



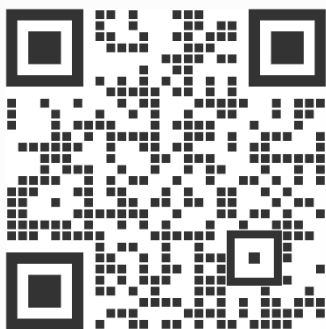
DIFC Laws Certificate Programme

May 2023 – October 2023

Accredited CLPD Points | 120 Learning Hours

- Acquire relevant skills to practicing law within the DIFC
- Acquire exercising rights of audience before the DIFC Courts
- Understand the Common Law and DIFC Regulatory framework

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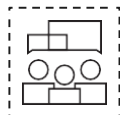
OVERVIEW

The DIFC Laws Certificate aims to provide education and training that will equip legal practitioners with the necessary knowledge and skills to support their practice in the hybrid UAE legal system. The course covers the relevant areas of common law; the foundation of the DIFC legal system; DIFC laws and DIFC Courts procedures; advocacy and legal drafting legal tech and tax law.

This programme will prepare lawyers in the Middle East for international commercial law practice and provide legal education with global value by cross training learners in multiple legal systems with a focus on DIFC Laws.

The programme comprises of the following modules:

- **English Common Law, Basic Advocacy and Legal Drafting** | 36 hours
- **Legal Tech** | 10 hours
- **Tax Law** | 6 hours
- **ADR & Arbitration** | 8 hours
Developed and delivered by Middlesex University Dubai, Department of Law and Politics.
- **DIFC Laws & Courts Procedure** | 30 hours
Developed and delivered by DIFC Legal Practitioners
- **Advanced Advocacy** | 24 hours
Developed and delivered by Outer Temple Chambers, London based Chambers.
- **Cryptocurrency and Dispute Resolution** | 6 hours
Developed and delivered by KBH



LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completion of the programme, participants should be able to:

- Understand and explain the operation of the English legal system
- Demonstrate a knowledge of areas of substantive English common law such as contract law; tort; company law; law of agency; land law; law of trusts; employment law and arbitration
- Demonstrate knowledge of DIFC laws and Courts procedures, particularly company and insolvency; trust and foundations; employment; real property and arbitration

Upon completion of the course, participants will have acquired several skills relevant and necessary to practicing law within the DIFC and to exercising rights of audience before

- the DIFC Courts, enabling them to:
Research, evaluate and retrieve information from a variety of sources
- Analyse, synthesise and apply the law in common law settings
- Draft legal documents in common law settings
- Make oral submissions in common law settings

Mode of Delivery:

The course will be delivered through a blend of online, hybrid and in-person* sessions.

*The in-person sessions will be broadcasted live through MS Teams.



STRUCTURE

The course consists of a number of modules ("units") that can be taken together as a whole to qualify for the DIFC Laws Certificate of completion or as individual components that will warrant individual certificates of completion per module. The units are as follows:

Unit 1 Common Law: ELS Principles of Common Law; Contract Law; Tort Law; Company Law; Employment Law; ADR, Arbitration; Data Protection Law; and Equity Law.

Unit 2 DIFC Laws and Courts Procedure: Overview and Introduction; Basic DIFC Laws; Basic DIFC Procedures; DIFC Company Law and DIFC Insolvency Law; DIFC Arbitration; DIFC Employment Law; DIFC Data Protection Law; DIFC Trust Law

Unit 3 Advocacy Skills: Court Etiquette; Advocacy Basics; Trial Advocacy and witness handling and examination; Oral Submissions and Appeal Advocacy; Written and Oral Appeal Advocacy

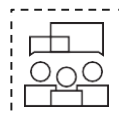
Unit 4 Legal Drafting: Legal Drafting Basics; Legal Drafting Advanced

Unit 5 Legal Tech: Legal Technology Foundations

Unit 6 Tax: UAE Tax Law; Applications of tax legislation; Implications of tax legislation for legal practitioners

Unit 7 ADR & Arbitration: Overview of ADR, Mediation; International Arbitration; Arbitration in the UAE

Unit 8 Cryptocurrency and Dispute Resolution: Overview of regulatory regime for crypto and issues arising in litigation



ASSESSMENT AND AWARDS

All modules of the programme are assessed to evaluate participants' achievement of the module learning outcomes. Participants who successfully complete assessments are awarded a Certificate of Completion, indicating the number of training hours and the modules studied. Participants who have studied and were successfully assessed on individual units of the course will receive a certificate of successful completion of the specific module(s) completed.

Participants are required to meet the minimum requirement of 65% attendance of the course components they have enrolled in, to be eligible for receiving the Certificate of Completion.

DIFC Courts registration for Emirati nationals:
Emirati Advocates who completed the full course and related assessments and obtained the DIFC Laws Certificate of Completion, may be eligible to register with the DIFC Courts. For further information and registration requirements, please refer to the DIFC Courts website:

<https://www.difccourts.ae/guidelines-registration-practitioners/>

ALUMNI BENEFITS

Graduates of the course are recognised as DIFC Academy and Middlesex University Dubai alumni. As such, they are entitled to benefits provided to alumni, such as discounted rates on training courses and academic programmes and invitation to alumni exclusive events.



ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

DURATION

6 MONTHS (with holiday and summer breaks)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Curriculum Vitae

Please submit a copy of your most recent CV demonstrating your work experience to date.

2. A Bachelor's Degree in Law or equivalent. Candidates holding a higher education degree other than law may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please submit a copy of your degree certificate or transcripts

In the absence of a bachelor's degree, candidates will need to demonstrate significant exposure to the legal profession and/or legal practice through their employment. Please submit an additional document with your CV explaining how you are eligible in lieu of a bachelor's degree.

Clear command of the English language

This requirement is important, especially for the advocacy part of the course

To satisfy this requirement, candidates need to submit any of the following:

- A TOEFL or IELTS certificate demonstrating achievement of a good score
- Undergraduate or graduate degree completed in English
- A cover letter (500 words) justifying your interest for the course

COURSE FEE

Option 1

Full Course

25,000 AED -

10% Early bird discount valid if you register on or before 15 March 2023

Option 2: 10,000 AED

Common Law + Basic Advocacy + Legal Drafting (36 hours; 18 sessions)

Option 3: 6,000 AED

DIFC Courts Procedures (30 hours; 18 sessions)

Option 4: 7,000 AED

Advanced Advocacy + Basic Advocacy + Legal Drafting (36 hours; 12 sessions)

Option 5: 2,000 AED

Legal Tech (10 hours; 5 sessions)

Option 6: 1,200 AED

Tax Law (6 hours; 3 sessions)

Option 7: 1,600 AED

ADR and Arbitration (8 hours; 4 sessions)

Option 7: 1,200 AED

Cryptocurrency Regulation & Dispute Resolution (6 hours; 3 sessions)

MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY LECTURERS

Lubna Khan
Samantha Roberts
Shahila Deena Bhoyroo

Sarah Malik
Thenji Moyo

OUTER TEMPLE CHAMBERS BARRISTERS

James Counsell, KC
Justina Stewart
John McKendrick, KC

Nicholas Hill
Jonathan Hand, KC
Helen Pugh

DIFC LECTURERS

DIFC Specialists/ DIFC Legal Practitioners



SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Monday 1 May 2023

4.00PM: Welcome

5:00 - 7.00 PM

Gate Village 2
L1 Lecture Theatre

Unit 1.1 English Legal System Principles of Common Law (1 of 2)

- Historical context
- Sources
- Hierarchy
- Classification

Samantha Roberts - Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 2 May 2023

5:00 - 6.30 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (1 of 11)

Introduction to the DIFC Courts

Ayesha Bin Kalban
Registrar, DIFC Courts

Wednesday

3 May 2023

5:00 - 6.30 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (2 of 11)

Preparations for Trial

Raza Mithani
Managing Partner, Conselis Law

WEEK 2

Monday 8 May 2023

5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 1.1 English Legal System Principles of Common Law (2 of 2)

- Precedent
- Statutory interpretation

Samantha Roberts - Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 9 May 2023

5:00 - 6.30 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (3 of 11)

Early Disposal of Claims

Louise Wright
Barrister/Senior Associate, Al Aidarous



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 2

Wednesday
10 May 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (4 of 11)

Case Management

Adrian Chadwick
Partner, Hedef & Partners

WEEK 3

Monday 15 May 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)
[L1 Lecture Room](#)

Unit 3.1 Advocacy Basics (1 of 2)

Court Etiquette

Sarah Malik
Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 16 May 2023
5:00 - 6.30 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (5 of 11)

Commencing a Claim

Patrick Dillon-Malone
Partner, Clyde & Co.

Wednesday
17 May 2023
5:00 - 6.30 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (6 of 11)

Costs

Michael Patchett-Joyce
Barrister, 36 Commercial



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 4

Monday 22 May 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 1.2 UK Contract Law(1 of 3)

Offer, Acceptance, Consideration

Lubna Khan
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 23 May 2023
5:00 - 6.30 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (7 of 11)

Disputing Jurisdiction

Sheila Shadmand
Partner, Jones Day

Wednesday
24 May 2023
5:00 - 6.30 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (8 of 11)

Enforcement

Alessandro Tricoli
Partner, Fichte & Co

WEEK 5

Monday 29 May 2023
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 1.2 UK Contract Law (2 of 3)

- Terms of Contract
- Exclusion Clauses

Lubna Khan
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 30 May 2023
5:00 - 6.30 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (9 of 11)

Interim Remedies

Philip Punwar
Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 5

Wednesday
31 May 2023
5:00 - 6.30 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (10 of 11)

Evidence

Bushra Ahmed
Partner, KBH

WEEK 6

Monday 5 June 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)
[L1 Lecture Room](#)

Unit 1.2 UK Contract Law (3 of 3)

Lubna Khan
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 6 June 2023
5:00 - 6.30 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)

Unit 2.1 DIFC Laws and Procedures (11 of 11)

Appeals

Graham Lovett
Partner, Akin Gump Straus Hauer & Feld LLP

Wednesday
7 June 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)

Unit 1.3 UK Tort Law (1 of 2)

Yasmin Sebah
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 7

Monday 12 June 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 4 Legal Drafting Skills (1 of 4)

Samantha Jayne Roberts
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 13 June 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 1.3 UK Tort Law (2 of 2)

Yasmin Sebah
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Wednesday
14 June 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 4 Legal Drafting Skills (2 of 4)

Samantha Jayne Roberts
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

WEEK 8

Monday 19 June 2023
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 1.4 UK Equity Law (1 of 1)

Shahila Deena Bhoyroo
Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 20 June 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

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Unit 1.5 UK Company Law & Insolvency (1 of 1)

Lubna Khan
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 8

Wednesday
21 June 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

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Unit 3.2 Advocacy Basics

Sarah Malik
Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

WEEK 9

Monday 3 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)
[L1 Lecture Room](#)

Unit 5 Legal Tech (1 of 5)

Suzanna Kalendzhian
Co-Founder & CEO- Legal Advice Middle East

Tuesday 4 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

[Microsoft Teams](#)

Unit 5 Legal Tech (2 of 5)

Suzanna Kalendzhian
Co-Founder & CEO- Legal Advice Middle East

Wednesday
5 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

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Unit 5 Legal Tech (3 of 5)

Suzanna Kalendzhian
Co-Founder & CEO- Legal Advice Middle East

WEEK 10

Monday 10 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

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[L1 Lecture Room](#)

Unit 5 Legal Tech (4 of 5)

Suzanna Kalendzhian
Co-Founder & CEO- Legal Advice Middle East



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 10

Tuesday 11 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

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Unit 5 Legal Tech (5 of 5)

Suzanna Kalendzhian
Co-Founder & CEO- Legal Advice Middle East

Wednesday
12 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 4.2 Legal Drafting Skills (3 of 4)

Samantha Jayne Roberts
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

WEEK 11

Monday 17 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

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Unit 4 Legal Drafting Skills 2 (4 of 4)

Samantha Jayne Roberts
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 18 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.3 DIFC Companies Law

Daniel Partovi
Partner, Jones Day



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 12

Monday 24 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

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L1 Lecture Room

Unit 6 Tax Law 1 (1 of 3)

Thomas Vanhee
Partner, Aurifer Tax Consultants

Tuesday 25 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 6 Tax Law 1 (2 of 3)

Thomas Vanhee
Partner, Aurifer Tax Consultants

Wednesday
26 July 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 6 Tax Law 1 (3 of 3)

Thomas Vanhee
Partner, Aurifer Tax Consultants

WEEK 13

Monday 31 July 2023
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 7 Overview of ADR (1 of 4)

Lubna Khan
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 1 Aug 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.4 DIFC Insolvency Law

Dustin Appel
Senior Associate, Baker Botts



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 13

Wednesday
2 Aug 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.9 DIFC Data Protection Law

Lori Baker
VP- Legal and Director of Data Protection,
DIFC Authority

SUMMER BREAK

WEEK 14

Monday 4 Sept 2023
9:00 - 2.00 PM

In Person ONLY
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Unit 3.3 Advanced Advocacy 1

James Counsell KC
Justina Stewart
Barristers, Outer Temple Chambers

Tuesday 5 Sept 2023
9:00 - 2.00 PM

In Person ONLY
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Unit 3.3 Advanced Advocacy 1

James Counsell KC
Justina Stewart
Barristers, Outer Temple Chambers

Wednesday
6 Sept 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.5 DIFC Employment Law

Thenji Moyo
Legal Director & Head of Employment,
Gateley UK LLP



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 15

Monday 11 Sept 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 2.7 DIFC Trust and Foundations Law

David Russell, KC
Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers

Tuesday 12 Sept 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 1.6 UK Employment Law (1 of 2)

Samantha Jayne Roberts
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Wednesday
13 Sept 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 7 International Arbitration (3 of 4)

Yasmin Sebah
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

WEEK 16

Monday 18 Sept 2023
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 1.6 UK Employment Law (2 of 2)

Samantha Jayne Roberts
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 19 Sept 2023
5:00 PM - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 8.1 Global take on crypto

History, developments, jurisdiction, regulation vs deregulation

Bushra Ahmed
Partner, KBH



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WEEK 16

Wednesday
20 Sept 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 8.2 Regulatory Framework in the UAE

Bushra Ahmed
Partner, KBH

WEEK 17

Monday 25 Sept 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 7 Mediation (2 of 4)

Lubna Khan
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 26 Sept 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 2.8 DIFC Arbitration Law

Sarah Malik
CEO and Counsel, SOL International Ltd.

WEEK 18

Monday 2 Oct 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 1.7 Data Protection Law (1 of 1)

Samantha Jayne Roberts
Senior Lecturer in Law, MDX Dubai

Tuesday 3 Oct 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Unit 8.3 Litigation – case law and tactical considerations

Bushra Ahmed
Partner, KBH



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SCHEDULE:

Wednesday
4 Oct 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 2.6 DIFC Contract Law

Philip Punwar, Barrister
Outer Temple Chambers

WEEK 19

Monday 9 Oct 2023
9.00 AM - 2.00 PM

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Unit 3.4 Advanced Advocacy 2

John McKendrick, KC
Nicholas Hill
Barristers, Outer Temple Chambers

Tuesday 10 Oct 2023
9.00 AM - 2.00 PM

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Unit 3.4 Advanced Advocacy 2

John McKendrick, KC
Nicholas Hill
Barristers, Outer Temple Chambers

WEEK 20

Monday 16 Oct 2023
5:00 - 7.00 PM

Microsoft Teams
L1 Lecture Room

Unit 7 Arbitration in the UAE (4 of 4)

Sarah Malik
CEO and Counsel, SOL International Ltd.



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SCHEDULE:

WEEK 21

Monday 23 Oct 2023
9.00 AM - 2.00 PM

In person ONLY
DIFC Courts

Unit 3.4 Advanced Advocacy 3

Jonathan Hand KC
Helen Pugh
Barristers, Outer Temple Chambers

Tuesday 24 Oct 2023
9.00 AM - 2.00 PM

In person ONLY
DIFC Courts

Unit 3.4 Advanced Advocacy 3

Jonathan Hand KC
Helen Pugh
Barristers, Outer Temple Chambers

AWARDING CEREMONY

Wednesday
29 November 2023
9.00 AM - 12.00 NN

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Participants are required to meet the minimum requirement of 65% attendance of the course components they have enrolled in, to be eligible for receiving the Certificate of Completion at this awarding ceremony

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www.difcacademy.ae/training-programmes/

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