problem in the Nigeria; judicial support for shareholder value in Nigeria and how this affects collective interests such as corporate social responsibility (CSR); differences between contemporary CSR and effective CSR, and the de-radicalization of CSR in the country.

PPL 623: Capital Market and Securities Law I

(3 units)

PPL 624: Capital Market and Securities Law II

(3 units)

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development**

PPL 625: Competition Law I

(3 units)

Meaning and nature; forms of anti-competitive practices: cartels, oligopolies, monopolies, mergers; Theories of regulation: economic theories, public interest theory, private interest theory, normative and positive theories and social regulation. Relationship between

competition law and consumer protection; Legal and policy structures for the regulation of competition in Nigeria: sector specific regulations, the Competition and Consumer Protection Bill 2016.

PPL 626: Law of International Contracting II

(3 units)

ORIGIN AND FUNCTIONS OF UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT; Historical development of UNCITRAL; UNCITRAL Conventions, Model laws and Protocols; Historical development of UNIDROIT; Conventions and Model laws under the UNIDROIT; Functions and objectives of UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT; United Nations Convention on Contracts for International Sale of Goods (CISG); Jurisdiction of the CISG (Automatic jurisdiction and private international law jurisdiction); Subject matter jurisdiction and concept of validity of commercial contracts under the CISG; International interpretation of the CISG; Formation of contracts of international sale of goods (Offer, acceptance , good faith); Rights and obligations of parties under the CISG; Relationship between the CISG and other international agreements; UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (UPICC); Jurisdiction; Formation of commercial contracts; Rights and obligations of parties under the UNIDROIT Principles; Principles of European Contract Law (PECL); Origin, Jurisdiction and functions; and Applications of Draft Common Frame of Reference (DCFR) to Commercial Contracts.

PL 635: Law of Alternative Commercial Dispute Resolution I

(3 units)

PL 636: Law of Alternative Commercial Dispute Resolution II

(3 units)

Under
development

PPL 626: Law of International Finance and Regulation I

(3 units)

Meaning/Nature of Financial Law; Aims of Financial Law; Financial Assets; Main Financial Jurisdictions; Nature of financial covenants and financial contracts; Classes of financial covenants; Governing Law of Financial Contracts; Syndicated Lending; Loans Transfers and Participations; International Bond Issues

PPL 643: Law of International Finance and Regulation II

(3 units)

Standard setting institutions in international financial regulation; Regulation of international financial system/national financial system; International/national banking regulation; Regulation of financial/capital markets; Principles of securities regulation; Conduct and Regulation of Investment Business; Derivates and Securitization; Payment and Settlement System.

PPL 651: International Maritime Labour Law I (3 units)

History of Maritime Labour Regulation; Justifications for the regulation of maritime employment; Four pillars of international maritime law; Institutional and Standard-Setting Bodies in Maritime Labour; Legal and Structural Framework of International Seamen's Code; Maritime Employment and Requirements; Maritime Training and Competence Certificate.

PPL 652: International Maritime Labour Law II (3 units)

Maritime Wages, Working Hours and Manning Ships; Repatriation and Annual Paid Leave Regulations; Social Security and Minimum Standards; Maritime Labour and Substandard Vessels; Maritime labour, pollution and environment; Maritime labour and human right; Maritime labour and fiscal responsibility; Future role of ILO, IMO and similar institutions.

PPL 691: Project Report (6 Units)

The project title should be taken by the student and should be properly supervised by an approved supervisor in the area of research field. The supervisor should continually monitor the progress of the project work to ensure student's mastery of the work. The student will be made to present a seminar from his/her project, thereafter he or she should be ready for the final defence before the external examiner and other constituted members of the PG examination board.

7. DESCRIPTION OF COURSES FOR Ph.D PROGRAMME IN COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE LAW

PGC 701: Synopsis and Grant Writing (3 Units)

This course identifies types and nature of grant and grant writing as well as meaning of grants application calls on the internet. The course determines appropriate strategy for grant

application; Study of various grant application structures and contents and writing of concept notes, detailed project description, budgeting and budget defense. Study of sample grant writings in various forms and writing of mock research and other grants are part of this course. Students are taught University of Nigeria synopsis structure and requirements, (Introduction, Methodology and Results); determining the content of each sub-unit of the synopsis; Steps in writing of synopsis from the Dissertation/Thesis document, structural and language issues. Common errors in synopsis writing and strategies for avoiding them are discussed. The roles of the student and the supervisor in the writing of synopsis are discussed as well as writing of mock synopsis.

Advanced Seminar Series:

CCL 711, CCL 721, CCL 731, CCL 741, CCL 751 (first semester)

CLL 712, CCL 722, CCL 733, CCL 742, CCL 752 (second semester)- (3 units each)

These are seminars to be presented by the student in the first year of the programme. For each semester of the year, the student is required to present two seminars, one seminar from his/her core area of specialisation and the other from any of the alternative areas of specialisation within the Department. These serve to ground the student in legal research writing. At the end of each seminar presentation, the student should be informed if he/she was successful, and a student should not proceed to the next stage of the programme until he/she has successfully presented the four seminars.

PPL 781: Research Proposal

(3 units)

This presentation serves as the of the student's research work. It must be in the student's area of specialisation. It is at the end of this presentation, that the student is expected to know if she or he will continue with the proposed research project.

PPL 783: Books Review/Journal Article Presentation

(3 units)

The purpose of this presentation is to equip doctoral students with the necessary skills for writing publishable book reviews and journal articles in their areas of specialisation. To be successful, a student's presentation must be of high standard and adjudged suitable for publication in highly reputable journals by his/her Supervisor and majority of the members of the Departmental Postgraduate Committee.

PPL 782: Ph. D Seminar

(3 units)

This is a seminar presentation at the end of research work before the final defence. This is the final presentation, reporting the results, findings, deductions, conclusion and

recommendations from the student's work. If the student is successful he or she then submits his/her synopsis and prepares for his or her final Thesis defence.

PPL 790: Thesis

(12 units)

This is the report of the student's research and must be prepared in the prescribed specifications. The research should address contemporary legal issues/challenges of national and/or international importance and proffer workable solutions to such issues/challenges. The student shall undergo oral examination on his/her Thesis before an examination panel comprising an External and Internal Examiners and other persons as prescribed by the University. No students should undergo oral examination unless such a student has successfully passed the prescribed courses/seminars/presentations.

DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY LAW

LIST OF APPROVED POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor based in the Department

Professor Edith O Nwosu LL.B (Hons.) (NIG) LL.M (Nig.) Ph.D (NIG) BL	Company Law Energy Law
Dr. JJ Odinkonigbo LL.B (Hons.) (ESUT) LL.M (Dalhousie) Ph.D (Osgoode) BL	Taxation Law
Dr. CC Ajibo LL.B (Hons.) (Nig) LL.M (Manchester) Ph.D (Manchester) BL	International Economic Law Law of International Finance and Regulation
Dr NA Nwafor LL.B (Hons.) (Uyo) LL.M (Glasgow Caledonia) Ph.D (Stirling) BL	International Economic Law Law of International Contracting/Competition Law
Dr Agbo LL.B (Hons) (Calabar) LL.M (California) PhD (California) BL	International Law International Criminal Law

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Prof. Chukwuemeka G. Nnona LL.B (Hons.) (Ife) LL.M (UNILAG) SJD (Harvard) BL	Company Law Corporate Governance
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