

LLM Legal Foundations

Programme specification document



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Overview

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| Awarding institution | Bath Spa University |
| Teaching institution | Bath Spa University |
| School | Bath Business School |
| Department | n/a |
| Main campus | Newton Park |
| Other sites of delivery | Bath Law Clinic |
| Other Schools involved in delivery | n/a |
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| Name of award(s) | Legal Foundations |
| Qualification (final award) | LLM |
| Intermediate awards available | EPgCert, PgDip |
| Routes available | n/a |
| Duration of award | 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time |
| Sandwich period | No |
| Modes of delivery offered | Campus-based |
| Regulatory Scheme ^[1] | Taught Postgraduate Framework |
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| Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body accreditation | n/a The programme has been aligned with the Solicitors Regulation Authority SQE1 Assessment Specification (October 2020/ Revised May 2021) |
| Date of most recent PSRB approval (month and year) | n/a |
| Renewal of PSRB approval due (month and year) | n/a |
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| UCAS code | n/a |
| Route code (SITS) | |
| Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Statements (including date of publication) | QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Law (November 2019) QAA Characteristics Statement: Master's Degree (February 2020) |
| Date of most recent approval | June 2021 |
| Date specification last updated | December 2022 |
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^[1]This should also be read in conjunction with the University's Qualifications Framework

Programme Overview

This programme will enable you to gain a career-enhancing postgraduate legal qualification that will equip you to become a potential lawyer of the future. It is designed to support you to make progress towards legal qualification in England and Wales, covering the seven foundations of legal knowledge and offering preparatory learning for part 1 of the external Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE). Bath Spa University is designated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority as an authorised SQE education provider.

You will undertake eight core (15 credit) modules and select one project (60 credit) module option. This learning structure will enhance your academic and organisational skills, develop new legal skills and knowledge, and offer the opportunity to work with external partners to support clients with a range of legal problems. Alternatively, you can undertake a supervised research project on a legal subject of your choice.

Programme Aims

- 1 Engagement in a challenging programme of postgraduate legal education preparing you to flourish in the domestic and global legal services environment.
- 2 Equip you with a systematic, critical and functional understanding of the seven foundations of legal knowledge, enabling you to innovate, apply established legal principles and solve realistic client-based problems.
- 3 Prepare you to undertake part 1 of the external Solicitors Qualifying Examination.
- 4 Provide a learning environment that enables you to develop in-depth understanding of the complex domestic and global factors - economic, social, ethical, political, ecological, technological - that shape the creation, interpretation and implementation of the law.
- 5 Make you an ethically aware and independent critical thinker who can evaluate and challenge the positive and negative effects of legal regulation and professional behaviour.
- 6 Develop your creativity, reflective skills and resilience through professional and personal development.
- 7 Encourage autonomous learning and original enquiry across a range of legal subject areas.

Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

(NB These ILOs are at level 7 of the FHEQ)

A Subject-specific Skills and Knowledge

A1 The legal environment: the ability to critically analyse the complex domestic and global factors - economic, social, ethical, political, ecological, technological - that shape the development, interpretation and implementation of the law;

A2 Functioning legal knowledge: the ability to undertake effective legal research and to systematically, critically and effectively apply established legal rules and principles to a range of legal problems and scenarios relevant to part 1 of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination;

A3 Comprehensive and conceptual understanding which enables you to critically evaluate a range of legal principles, rules, knowledge, practice, concepts, theories and methods;

A4 Problem solving: innovative and critical application of knowledge and legal skills to produce realistic, practical and ethical solutions for real or hypothetical clients.

B Cognitive and Intellectual Skills

B1 The ability to operate effectively, planning and executing a range of legally related activities and tasks in a logical, intelligent and professional manner, critically reflecting on performance and development;

B2 The ability to reflect systematically and constructively on diverse and complex legal, ethical, social, and political dilemmas at a local, national and global level;

B3 The ability to manage relevant and potentially complex information and evidence; make judgements on quality and gaps appropriately; and creatively and systematically translating judgements into sound decision-making, recommendations and artefacts in a legal context;

B4 The ability to undertake sustained independent research (either in a discrete area of legal practice or substantive law) that combines originality in the application of knowledge with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the legal discipline.

C Skills for Life and Work

C1 Autonomous learning (including time management) that demonstrates the exercise of initiative, personal responsibility and decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations and the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development

C2 Team working skills necessary to succeed in the global workplace, with an ability both to work in and lead teams effectively, as well as the ability to act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level

C3 Communication skills that show the ability to communicate clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences knowledge at, or informed by, the forefront of the academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice, and the conclusions drawn from dealing with complex issues systematically

C4 IT skills and digital literacy that demonstrate the ability to develop new skills to a high level and to approach complex issues systematically and creatively

Intermediate awards

PgCert Intended Learning Outcomes

A Subject-specific Skills and Knowledge

A1-4

B Cognitive and Intellectual Skills

B1-3

C Skills for Life and Work

C1-4

PgDip Intended Learning Outcomes

A Subject-specific Skills and Knowledge

A1-4

B Cognitive and Intellectual Skills

B1-3

C Skills for Life and Work

C1-4

Programme content

This programme comprises the following modules

Key:

Core = C

Required = R

Required* = R*

Optional = O

Not available for this status = N/A

If a particular status is greyed out, it is not offered for this programme.

Subject offered as single and/or joint programme

| LLM Legal Foundations | | | | Status | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| Level | Code | Title | Credits | Single | Joint |
| 7 | LAW7101-15 | Legal Systems, Research and Skills | 15 | C | |
| 7 | LAW7102-15 | Constitutional and EU Law | 15 | C | |
| 7 | LAW7103-15 | Obligations and Dispute Resolution | 15 | C | |
| 7 | LAW7104-15 | Public Law | 15 | C | |
| 7 | LAW7105-15 | Property Law and Practice | 15 | C | |
| 7 | LAW7106-15 | Criminal Law and Practice | 15 | C | |
| 7 | LAW7107-15 | Business Law and Practice | 15 | C | |
| 7 | LAW7108-15 | Trusts, Wills and Estates | 15 | C | |
| 7 | LAW7109-60 | Legal Clinic | 60 | R* | |
| 7 | LAW7110-60 | Legal Research Project | 60 | R* | |

Assessment methods

A range of summative assessment tasks will be used to test the Intended Learning Outcomes in each module. These are indicated in the attached assessment map which shows which tasks are used in which modules.

Students will be supported in their development towards summative assessment by appropriate formative exercises.

Please note: if you choose an optional module from outside this programme, you may be required to undertake a summative assessment task that does not appear in the assessment grid here in order to pass that module.

Work experience and placement opportunities

There will be opportunities for practical work experience and/or engagement with regional businesses via the Legal Clinic or Legal Research Project module options. There will also be opportunities for wider engagement with relevant stakeholders during curricular and co-curricular activities like debating and mooting.

Additional Costs Table

| Module Code & Title | Type of Cost | Cost |
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Graduate Attributes

| | Bath Spa Graduates... | In LM Legal Foundations, we enable this... |
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| 1 | Will be employable: equipped with the skills necessary to flourish in the global workplace, able to work in and lead teams | Supporting routes to legal professional qualification in England and Wales, enriched with employability opportunities and the foundations for future legal practice. |
| 2 | Will be able to understand and manage complexity, diversity and change | Working in multicultural teams on diverse and complex legal problems and issues, you will learn how to identify, plan and implement solutions, decisions and judgements to effect change. |
| 3 | Will be creative: able to innovate and to solve problems by working across disciplines as professional or artistic practitioners | By exploring real and hypothetical client scenarios, you will learn to think critically and creatively to solve problems and implement solutions. |
| 4 | Will be digitally literate: able to work at the interface of creativity and technology | Enabling you to engage with a range of digital resources across the programme, using legal skills simulations, online assessments and using multimedia to present your ideas. |
| 5 | Will be internationally networked: either by studying abroad for part of the their programme, or studying alongside students from overseas | Operating in a multicultural scholarly environment, and working with students from different countries and cultures, you will develop your intercultural awareness and global network. |
| 6 | Will be creative thinkers, doers and makers | Enabling you to be creative, exercise sound judgement; identifying and solving client- based problems; weighing up options, evaluating risk; providing advice and recommending solutions. |
| 7 | Will be critical thinkers: able to express their ideas in written and oral form, and possessing information literacy | Armed with foundational legal knowledge and practical legal skills, you will identify legal issues and critically apply established legal principles and rules to provide advice across a range of innovative assessment formats. |
| 8 | Will be ethically aware: prepared for citizenship in a local, national and global context | Developing your awareness of the connections between law and morality; and the importance of honesty and integrity and professional conduct in legal practice. |

Modifications

Module-level modifications

| Code | Title | Nature of modification | Date(s) of approval and approving bodies | Date modification comes into effect |
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Programme-level modifications

| Nature of modification | Date(s) of approval and approving bodies | Date modification comes into effect |
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Attached as appendices:

1. Programme structure diagram
2. Map of module outcomes to level/programme outcomes
3. Assessment map
4. Module descriptors

Appendix 1: Programme Structure Diagram – LLM Legal Foundations

| Full-Time (One Year) | | |
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| Level 7 | | |
| Trimester 1 | Trimester 2 | Trimester 3 |
| Core Modules | | |
| LAW7101-15 Legal Systems, Research and Skills | LAW7105-15 Property Law and Practice | |
| Constitutional and EU Law [LAW7102-15] | LAW7106-15 Criminal Law and Practice | |
| LAW7103-15 Obligations and Dispute Resolution | LAW7107-15 Business Law and Practice | |
| LAW7104-15 Public Law | LAW7108-15 Trusts, Wills and Estates | |
| Required Modules* | | |
| | | LAW7109-60 Legal Clinic |
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| | | LAW7110-60 Legal Research Project |
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| Rule Notes: Students must choose <u>one</u> 60-credit R* module. | | |

Appendix 2: Map of Intended Learning Outcomes

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Status (C,R,R*,O)[4] | Intended Learning Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|----|
| | | | | Subject-specific Skills and Knowledge | | | | Cognitive and Intellectual Skills | | | | Skills for Life and Work | | | |
| | | | | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 |
| 7 | LAW7101-15 | Legal Systems, Research and Skills | C | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | LAW7102-15 | Constitutional and EU Law | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | LAW7103-15 | Obligations and Dispute Resolution | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | LAW7104-15 | Public Law | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | LAW7105-15 | Property Law and Practice | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | LAW7106-15 | Criminal Law and Practice | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | LAW7107-15 | Business Law and Practice | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | LAW7108-15 | Trusts, Wills and Estates | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | LAW7109-60 | Legal Clinic | R* | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | LAW 7110-60 | Legal Research Project | R* | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | | X | X |

[4] C = Core; R = Required; R* = Required*; O = Optional

Appendix 3: Map of Summative Assessment Tasks by Module

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Status (C,R,R*,O) [5] | Assessment method | | | | | |
|-------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Coursework | | | Practical | | Written Examination |
| | | | | Report | Essay | Dissertation | Practical skills Exercise | Portfolio | Time Constrained Assessment |
| 7 | LAW7101-15 | Legal Systems, Research and Skills | C | | | | | x | |
| 7 | LAW7102-15 | Constitutional and EU Law | C | | | | | | x |
| 7 | LAW7103-15 | Obligations and Dispute Resolution | C | | | | | | x |
| 7 | LAW7104-15 | Public Law | C | | x | | | | |
| 7 | LAW7105-15 | Property Law and Practice | C | | | | x | | |
| 7 | LAW7106-15 | Criminal Law and Practice | C | | | | x | | |
| 7 | LAW7107-15 | Business Law and Practice | C | x | | | | | |
| 7 | LAW7108-15 | Trusts, Wills and Estates | C | | | | x | | |
| 7 | LAW7109-60 | Legal Clinic | R* | | | | | x | |
| 7 | LAW 7110-60 | Legal Research Project | R* | | | x | | | |

[5] C = Core; R = Required; R* = Required*; O = Optional