

Programme Specification Document

Approved, 2022.03

Overview

Programme Code	30578
Programme Title	Law
Awarding Institution	Liverpool John Moores University
Programme Type	Degree
Language of Programme	All LJMU programmes are delivered and assessed in English
Programme Leader	Shane Sullivan
Link Tutor(s)	

Awards

Award Type	Award Description	Award Learning Outcomes
Target Award	Bachelor of Laws with Honours - LBH	See Learning Outcomes Below
Recruitable Target	Bachelor of Laws with Honours (SW) - SLBH	See Learning Outcomes Below
Alternative Exit	Certificate of Higher Education - CHE	Demonstrate a well-developed ability to use a wide variety of standard and legal and other electronic sources of information. Demonstrate a well-developed ability to use a wide variety of standard and legal and other electronic sources of information. Demonstrate an ability to evaluate and rank unfamiliar arguments in the light of established statute law, judicial decisions and authoritative legal commentary. Demonstrate an ability to evaluate and rank unfamiliar arguments in the light of established statute law, judicial decisions and authoritative legal commentary. Demonstrate an ability to evaluate and rank unfamiliar arguments in the light of established statute law, judicial decisions and authoritative legal commentary. Demonstrate an ability to use appropriate legal terminology and language both orally and in writing. Demonstrate an ability to use appropriate legal terminology and language both orally and in writing. Demonstrate a firm grounding of the basic concepts, values, principles and rules of the English legal system. Demonstrate a firm grounding of the basic concepts, values, principles and rules of the English legal system. Demonstrate a nability to present an argument in a way which is comprehensible to others and which addresses their particular concerns or questions. Ability to undertake and present scholarly work. Ability to undertake and present scholarly work. Ability to undertake and present scholarly work. Ability to undertake and present scholarly work for tutorials, seminars, coursework, presentations and examinations, management of personal study time and the use of a wide variety of information sources.
Alternative Exit	Bachelor of Laws - LB	Demonstrate a broad and comparative knowledge of the general scope of the subject, its different areas and applications, and its interactions with related subjects. A detailed knowledge of a defined subject or a more limited coverage of a specialist area balanced by a wider range of study. In each case, specialised study will be informed by current developments in the subject. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the essential theories, principles and concepts of the subject(s) and of the ways in which these are developed through the main methods of enquiry in the subject.

Alternative Exit	Diploma of Higher Education - DHE	Demonstrate an ability to apply gained legal knowledge to complex problems, to reflect upon and evaluate this application and to draw logical reasoned conclusions that are supported by argument and legal authority. Demonstrate a firm grounding of the basic concepts, values, principles and rules of EU Law. Demonstrate an awareness and depth of understanding of the main policy and doctrinal issues in, and development of, substantive core and option subjects. Demonstrate an ability to use and interpret basic mathematical/statistical information in a legal context where the opportunity arises. In addition to the learning outcomes listed above, students who obtain the alternative Sandwich award will also gain experience in the application of skills and knowledge in a work situation through completing a one year sandwich placement.

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External Benchmarks

Subject Benchmark Statement	UG-Law (2019)
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Accreditation

Programme Accredited by

PSRB Name	Type of Accreditation	Valid From Date	Valid To Date	Additional Notes
Bar Standards Board	Accredited by the Bar Standards Board for the purpose of a Qualifying Law Degree.			

Programme Offering(s)

Mode of Study, Mode of Delivery	Intake Month	Teaching Institution	Programme Length
Sandwich Year Out, Face to Face	September	LJMU Taught	4 Years
Full-Time, Face to Face	September	LJMU Taught	3 Years

Aims and Outcomes

Educational Aims of the Programme

The aim of the LJMU Law programme is to create a positive learning environment which will allow students: To develop a fundamental understanding of the core subjects of English law in preparation for a career as a legal professional: To develop their knowledge and understanding of non-professionally exempting subjects which are intellectually and professionally complimentary to their core studies by providing a wide variety of option modules; To develop the highly transferable intellectual skills of coherent description, synthesis, logical analysis and criticism in relation to legal materials; To develop an understanding and critical appreciation of the interface between law, politics, social justice, human rights and ethics. To develop an ability to carry out independently research, analyse and present information on any subject relating to the English legal system without previous study; To develop as an independent learner; To develop and enhance their written and oral communication skills; To prepare for employment through the development of transferable skills such as the ability to solve problems, to work independently and with others, to make independent critical judgements and to come to decisions based upon them; To develop an awareness of the professional values and ethics associated with law; To encourage students to engage with the development of employability skills by completing a self-awareness statement. To offer students on the sandwich programme the opportunity for an extended period of work experience at an approved partner that will complement their programme of study at LJMU. This will give the students the opportunity to develop professional skills relevant to their programme of study, as well as attitude and behaviours necessary for employment in a diverse and changing environment.

Learning Outcomes

Code	Description
PLO1	Demonstrate a firm grounding of the basic concepts, values, principles and rules of the English legal system and EU law.
PLO2	Demonstrate an ability to use appropriate legal terminology and language both orally and in writing.
PLO3	Demonstrate an ability to present an argument in a way which is comprehensible to others and which addresses their particular concerns or questions.
PLO4	Demonstrate an ability to understand the nature of law questions and investigate them.
PLO5	Demonstrate an ability to analyse, assess methodologically, and communicate, information and empirical research findings in relation to legal studies.
PLO6	Demonstrate an ability to identify a range of different strategies and methods and use appropriate research tools in relation to legal problems.
PLO7	Demonstrate an ability to undertake and present scholarly work in a professional way.
PLO8	Develop their independent learning by taking responsibility for the preparation of work for tutorials, seminars, coursework, presentations and examinations, management of personal study time and the use of a wide variety of information sources.
PLO9	Develop an ability to evaluate personal performance and to identify and act upon weaknesses in learning, use of resources and the presentation and formulation of legal argument
PLO10	Use, and to sometimes demonstrate an ability to use, standard word-processing packages, legal data bases, e-mail, the intranet and the internet in support of their learning.
PLO11	Demonstrate an ability to use and interpret basic mathematical/statistical information in a legal context where the opportunity arises.

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PLO12	Demonstrate an awareness of the main institutions involved in the operation of the English and EU legal systems.
PLO13	Communicate effectively when working in a group and to fully contribute to such activities.
PLO14	Organise, prioritise their time and to work so as to meet strict deadlines.
PLO15	Take control of personal career development opportunities by utilising the personal tutor system, work- placements, the university careers information service and other organised LL.B career events.
PLO16	Demonstrate an awareness and depth of understanding of the main policy and doctrinal issues in, and development of, substantive core and option subjects .
PLO17	Demonstrate an awareness of the impact upon law of other disciplines including politics, sociology, economics and ethics.
PLO18	Demonstrate an ability to select key research issues and to identify relevant primary and secondary sources of information.
PLO19	Demonstrate a well-developed ability to use a wide variety of standard and legal and other electronic sources of information.
PLO20	Demonstrate an ability to apply gained legal knowledge to complex problems, to reflect upon and evaluate this application and to draw logical reasoned conclusions that are supported by argument and legal authority.
PLO21	Demonstrate an ability to produce an accurate and up-to-date picture of core and option areas of study from various sources, and to produce an overview of the relevant doctrinal and policy issues.
PLO22	Demonstrate an ability to evaluate and rank unfamiliar arguments in the light of established statute law, judicial decisions and authoritative legal commentary.

Programme Structure

Programme Structure Description

The programme can be studied over three years (360 credits) or four years (480 credits) full time. On the three year model, study is undertaken at three levels, one for each year of study. 120 credits are required for the completion of each level and 360 credits for the completion of the full honours programme. The placement year will follow Level 5 and students will be enrolled on a sandwich year module 5112LAWSW worth 120 credits which equates to a 480 credit honours sandwich programme. The Level 5 mean for the final award mark will be calculated based upon the 240 credits at Level 5 or alternatively the programme will offer the opportunity of an additional study year abroad following Level 5. Students will be enrolled on a 480 credit honours with study abroad programme. Of those 480 credits, 120 will be taken via a Level 5 study abroad module 5111LAWSA. The modules to be studied in the host institution must be agreed in advance. The Level 5 mean for the final award mark will be calculated based upon the 240 credits at Level 5. Modules are two types: core and options. The programme is based on a two semester academic year with modules being delivered and assessed in either semester 1 or, semester 2, apart from the year long modules at Level 6, Clinical Legal Education II (Year Long, 6333LAWSQ) and Dissertation (6315LAWFL). Students that commenced study in 2020/21 will follow the programme as per below: Level 4 (120 Core Credits) 4301LAWCL Contract Law, 4301LAWPL Public Law, 4301LAWFL Foundations and Independent Learning, 4304LAWPL Law of the Single Market of the EU, 4300LAWPL Criminal Law, and 4305LAWPL Law in Society. Level 5 (80 credits core and 40 option credits). At Level 5 the core modules are 5301LAWPL Justice, Human Rights and the State, 5300LAWCL Law of Tort, 5301LAWCL Equity and Trusts, and 5304LAWCL Land Law. The optional modules are 5307LAWPL International Human Rights, 5111LAWBL International Trade Law, 5301LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I, 5311LAWCL Maritime Law, 5113LAWPL Law of the Environment, 5303LAWSQ Succession, Wills and Admin (10 credits) and 5302LAWSQ Criminal Litigation and Advocacy (10 credits). Level 6 (120 credits optional). At L6 the modules are 6315LAWFL Dissertation 40 Credits),6333LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II (40 credits),6302LAWFL Mediation Skills and Practice, 6306LAWBL Employment Law, 6302LAWBL Commercial Law, 6301LAWSQ Company and Business Organisations Law, 6302LAWAS Family and Child Law, 6301LAWFL Negotiation Skills & Practice, 6303LAWFL Mooting, 6303LAWPL International Law, Peace and Security, 6303LAWSQ Property Law and Practice, 6306LAWCL Evidence, 6302LAWSQ Civil Dispute Resolution, 6301LAWLT Jurisprudence, 6305LAWCL Intellectual Property Law, 6313LAWSQ Succession, Wills and Admin (10 Credits),6312LAWSQ Criminal Litigation and Advocacy, 6331LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I and 6304LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II. Students may not undertake both Clinical Legal Education II (Year Long, 6333LAWSQ) and Dissertation (6315LAWFL). Students wishing to take 6304LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II must have passed both 4305LAWPL Law in Society and 6331LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I as a pre-requisite. Students at level 6 may not undertake both 6333LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II (Year Long) and the other two level 6 clinical modules: 6331LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I and 6304LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II. Students who have studied 5301LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I at Level 5 are not permitted to take 6331LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I or 6304LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II. Students who take 5302LAWSQ Criminal Litigation and Advocacy and/or 5303LAWSQ Succession, Wills and Admin may not undertake the Level 6 modules with the same title. Students who study 5303LAWSQ Succession, Wills and Admin must also select 5302LAWSQ Criminal Litigation and Advocacy, and will not be able to study either 5311LAWCL Maritime Law or 5113LAWPL Law of the Environment. Students who at Level

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[MODULE] 4302LAWCL Constitutional Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
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Module specifications may be accessed at https://proformas.ljmu.ac.uk/Default.aspx

Approved variance from Academic Framework Regulations

Variance

This Programme has an approved variance to the Academic Framework Regulations, which permits inclusion of a 40 credit, year-long, work-based learning module (6333LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II) at Level 6.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Via lectures, tutor-led tutorials, student-led seminars, problem-based seminars and skills-based practicals. Assessment is by way of different combinations of unseen/seen, closed/open book examinations, extended essays, portfolio work and some oral presentations. The same as for Knowledge and Understanding and, in addition, the use of Foundation Workshops and research review, 1st year induction programme, prepared problem-based lectures (case studies) and through the Foundation and Independent Learning module.

Opportunities for work related learning

Students will have an opportunity to engage with LJMU's career development and employability programme CareerSmart, as an integral part of the core module 4301LAWFL Foundations of Law at Level 4. Students also have the opportunity to undertake work-based learning, on a range of other optional and core modules, in particular, clinical modules 4305LAWPL Law in Society, 5301LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I, 6304LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II, 6331LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I and 6333LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II (Year Long). Furthermore, the programme will offer the opportunity of undertaking a work based placement or an additional study year abroad following Level 5 study at LJMU.

Туре	Description
BTECs	National Certificate (RQF): Acceptable only when combined with other qualifications
	National Extended Certificate: Acceptable only when combined with other qualifications
	National Diploma (RQF): Acceptable only when combined with other qualifications
	National Extended Diploma (RQF): Acceptable on its own and combined with other qualifications
	National Extended Diploma subjects / grades required: DDM if studied on its own or to the total of 120 UCAS points if combined with other qualifications

Entry Requirements

Prior to starting the programme applicants must have obtained Grade C or Grade 4 or above in English Language and Mathematics GCSE or an approved alternative qualification below:
Key Skills Level 2 in English/Maths
NVQ Level 2 Functional skills in Maths and English Writing and or Reading
Skills for Life Level 2 in Numeracy/English
Higher Diploma in Maths/English
Functional Skills Level 2 in Maths/English
Northern Ireland Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication or Application of Number
Wales Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication or Application of Number
As part of LJMU's commitment to widening access we offer eligible students entry to their chosen course at a reduced threshold of up to 16/8 UCAS points. This applies if you are a student who has been in local authority care or if you have participated in one of LJMU's sustained outreach initiatives, e.g. Summer University. Please contact the admission office for further details.
Welsh Baccalaureate: Acceptable only when combined with other qualifications
International Baccalaureate: Acceptable on its own and combined with other qualifications Additional information: 26 IB Diploma Points
120
For non standard applicants and mature applicants you may be invited for interview.
Applications are welcomed from mature and non-standard applicants, who will be considered on an individual basis. These applicants may be required to submit an essay and/or attend an interview, and should demonstrate potential and motivation and/or have relevant experience. International applicants will be considered in line with UK qualifications.
Irish Leaving Certificate: Acceptable on its own and combined with other qualificationsGrades / subjects required: 120 UCAS Tariff points with a maximum 20 UCAS Tariff points from Ordinary Level

T levels	T Level requirements: 120 UCAS points in a relevant subject
IELTS	6.0 (minimum of 5.5 in each component) or equivalent English language proficiency test.
A levels	Minimum number of A Levels required: 2
	Is general studies acceptable? Acceptable only when combined with other qualifications
	Average A Level offer: BBB
	Are AS level awards acceptable? Yes
	Maximum AS Level points accepted: 20
Access awards	Access to Higher Education Diploma acceptability: Acceptable on its own and combined with other qualifications
	Further information: At least 24 Distinctions and 21 Merits, or any other combination that equates to 120 UCAS Tariff points in a relevant subject

Extra Entry Requirements

Is a DBS check required?

No