

Overview

Programme Code	42485
Programme Title	Law and Criminal Justice
Awarding Institution	Liverpool John Moores University
Programme Type	Degree with Foundation
Language of Programme	All LJMU programmes are delivered and assessed in English
Programme Leader	Noel Cross
Link Tutor(s)	

Awards

Award Type	Award Description	Award Learning Outcomes
Target Award	Bachelor of Laws Hons (Fnd) - LBF	See Learning Outcomes Below
Alternative Exit	Diploma of Higher Education (Fnd) - DHEF	<p>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. Show depth of understanding of the main policy and doctrinal issues in, and development of, substantive law core and option subjects. Analyse, assess methodologically, and communicate, information and empirical research findings about law and its operation, crime, victimisation, and responses to crime and deviance. Identify the ethical issues and the range of ethical problems in research into legal and criminological questions. Use and interpret basic mathematical/statistical information in a legal context where the opportunity arises. Recognise and understand decision-makers and decision-making processes in criminal justice. Understand the theories, policies and principles which connect study of the law with study of social justice. Evaluate the role of risk in criminal justice decision-making. Analyse the effectiveness of criminal justice practice generally.</p>
Alternative Exit	Certificate of Higher Education (Fnd) - CHEF	<p>Show well-developed ability to use a wide variety of standard and legal and other electronic sources of information. Evaluate and rank unfamiliar arguments in the light of established statute law, judicial decisions and authoritative legal commentary. Use appropriate legal terminology and language both orally and in writing. Use appropriate legal terminology and language both orally and in writing. Understand the basic concepts, values, principles and rules of the English and European Union legal systems. Understand the nature of law and criminological questions and investigate them. Present an argument in a way which is comprehensible to others and which addresses their particular concerns or questions. Undertake and present scholarly work. Undertake 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. Evaluate personal performance and to identify and act upon weaknesses in learning, use of resources and the presentation and formulation of legal or criminological argument. Understand the social construction of crime, the nature of the criminal justice process, and the societal influences on criminal justice practice.</p>
Alternative Exit	Bachelor of Laws (Fnd) - LBO	<p>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.</p>

Alternate Award Names	
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External Benchmarks

Subject Benchmark Statement	UG-Law (2019), UG-Criminology (2022)
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Programme Offering(s)

Mode of Study, Mode of Delivery	Intake Month	Teaching Institution	Programme Length
Full-Time, Face to Face	September		4 Years

Aims and Outcomes

Educational Aims of the Programme

The aim of the LJMU LLB Law and Criminal Justice programme with Foundation year is to create a positive learning environment which will allow students: To develop and use suitable academic skills for success at university; To gain an understanding of contemporary issues in the law and social sciences; To develop a fundamental understanding of subjects of English law related to the study of criminal law, in theory, policy and practice; To develop their knowledge and understanding of legal and criminal justice subjects which are intellectually and professionally complimentary to their core modules 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 and criminal justice-related materials: To develop an understanding and critical appreciation of the interface between criminal law, politics, social justice, criminal justice, human rights and ethics: To develop an ability to carry out independent 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 criminal law and criminal justice, and To encourage students to engage with the development of employability skills by completing a self-awareness statement.

Learning Outcomes

Code	Description
PLO1	Understand the basic concepts, values, principles and rules of the English, EU and international systems of criminal law and justice.
PLO2	Show 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.
PLO3	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.

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PLO4	Evaluate and rank unfamiliar arguments in the light of established statute law, judicial decisions and authoritative legal commentary.
PLO5	Use appropriate legal terminology and language both orally and in writing.
PLO6	Present an argument in a way which is comprehensible to others and which addresses their particular concerns or questions.
PLO7	Demonstrate awareness of the complexity of crime and victimisation, and an ability to assess the relative merits of different explanations for crime and punishment.
PLO8	Analyse the range of responses to crime and deviance, and interpret the values and practices of the agencies which administer them.
PLO9	Design research appropriately in relation to a specific problem, Gather, retrieve, and synthesise information, including comparative data; and evaluate research data, including both quantitative and qualitative data.
PLO10	Demonstrate knowledge of the nature of law and criminological questions and their investigation.
PLO11	Analyse, assess methodologically, and communicate, information and empirical research findings about criminal law, crime, victimisation, and responses to crime and deviance.
PLO12	Show awareness of the main institutions involved in the operation of the English, EU and international systems of criminal law and justice.
PLO13	Identify a range of different strategies and methods and use appropriate research tools in relation to legal and criminological problems, including quantitative, qualitative, and evaluative techniques.
PLO14	Investigate legal and criminological questions in relation to victimisation, crime, responses to crime and deviance, and representations of these.
PLO15	Undertake and present scholarly work in a professional way.
PLO16	Examine the relevance of legal frameworks and criminological work to criminal law, crime, victimisation, and responses to crime and deviance including representations of these in relation to issues of social, public and civic policy at a national, international and global level.
PLO17	Develop 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.
PLO18	Evaluate personal performance and to identify and act upon weaknesses in learning, use of resources and the presentation and formulation of legal or criminological argument.
PLO19	Use standard word-processing packages, legal and social science electronic databases, e-mail, and the internet in support of their learning.
PLO20	Use and interpret basic statistical information in a legal or criminal justice context where the opportunity arises.
PLO21	Communicate effectively when working in a group and fully contribute to such activities.
PLO22	Organise and prioritise time and work to meet strict deadlines.

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PLO23	Show depth of understanding of the main policy and doctrinal issues in, and development of, substantive core and option subjects.
PLO24	Take control of personal career development opportunities by utilising the personal tutor system, work-placements, the university careers information service and other organised career events.
PLO25	Evaluate the distinctive character of criminal justice as an academic discipline, and its relationship to other social science disciplines, including law.
PLO26	Demonstrate knowledge of the key concepts and theoretical approaches that have developed and are developing in relation to crime, victimisation, and responses to crime and deviance.
PLO27	Evaluate the social and historical development of criminal justice institutions, including courts and hearings for adults and young people; the governance and values of the relevant institutions; the theory and practice of sentencing; prison and community based penalties; and the place of human rights in these processes.
PLO28	Demonstrate knowledge of the nature and appropriate use of research strategies and methods in relation to issues of crime, victimisation, and responses to crime and deviance.
PLO29	Evaluate the relationship between criminological theory and empirical evidence in relation to the investigation of issues relating to crime, victimisation, and responses to crime and deviance.
PLO30	Show a well-developed ability to use a wide variety of standard and legal and other electronic sources of information.

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. In addition, under the five year, 600 credit version of the programme, 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 [5024LAWCJ]. 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. The programme is taught within the Academic Framework. 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 research-based module at Level 6, Dissertation (6016LAWCJ). All modules at Level 3 and 4 are core and must be taken - 6 modules at Level 3, 6 modules at Level 4. At level 5, 40 credits are core, and the remaining 80 optional credits are chosen by students selecting four optional modules, two in semester 1, and a further two in semester 2. At level 6, all modules are optional. The above rules apply for students enrolling on the programme in 2021/22 and beyond. Students on the programme at level 4 in 2021/22 will enrol on the current version of the programme as stated above. For students on the programme at level 4 in 2020/21, the following programme rules apply: seven core modules at level 4 (4017LAWCJ, 4301LAWPL, 4301LAWCL, 4301LAWFL, 4026LAWCJ, 4303LAWEU, 4019LAWCJ); one core module at level 5 (5029LAWCJ - Bridging Law and Justice) plus a choice of two optional modules from three in semester one (5020LAWCJ, 5018LAWCJ, 5301LAWCL), and three optional modules from five in semester two (5300LAWCL, 5028LAWCJ, 5019LAWCJ, 5022LAWCJ, 5304LAWCL); no core modules at level 6, students to choose from the following optional modules, which are all 20 credit modules apart from the Dissertation (6016LAWCJ - 40 credits) as follows: 6016LAWCJ, 6008LAWCJ, 6020LAWCJ, 6011LAWCJ, 6012LAWCJ, 6018LAWCJ, 6014LAWCJ, 6302LAWFL, 6301LAWPL, 6303LAWPL, 6306LAWCL, 6319LAWCL, 6301LAWFL, 6303LAWFL, 6021LAWCJ, 6009LAWCJ, 6307LAWCL, 6102LAWPL. For students on the programme at level 4 in 2019/20, the following programme rules apply: six core modules at level 5 (5019LAWCJ, 5022LAWCJ, 5100LAWCL, 5101LAWCL, 5104LAWCL, 5102LAWEU), no options; one core module at level 6 (6101LAWCL), plus 100 credits of options from any on the following list - 6016LAWCJ (Dissertation) (40 credits), 6008LAWCJ (Contemporary Issues in Penology) (20 credits), 6012LAWCJ (Youth Justice) (20 credits), 6009LAWCJ (Policing) (20 credits), 6011LAWCJ (Crimes of the Powerful) (20 credits), 6013LAWCJ (Victimology) (20 credits), 6014LAWCJ (Substance Use) (20 credits), 6103LAWPL (Introduction to the American Legal System) (20 credits), 6100LAWCL (Media Law) (20 credits), 6102LAWPL (Sex, Crime and Society) (20 credits), 6102LAWFL (Mediation) (20 credits), 6102LAWBL (Commercial Law) (20 credits), 6101LAWPL (Public International Law) (20 credits), 6106LAWBL (Employment Law) (20 credits), 6106LAWCL (Evidence) (20 credits), 6102LAWAS (Family Law) (20 credits), 6107LAWCL (Medical Law and Ethics) (20 credits), 6110LAWCL (Animal Welfare and the Law) (20 credits), 6105LAWBL (Company Law) (20 credits), 6105LAWCL (Intellectual Property) (20 credits), 6108LAWPL (The UN and International Security) (20 credits), 6109LAWCL (Bank and Financial Services Regulation) (20 credits), 6101LAWFL (Negotiation) (20 credits), 6103LAWFL (Mooting) (20 credits), 6116LAWCL (Law Relating to Financial Crime) (20 credits), 6111LAWCL (Maritime Law) (20 credits), 6120LAWBL (Corporate Insolvency).

Students who started the programme in September 2019 are also able to take the following optional modules - 6000LANDCJ Land Law, 6000TORTCJ Law of Tort, 6000EQUICJ Equity and Trusts, 6101LAWCL Remedies in Contract, Tort and Restitution.

Programme Structure - 360 credit points

Level 3 - 120 credit points

Level 3 Core - 120 credit points

CORE

[MODULE] 3101FNDLCP Preparing for Success: Academic Skills Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3102FNDLCP Investigating Liverpool Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3107FNDLCP Contemporary Issues in Security and Policing Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3108FNDLAW Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3109FNDLAW Crime, Justice and Diversity Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 3117FNDLCP Society, Status and Social Policy Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
Level 4 - 120 credit points	
Level 4 Core - 120 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 4017LAWCJ Criminal Justice System Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 4019LAWCJ Criminological Theory Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 4020LAWCJ Media, Public and Criminal Justice Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 4027LAWCJ English Legal System Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 4028LAWCJ Skills for Success in Law and Criminal Justice Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 4029LAWCJ Human Rights, Social Justice and the Law Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
Level 5 - 120 credit points	
Level 5 Core - 40 credit points	CORE
[MODULE] 5032LAWCJ Crime, Law and Criminalisation I Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5033LAWCJ Crime, Law and Criminalisation II Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
Level 5 Optional - 80 credit points	OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 5018LAWCJ Injustices in a 'Just' System Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5019LAWCJ Decision Making in Criminal Justice Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5020LAWCJ Professional Development in Criminal Justice Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5022LAWCJ An Introduction to Penology Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5027LAWCJ Criminal Justice Policy, Practice and the Evidence Base Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 5028LAWCJ Victimology Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5030LAWCJ Criminal Justice Research Approved 2022.01 - 10 credit points	
[MODULE] 5035LAWCJ European Criminal Law Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 5036LAWCJ Criminal Evidence Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
Optional placement - 120 credit points	OPTIONAL
Study Abroad - 120 credit points	OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 5024LAWCJ Study Year Abroad - Criminal Justice Approved 2022.01 - 120 credit points	
Level 6 - 120 credit points	
Level 6 Optional - 120 credit points	OPTIONAL
[MODULE] 6008LAWCJ Contemporary Issues in Prisons and Probation Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 6011LAWCJ Crimes of the Powerful Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 6012LAWCJ Youth Justice Approved 2022.02 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 6014LAWCJ Substance Use, Society and Criminal Justice Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points	
[MODULE] 6016LAWCJ Dissertation Approved 2022.01 - 40 credit points	

[MODULE] 6018LAWCJ Regulation, Harm and Victimisation Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6020LAWCJ Comparative Criminal Justice Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6023LAWCJ International Criminal Law and State Crime Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6024LAWCJ Criminal Advocacy Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6026LAWCJ Green Criminology and Environmental Crime Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6027LAWCJ Cybercrime and the AI World Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6028LAWCJ Violence and Society Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6029LAWCJ Advanced Criminal Law: Theory and Practice Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6009LAWCJ Policing Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6107PS Terrorism and Counter Terrorism Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points
[MODULE] 6102LAWPL Sex, Crime and Society Approved 2022.01 - 20 credit points

Module specifications may be accessed at <https://proformas.ljmu.ac.uk/Default.aspx>

Approved variance from Academic Framework Regulations

Variance

A variance to the Academic Framework regulation UG.A3.2 which states that modules comprise 10 or 20 credits except for a research project/dissertation module at Level 6 which may comprise 30 or 40 credits has been approved by the Chair of Education Committee on 01.06.17.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Via lectures, tutor-led tutorials, student-led seminars and problem-based seminars. Assessment is by way of different combinations of unseen/seen, closed/open book examinations, essays, dissertations, online assessments and some oral presentations Knowledge and Understanding is acquired via the use of the English Legal System and Skills for Success modules (4027LAWCJ and 4028LAWCJ), the induction programme, and cohort sessions developing academic and study skills.

Opportunities for work related learning

Students are given the opportunity to engage with LJMU's CareerSmart programmes, which aim to equip students with the skills required for the legal and criminal justice workplace, throughout their courses, and in particular via teaching on the Skills for Success in Law and Criminal Justice module (4028LAWCJ), and the Criminal Justice System (4017LAWCJ) module at Level 4; through the optional Professional Development module (5020LAWCJ) at level 5; and through personal tutor work at all levels. Students also have the opportunity to make work-based learning, via a work placement relevant to legal or criminal justice study, part of the research for their independently-developed dissertations on the optional Dissertation module at Level 6. The Criminal Advocacy optional Level 6 module (6024LAWCJ) gives students further valuable insight into the skills needed to practice as a solicitor or barrister. In addition, the 5 year mode of the programme allows students to study on a one-year placement abroad (see award outcomes section above), thereby increasing students' knowledge of legal systems outside the UK, and enhancing their employability and work-related skills as a result.

Entry Requirements

Type	Description
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
International Baccalaureate	72 UCAS points to include Advanced Higher
A levels	72 UCAS tariff points from a minimum of 2 A Levels. Maximum of 20 AS points accepted.
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)
BTECs	72 UCAS tariff points

Extra Entry Requirements