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Global Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration

8 to 15 September 2025
Worcester College
Oxford, UK

Key facts



Ciarb's Diplomas are the arbitration industry's gold-standard qualification



Candidates have access to Oxford University's prestigious Bodleian Library



The Diploma offers invaluable networking opportunities with peers and faculty



On successful completion of the Diploma, candidates are eligible for Fellowship



The Diploma is an immersive course made up of interactive seminars, workshops, and lectures



Candidates learn the law, practice, and procedure of international commercial arbitration



The Diploma takes place inside the grounds of the historic Worcester College in Oxford



The course fee includes accommodation in Worcester College, Oxford and some meals



Discounts available for the Diploma

2024 Diploma facts

22 countries represented



Equal representation of female and male students



50%



50%



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The Global Diploma has given me a lot of confidence because we've been taught in a very structured way about what international arbitration is all about. I strongly doubt that I could have found a better course to do.

David Asiedu, 2024 candidate

Welcome Letter

Dear Candidates,

Fast-track your arbitration career with our Global Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, an immersive eight-day course in Oxford, from 8-15 September 2025.

Ciarb's prestigious Global Diploma has been designed to meet the increasing demands for accredited arbitrators and arbitration practitioners to resolve disputes.

Our faculty comprises of internally recognised experts with a wealth of experience, who have the ability to transport candidates into the arbitration room.

There will be considerable opportunities to learn from each other, network with

your peers and experts in the industry, and develop relationships. Ciarb's Diploma courses are the gold-standard in the industry, and the opportunity to learn from the experts is invaluable.

Candidates who pass the Practice and Procedure examination and the Award Writing examination will be awarded a Diploma of International Commercial Arbitration by Ciarb.

Then, they can apply for the Fellow Peer Interview to become a Ciarb Fellow – our post-nominals are recognised globally.

I encourage you to join us on this exciting learning opportunity.

Dr Crina Baltag FCIArb
Course Director





Course Director

Dr Crina Baltag FCIArb is a globally recognised arbitration and dispute resolution practitioner.

She is also an attorney at law and an academic with over 20 years of extensive practice in international dispute resolution, private, and public international law.

Crina has been appointed as presiding, sole and co-arbitrator in numerous arbitrations under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC Arbitration Institute), the Finland Arbitration Institute (FAI), Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), and the Center for Arbitration and

Mediation of the Chamber of Commerce Brazil-Canada (CAM-CCBC).

She has acted as expert and counsel in various international commercial and investment arbitrations. She has also practiced as counsel, specialising in commercial and disputes, focusing on construction, energy and natural resources projects, financial transactions, intellectual property, and foreign investments.

Crina is the managing editor of Kluwer Arbitration Blog, and an Associate Professor of International Arbitration Law at Stockholm University.

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Diploma Structure

Part 1 Assessment: Law, Practice and Procedure of International Commercial Arbitration

Candidates submit two assignments (500 words) during the Diploma, a dissertation proposal (300 max) on an arbitration topic, including research question and potential literature list, and then a final dissertation (4,000 words) two months later.

The final dissertation is due by 18 October 2025. It is worth 80% of the overall mark. Candidates need to obtain 55% on each assignment to pass.

Candidates who fail any assessments will be required to retake the assessment, and any failure to submit an assessment will result in a fail mark.

Part 2 Assessment: Law of Obligations

Candidates are required to demonstrate expertise on the common law and civil law of contract tort.

Candidates must pass a multiple-choice online exemption test before commencing to the final assessment. Candidates will be given a reference workbook and a mock assessment before taking the test. Candidates will have 90 minutes to take the test, and the pass mark is 70%. The deadline is 27 November 2025.

Ciarb Fellows do not need to complete the exemption test.





Part 3 Assessment: Evidence and Award Writing of International Arbitration

Candidates are required to submit an award via LearnADR.

The assessment is split into two stages.

Stage One:

The documents in the case are released via LearnADR 10 days before the assessment start date. They are sufficient to enable the candidate to review the nature of the case and the likely legal problems.

Candidates should consider the recitals they intend to include and the relevant law.

Stage One is released via LearnADR 10 days before the assessment start date.

Stage Two:

This is the equivalent of the hearing stage, and includes an extract from the candidate's (i.e. the arbitrator's) notebook.

This records the oral evidence and arguments the arbitrator has heard, as well as any other relevant documents.

From the evidence, candidates must make their findings of fact. Different candidates will no doubt make different findings.

When candidates have made their findings of fact, they can write the award. It must be a final award that reflects the issues that they decide.

Stage Two is released at 12pm noon GMT on the assessment start date via LearnADR.

Stage 2 will be available for five days from the assessment start date. Within the five days, candidates have 48 consecutive hours from the time they access the stage 2 documents, to submit the award onto LearnADR.

The length of the arbitral award is 10,000 words maximum.

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I loved this course.
The diversity of the students, the engaging discussions we've had. We have 22 countries represented in one room and learning from each other is phenomenal.

Patrick Turinawe,
2024 candidate



Candidates will be marked on technical and judicial merit:

Technical Merit:

counts as 40% towards the overall mark.

Judicial Merit:

counts as 60% towards the overall mark.

Candidates must achieve 70% in both technical and judicial merit and 70% overall to pass this assessment. The detailed elements of each technical and judicial merits will be made available with Stage One.

Results are sent to candidates 12 weeks from the deadline date of the submission.



How do I apply?

What are the entry requirements?

To be considered for the Diploma you must meet the following minimum entry requirements:

- You must be actively involved in and have experience of arbitration (domestic or international).
- If you are a non-practising lawyer or are not a lawyer – evidence that you have successfully completed the Module 2 Law of Obligations course and assessment or the Module 2 Exemption Test.
- You must have a minimum of five years' professional workplace experience as, for example, a lawyer, surveyor, accountant, insurer, shipbroker or similar.

This experience must involve communicating with others, problem-solving, managing workloads effectively, decision-making and the exercise of judgment.



What does the course fee include?

Candidates will receive:

- Accommodation at Worcester College in Oxford, UK. Some meals will be provided.
- Access to Ciarb's virtual learning platform, LearnADR and Oxford University's Bodleian Library.
- Study materials.
- Access to a dissertation supervisor.
- All assignments, assessments and exemption tests.



Course Fee

Ciarb is offering two early bird discounts.

If you pay the deposit – which is 50% of the total course fee and is non-refundable – to secure your place on the course before 31 December 2024, you will pay £9,384 as a non-member, and £8,364 as a member.

If you pay the deposit to secure your place on the course before 28 February 2025, you will pay £9,690 as a non-member, and £8,670 as a member.

After 1 March 2025, all candidates must pay the full course fee £9,945.00 (includes VAT).

*Ciarb member offers are only available to MCI Arb and FCI Arb members.



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Until 31 December 2024	Non-member	£9,384.00
Until 31 December 2024	Ciarb member	£8,364.00
Until 28 February 2025	Non-member	£9,690.00
Until 28 February 2025	Ciarb member	£8,670.00
After 1 March 2025	Non-member	£9,945.00
After 1 March 2025	Ciarb member	£9,945.00



Important Dates

Date	Event
30 May 2025	Full course fee due
22 August 2025	Ciarb will send candidates dissertation proposal instructions, candidates will gain access to course materials and Module 2 exemption test
31 August 2025	Ciarb will assign candidates a dissertation supervisor
7 September 2025	Candidates arrive in Worcester College, Oxford
8–15 September 2025	Diploma takes place in Oxford
9 September	Assignment 1 due
13 September	Assignment 2 due
20 September	Dissertation proposal due
18 October 2025	Dissertation due
27 November 2025	Module 2 exemption test deadline



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