

Legal Practice

Programme Information

2022.01, Approved

Overview

Programme Code	30065
Programme Title	Legal Practice
Awarding Institution	Liverpool John Moores University
Programme Type	Masters

Awards

Award Type	Award Description	Award Learning Outcomes
Target Award	Postgraduate Diploma - PD	N/A

Alternate Award Names	
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External Benchmarks

Subject Benchmark Statement	
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Accreditation

Programme Accredited by

PSRB Name	Type of Accreditation	Valid From Date	Valid To Date	Additional notes
Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)	The qualifying law degree is recognised by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) for the purposes of satisfying the academic stage of training.			Completion of Part 1 - Vocational Stage Completion of Part 1 - Vocational Stage

Programme Offering(s)

Mode of Study, Mode of Delivery	Intake Month	Teaching Institution	Programme Length Programme Length Unit
Full-Time, Face to Face	September	LJMU Taught	1 Years
Part-Time, Face to Face	September	LJMU Taught	2 Years

Aims and Outcomes

Educational Aims of the Programme	The Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice is designed to provide learners with a programme of study that satisfies Stages 1 and 2 of the Legal Practice Course Outcomes prescribed by the Solicitors Regulation Authority. It is structured to provide opportunities for students to build upon the knowledge and skills learnt during academic study to develop the high level of professional expertise and skills required for legal practice as a solicitor in England and Wales. The course is focussed on work-based activities including case study based role play.
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Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
PLO1	1	Research and apply knowledge of the law and legal practice accurately and effectively.
PLO2	2	Identify client objectives and different means of achieving those objectives and be aware of: the financial, commercial and personal priorities and constraints to be taken into account, and the costs, benefits and risks involved in transactions or courses of action.
PLO3	3	Understand the rules of professional conduct and be able to apply them in context.
PLO4	4	Demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills in the areas of: Professional Conduct and Regulation; the core practice areas of Business Law & Practice, Property Law & Practice, Litigation and the areas of Wills and Administration of estates and Taxation; the course skills of Practical legal Research, Writing, Drafting, Interviewing & Advising, and advocacy and their choice of elective subjects.

Course Structure

Programme Structure Description	The course is subject to assessment regulations outside the Academic Framework and approved by the SRA. Students are permitted a maximum of three attempts at every assessment. Students have a 5 year period to complete the course from the date of their first assessment. Where the PG Diploma in Legal Practice course regulations are silent the Academic Framework Regulations will apply.
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Programme Structure - 120 credit points		
Level 7 - 120 credit points		
Level 7 Core - 90 credit points		
[MODULE] 7400LAWLP Business Law and Practice incorporating Tax Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	CORE	
[MODULE] 7401LAWLP Litigation Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points		
[MODULE] 7402LAWLP Property Law and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points		
[MODULE] 7405LAWLP Professional Conduct and Regulation Incorporating Solicitors' Accounts Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		
[MODULE] 7414LAWLP Written Legal Skills Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		
[MODULE] 7415LAWLP Oral Legal Skills and Probate Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		
Level 7 Optional - 30 credit points		
[MODULE] 7406LAWLP Advanced Criminal Litigation Law and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 7407LAWLP Advanced Personal Injury Law and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		
[MODULE] 7408LAWLP Commercial Property Law and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		
[MODULE] 7409LAWLP Employment Law and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		
[MODULE] 7410LAWLP Family Law and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		
[MODULE] 7411LAWLP General Commercial Law and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		
[MODULE] 7412LAWLP Housing Law and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		
[MODULE] 7413LAWLP Private Client Law and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points		

Approved variance from Academic Framework Regulations

Variance
Approved variances: Three attempts at all summative assessments with student choice as to when to take referrals or deferrals within a five year period

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Teaching, Learning and Assessment	<p>Acquisition of subject knowledge is achieved primarily through student centred transactional workshops supplemented by interactive large group sessions and supported with extensive learning materials. The approach to teaching and learning is informed by the LJMU Learning Teaching and Assessment (LTA) Strategy 2017-2022. Testing of the knowledge base is through a combination of unseen written examinations, assessed coursework in the form of drafted legal documentation and research reports, and live skills assessments. Acquisition of subject knowledge is achieved primarily through student centred transactional workshops supplemented by interactive large group sessions and supported with extensive learning materials. The approach to teaching and learning is informed by the LJMU Learning Teaching and Assessment (LTA) Strategy 2017-2022. Learning outcomes in respect of core, skill and pervasive subjects are prescribed in the Legal Practice Course Outcomes 2011 published by Solicitors Regulation Authority. Testing of the knowledge base is through a combination of unseen written examinations, assessed coursework in the form of drafted legal documentation and research reports, and live skills assessments. Acquisition of subject knowledge is achieved primarily through student centred transactional workshops supplemented by interactive large group sessions and supported with extensive learning materials. The format of the assessment is appropriate to the individual skill. The advocacy assessment is set in the context of criminal practice and students are required to present a bail application or plea in mitigation set in the context of the magistrates court. The drafting assessment is set in the context of business law and practice and students are required to critique a business document and draft appropriate amendments. The interviewing assessment is a 30 minute role play client interview with an actor playing the client. It is set in the context of a probate scenario ' and students are assessed on areas including questioning, analysis and advising. The Practical Legal Research assessment requires students to analyse a factual scenario, identify and analyse relevant legal authorities, and report their findings in an appropriate manner. The writing assessment is set in the context of wills and administration of estates and students are required to draft a letter of advice to clients. Acquisition of subject knowledge is achieved primarily through student centred transactional workshops supplemented by interactive large group sessions and supported with extensive learning materials. Testing of the knowledge base is through a combination of unseen written examinations, assessed coursework in the form of drafted legal documentation and research reports, and live skills assessments.</p>
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Opportunities for work related learning

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<p>The programme is wholly transactional with all activities based on aspects of legal practice. In addition there is a well developed solicitor mentor scheme providing opportunities for students to undertake placements in local organisations, and a number of opportunities to gain experience via pro-bono projects. Part-time students are often already working in the legal profession and are encouraged to share their experience with fellow students. There is a pro bono clinic operated within the law school which is offered to law students at all levels. Students can be involved in matters such as family law, employment and business law.</p>

Entry Requirements

Type	Description
Alternative qualifications considered	<p>Full time course: The student will have completed the academic stage of training as prescribed by the Solicitors Regulation Authority. Where that stage is completed by obtaining a degree in Law the award must be a minimum second class honours for the full-time course. Exceptionally a student may be admitted to the part-time course having achieved a lower classification. For international applicants an IELTS qualification score of at least 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each element) will be required.</p>

Programme Contacts

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