

Programme Specification Document

Approved, 2022.02

Overview

Programme Code	40578
Programme Title	Law
Awarding Institution	Liverpool John Moores University
Programme Type	Degree with Foundation
Programme Leader	Shane Sullivan
Link Tutor(s)	

Awards

Award Type	Award Description	Award Learning Outcomes
Alternative Exit	Diploma of Higher Education (Fnd) - DHEF	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.
Alternative Exit	Certificate of Higher Education (Fnd) - CHEF	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 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 an ability to present an argument in a way which is comprehensible to others and which addresses their particular concerns or questions. Demonstrate an ability to present an argument in a way which is comprehensible to others and which addresses their particular concerns or questions. Demonstrate an ability to undertake and present scholarly work. Ability to undertake and present scholarly work. Ability to undertake and present scholarly work. 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. 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.
Alternative Exit	Bachelor of Laws (Fnd) - LBO	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.

Target Award Bachelor of Laws Hone (Fnd) - LBF	See Learning Outcomes Below
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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	5 Years
Full-Time, Face to Face	September	LJMU Taught	4 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 encourage students to engage with the development of employability skills via a specialist module at Level 3. 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 (L).
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 four years (480 credits) or five years (600 credits) full time. On the four year model, study is undertaken at four levels, one for each year of study. 120 credits are required for the completion of each level and 480 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 600 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 600 credit honours with study abroad programme. Of those 600 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 3 Introduction to English Law and Systems(3203FNDLAW) and Level 6, Clinical Legal Education II (Year Long, 6333LAWSQ) and Dissertation (6315LAWFL). Students who started their studies in the Academic year 2021 onwards: Students may not undertake both Clinical Legal Education II (Year Long, 6333LAWSQ) and Dissertation (6315LAWFL). Students wishing to take 5301LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I must have passed 4305LAWPL Law in Society. 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 wish to take Clinical Legal Education II (Year Long, 6333LAWSQ) must have passed 5301LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I and 4305LAWPL Law in Society. Students wishing to take 6331LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education must have passed 4305LAWPL Law in Society. Students wishing to take 6304LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II must have passed 6331LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education and 4305LAWPL Law in Society. Students at level 6 may not undertake both 6333LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II (Year Long) and either of the other two level 6 clinical modules: 6331LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I and 6304LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II. Students who at Level 5 undertake one of the 10 credit modules (5303LAWSQ Succession, Wills and Admin or 5302LAWSQ Criminal Litigation and Advocacy) must also study the other 10 credit module (5303LAWSQ Succession, Wills and Admin or 5302LAWSQ Criminal Litigation and Advocacy). 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 at Level 6 undertake one of the 10 credit modules (6313LAWSQ Succession, Wills and Admin or 6312LAWSQ Criminal Litigation and Advocacy) must also study the other 10 credit module (6313LAWSQ Succession, Wills and Admin or 6312LAWSQ Criminal Litigation and Advocacy). For students transferring from the pre-2019 programme to this programme at L5 the following rules apply to these students only. They cannot undertake Tort (5300LAWCL Law of Tort) at L5 and instead much undertake 5304LAWPL (Law of the Single Market of the EU). These students are not eligible to take the following modules 6331LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I, 6304LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II, 6333LAWSQ (Clinical Legal Education II year long, and 5310LAWSQ (Clinical Legal Education I). At Level 3: (120 Core Credits):3203FNDLAW Introduction to English Law and Systems (40 credits), 3200FNDLAW Academic Skills and Practices, 3204FNDLAW Studying Employability, 3201FNDLAW Introduction Civil Law and Civil Justice, and 3202FNDLAW Introduction to Criminal Law and C

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Level 3 - 120 credit points	
Level 3 Core - 120 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 3200FNDLAW Academic Skills and Practices Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3201FNDLAW Introduction Civil Law and Civil Justice Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3202FNDLAW Introduction to Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3203FNDLAW Introduction to English Law and Systems 1 Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3204FNDLAW Introduction to English Law and Systems 2 Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3205FNDLAW Studying Employability Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
Level 4 - 120 credit points	

Level 4 Core - 120 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 4300LAWCL Law of Tort Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 4300LAWPL Criminal Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 4301LAWCL Contract Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 4301LAWFL Foundations and Independent Learning Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit	
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[MODULE] 4302LAWCL Constitutional Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 4305LAWPL Legal and Professional Ethics Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
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Level 5 Core - 80 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 5301LAWCL Equity and Trusts Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5301LAWPL Justice, Human Rights and the State Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit	
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[MODULE] 5304LAWCL Land Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5304LAWPL Law of the Single Market of the EU Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit	
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Level 5 Optional - 40 credit points	OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 5111LAWBL International Trade Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5113LAWPL Law of the Environment Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5301LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education I Approved 2022.04 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5302LAWSQ Criminal Litigation and Advocacy Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 5303LAWSQ Succession, Wills and Admin Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 5307LAWPL International Human Rights Approved 2022.03 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5311LAWCL Maritime Law Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
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Placement Year - 120 credit points	OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 5112LAWSW Sandwich Year - Law Approved 2022.01 - 120 credit points	
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[MODULE] 6333LAWSQ Clinical Legal Education II (Year Long) Approved 2022.01 - 40 credit points

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 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.

Entry Requirements

Туре	Description
Other international requirements	International applications will be considered in line with UK qualifications. Any Applicant whose first language is not English will be required to have IELTS 6.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
A levels	72 UCAS tariff points from a minimum of 2 A Levels. Maximum of 20 AS points accepted.
International Baccalaureate	24 IB Diploma points
BTECs	72 UCAS Tariff points

Alternative qualifications considered

Prior to starting the programme applicants must have obtained grade 4 or grade C or above in English Language and Mathematics GCSE or an approved alternative qualification: • 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