

Qualifying Law

Programme Information

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Overview

Programme Code	35758
Programme Title	Qualifying Law
Awarding Institution	Liverpool John Moores University
Programme Type	Masters

Awards

Award Type	Award Description	Award Learning Outcomes
Target Award	Master of Laws - ML	N/A

Alternative Exit	Postgraduate Diploma - PD	<p>Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the concepts, principles and rules constituting the areas of law studied. Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the legal system and process, and of the interrelationship between different areas of law in an Anglo-Welsh and European context. Be conversant with the nature, development and application of common law and equitable principles. Develop awareness of the sources of Anglo-Welsh, European and human rights law, of the machinery of law-making and of the political, social and economic context of law reform. Develop an appreciation of the limits and uncertainties of law. Apply knowledge and understanding to a range of legal contexts and complexities in order to provide relevant and appropriate legal analysis Identify, find and use an appropriate range of printed and electronic legal information sources to assist the study of law. Identify, select, critically evaluate and apply the essential, relevant legal information from those sources. Identify and analyse legal issues raised by complex and novel problem situations, applying relevant legal principles to produce logical, appropriate and creative solutions. Understand the nature of law questions and investigate them. Undertake and present scholarly work in a professional way. Process large amounts of information quickly and apply that information to the evaluation and solution of individual problems Use language accurately and communicate information and analysis effectively and appropriately (both orally and in writing) in a range of different contexts. Take responsibility for the continuing development of personal education and competence by identifying personal and professional development skills and reflecting on these to improve performance as a learner Listen effectively and respond appropriately and effectively Research effectively, using recognised print and electronic resources, distinguishing primary resources and selecting essential information Work effectively both independently and with others. Apply knowledge and skills learned in one context to another. Reflect critically on own arguments and performance and those of others. Use IT appropriately for presentation, communication and research.</p>
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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.			

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	<p>This specialist master's degree programme is designed for both recent non-law graduates and more experienced students from diverse backgrounds who wish to change or develop their careers. Successful completion of this programme, which covers the equivalent of almost two years of a full-time LL.B into one year of full-time study the qualifying part of the programme to begin the vocational stage of training as a solicitor or barrister. In addition the programme will allow students to undertake independent research in an area of law they had not previously studied. The qualifying part of the programme is regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) and the Bar Standards Board (BSB). The LLM is designed for non-law graduates to: - provide an academically rigorous programme of legal education that will equip you for the vocational stage of legal training, and - provide a sound foundation for you to develop the legal knowledge and competencies necessary for a career in legal practice, and - provides the opportunity for you to research into depth an area of law not previously studied</p> <p>The programme aims are to: - foster a sound knowledge and understanding of the prescribed areas of law i.e. the Seven Foundations of Legal Knowledge subjects, the English and Welsh legal system and process, and an additional legal subject area - ensure an appreciation of the relationship between national and Community law - develop your appreciation of the social, political and economic context that shapes the development of the law, including human rights, in the UK and Europe - enable you to analyse legal problems in order to provide authoritative solutions - enable you to conduct effective legal research, using both print and electronic resources to identify statute, case law and relevant secondary materials - develop, in a legal context, the range of your previously acquired skills that contribute to effective academic study, problem solving, analysis and communication - develop your competence in the law-related use of ITC and appreciation of its actual and potential value in law and legal study - enable you to apply knowledge and skills learned in one legal context to another - develop a capacity for critical assessment of the law in its political, social and cultural contexts - encourage students to reflect on fundamental social concepts (such as justice, liberty and rights) and on the contribution that law makes to the advancement of these concepts as social principles. - develop originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline.</p>
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Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
PLO1	1	Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the concepts, principles and rules constituting the areas of law studied

PLO2	2	Identify, find and use an appropriate range of printed and electronic legal information sources to assist the study of law.
PLO3	3	Identify, select, critically evaluate and apply the essential, relevant legal information from those sources.
PLO4	4	Identify and analyse legal issues raised by complex and novel problem situations, applying relevant legal principles to produce logical, appropriate and creative solutions.
PLO5	5	Understand the nature of law questions and investigate them.
PLO6	6	Analyse, assess methodologically, and communicate, information and empirical research findings in relation to legal studies.
PLO7	7	Identify a range of different strategies and methods and use appropriate research tools in relation to legal problems.
PLO8	8	Undertake and present scholarly work in a professional way.
PLO9	9	Process large amounts of information quickly and apply that information to the evaluation and solution of individual problems.
PLO10	10	Use language accurately and communicate information and analysis effectively and appropriately (both orally and in writing) in a range of different contexts.
PLO11	11	Take responsibility for the continuing development of personal education and competence by identifying personal and professional development skills and reflecting on these to improve performance as a learner.
PLO12	12	Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the legal system and process, and of the interrelationship between different areas of law in an Anglo-Welsh and European context.
PLO13	13	Listen effectively and respond appropriately and effectively.
PLO14	14	Research effectively, using recognised print and electronic resources, distinguishing primary resources and selecting essential information.
PLO15	15	Work effectively both independently and with others.
PLO16	16	Apply knowledge and skills learned in one context to another.
PLO17	17	Reflect critically on own arguments and performance and those of others.
PLO18	18	Use IT appropriately for presentation, communication and research.
PLO19	19	Be conversant with the nature, development and application of common law and equitable principles.
PLO20	20	Develop an awareness of the sources of Anglo-Welsh, European and human rights law, of the machinery of law-making and of the political, social and economic context of law reform.
PLO21	21	Demonstrate critical awareness of current academic and professional controversy and debate in the areas of law studied
PLO22	22	Develop an appreciation of the limits and uncertainties of law.
PLO23	23	Show originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry may be used to create and interpret knowledge in relevant areas of law.
PLO24	24	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding and critical awareness of the relevant contemporary legal issues.

PLO25	25	Apply knowledge and understanding to a range of legal contexts and complexities in order to provide relevant and appropriate legal analysis.
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Course Structure

Programme Structure Description	Students will study the Seven Foundations of Legal Knowledge modules, the English Legal System (ELS) and Legal Research (LR) module and one further additional legal subject (ALS). The ALS modules are: 7209LAWGD Legal Research Methodologies, 7210LAWGD Family Law, 7211LAWGD Mooting. To be awarded the target award of Master of Laws in Qualifying Law, students must achieve 180 credits and pass all of the core modules AND 7209LAWGD Legal Research Methodologies. To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Qualifying Law, students must achieve 120 credits and pass the following core modules: 7200LAWGD, 7202LAWGD, 7203LAWGD, 7204LAWGD, 7205LAWGD, 7206LAWGD, 7207LAWGD, 7208LAWGD; and any one of the ALS modules: 7209LAWGD, 7210LAWGD or 7211LAWGD. The assessment of students registered on this programme is in accordance with the relevant current assessment regulations of the PSRB's and of LJMU. The Assessment regulations for the programme are provided by the SRA and BSB and LJMU and where there is any conflict, the PSRB regulations will prevail. These Programme Rules apply to all students enrolled on the programme from 2016.
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Programme Structure - 180 credit points	
Level 7 - 180 credit points	
Level 7 Core - 170 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 7200LAWGD English Legal System and Legal Research Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 7201LAWGD Dissertation Approved 2022.01 - 60 credit points	
[MODULE] 7202LAWGD Criminal Law Approved 2022.01 - 15 credit points	
[MODULE] 7203LAWGD Law of Tort Approved 2022.01 - 15 credit points	
[MODULE] 7204LAWGD Contract Law Approved 2022.01 - 15 credit points	
[MODULE] 7205LAWGD Equity and Trusts Approved 2022.01 - 15 credit points	
[MODULE] 7206LAWGD Land Law Approved 2022.01 - 15 credit points	
[MODULE] 7207LAWGD EU Law Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 7208LAWGD Public Law Approved 2022.01 - 15 credit points	
Level 7 Optional - 10 credit points	OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 7209LAWGD Legal Research Methodologies Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 7210LAWGD Family Law Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 7211LAWGD Mooting Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points	

Approved variance from Academic Framework Regulations

Variance

Approved variances: a) 6 x 15 credit taught modules, covering 6 of the core subjects prescribed by the PSRB (Land, Equity, Tort, Contract, Public and Crime). b) Three attempts at all summative assessments as per the Academic Stage Handbook (Appendix 4 - 2.13). c) Component marking to ensure that a module is only passed once a pass mark is achieved on all components. (Appendix 4 - 2.22). d) Awards for Distinction and Commendation will be as per the Academic Stage Handbook (2 methods for a Distinction and Commendation) (Appendix 4 - 2.16 - 2.20)

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Teaching, Learning and Assessment	<p>These indicate what students will know, understand and be able to do on successful completion of the GDL. From day one students will be introduced to the English Legal System and begin to acquire knowledge and understanding of the legal theories and principles which underpin the compulsory areas of substantive law that are to be studied. As the course progresses, students will have to demonstrate their achievement of the required learning outcomes through a series of formal assessments, culminating in your final examinations. The approach to teaching and learning is informed by the LJMU Learning Teaching and Assessment (LTA) Strategy. Testing of the knowledge base is through a combination of unseen examinations and assessed courseworks in the form of essays, problem based scenarios, a mini-dissertation and oral presentations. There will also be a final research dissertation. Acquisition of subject knowledge is achieved primarily through student centred transactional workshops supplemented by large group sessions and supported extensive learning materials.</p>
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Opportunities for work related learning

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<p>Students are encouraged to obtain their own work experience by undertaking mini-pupillages/voluntary work in a solicitors' office etc. 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. Whether or not an individual pursues a career in the legal profession, this postgraduate degree will provide a set of intellectual and practical skills that will aid career development. Holder of this award may also find positions in the field of education and research including continuing their study for a Ph.D.</p>

Entry Requirements

Type	Description
Alternative qualifications considered	<p>All applicants must be Graduates of a suitable calibre (usually a recognised first degree of at least a good second class honours standard), or have been granted a Certificate of Academic Standing by the General Council of the Bar to be accepted onto the LLM. Graduates are students holding an undergraduate degree conferred by an institution with degree awarding powers in the UK or the Republic of Ireland. Applicants wishing to qualify as barristers must have a lower second class degree or above. Applicants with non-standard UK or Republic of Ireland degree's or with overseas qualifications must obtain a Certificate of Academic Standing from the Bar Council if they wish to qualify as barristers. Such applicants applying for a Certificate from the Bar Council are considered by the Council's Joint Regulations Committee, interpreting the requirements set out in Schedule 2, Category 11(d) of the Consolidated Regulations in line with the minimum lower second class degree which Graduates must achieve. Where a student's first degree is not studied in English, an IELTS qualification score of at least 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each element) will be required.</p>

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