

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		LLB (Hons) Law with American Legal Studies
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0683-04 M130
3	Awarding Institution		
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)		
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		
			Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) Bar Standards Board (BSB)

6	Course Description
	<p>Law with American Legal Studies course gives you the opportunity to apply for our American Legal Practice internship programme.</p> <p>The programme provides a practice-based education in English law, with a selection of modules focusing on the law of the United States.</p> <p>Our course is delivered by a team of internationally-recognised researchers and former professional practitioners, and also offers opportunities to gain valuable international work experience.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>Whether you are aiming for a career in professional legal practice, or want to gain key transferrable skills, this course provides comprehensive coverage of both the foundations of legal knowledge and skills that can be used in other disciplines, such as critical thinking, negotiation and analysis.</p> <p>Your learning will enable you to develop the skills and attributes to become a legal professional with independent learning skills.</p> <p>We aim to enable you to develop a critical awareness of the role of law in influencing social change, as well as individual and corporate behaviour. We will equip you with the skills and knowledge to make a difference in issues of fairness, equality and access to justice.</p>

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Laws with Honours with American Legal Studies	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate in Higher Education Law with American Legal Studies	4	120
	Diploma in Higher Education Law with American Legal Studies	5	240
	Bachelor of Laws with American Legal Studies	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	To be eligible for compensation, you must achieve a minimum of 35% in the module to be compensated. Only one foundation module will be eligible for compensation for a QLD. Students wishing to apply to the Bar are advised that compensation is not acceptable as part of the eligibility requirements for a place on the BPTC

9	Delivery Patterns		
Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code
Full Time	City Centre	3 Years	US0683-04
Sandwich	City Centre	4 Years	US0683S
Part Time	City Centre	5 Years*	US0684-04

* If you study this course part-time, you will study modules alongside full-time students in daytime hours (not evenings or weekends). The duration of the course will depend on how many modules you take per year, and will be agreed before you commence your studies. To qualify as a PT student you cannot undertake more than 90 credits in any one year.

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	To display excellence in the acquisition of knowledge and understanding of both the American and English Legal Systems, and the substantive rules of law that operate in both systems within their political, historical, global and economic context; its relationship with ethical and moral issues and the ways in which lawyers can effect social change through the application of legal principles.
2	To analyse, critically evaluate and produce a synthesis of legal rules and apply these to a range of issues and problems.
3	To demonstrate a knowledge-applied approach, showing an ability to make proficient use of information and materials from a variety of sources, including knowledge of the legal conventions relevant to English, EU, and American Law, in the critical evaluation and solution of legal issues and problems.
4	To develop key employability skills, to include assimilating knowledge; framing appropriate questions; marshalling coherent and rational argument, and relating theory and practice in order to draw independent conclusions through the ability to strategically plan for one's own learning method and structured response to meaningful feedback.
5	To use the English language with precision, orally and in writing, in relation to legal issues, in order to make effective oral and written presentations which are coherent and comprehensible to others and meet expectations in the workplace.

6	To develop a range of other pervasive skills, including: making relevant use of numerical and statistical information derived from primary and secondary sources when constructing an argument, conducting electronic research (including American legal research) and appropriate use of the internet to locate relevant information, producing work which is presented and formatted using standard software packages, working co-operatively, ethically and professionally with others.
7	To demonstrate a knowledge-applied understanding of a diverse range of American constitutional law issues and develop a critical understanding of how, in both practice and theory, the American legal system operates at a domestic level and with the wider international community.

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Level 6:

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Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW6063	Equity and the Law of Trusts	20
LAW6064	Law of the European Union	20
LAW6068	American Criminal Procedure and Evidence	20
LAW6073	America and International Legal Issues	20
LAW6074	American Legal Practice (ALP)	40

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Full time

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW4020 Criminal Law 1: Fundamental Concepts and Crimes Against Persons LAW4018 Torts 1: Fundamental Concepts, Trespass to the Person and Negligence LAW4017 Law of Contract 1: Fundamental Concepts and Creating Contracts	Core LAW4021 Criminal Law 2: Process, Property Crimes and Problem Solving LAW4019 Torts 2: Property, Reputation and Privacy LAW4022 Contract Law 2: Breach, Remedies & Advocacy

Level 5

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW5066 Constitutional and Administrative Law LAW5065 Land Law LAW5067 Professional Skills and Practice	Core LAW5072 Federalism and the US Constitution LAW5073 The Individual and the US Constitution
Optional None	Optional Choose one of the following options: LAW5070 Alternative Dispute Resolution LAW5077 Company Law LAW5071 Employment Law LAW5076 Medical Law & Ethics LAW5078 Citizens' Advice Placement
	Optional Study Abroad

Level 6

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW6063 Equity and the Law of Trusts LAW6064 Law of the European Union	Core LAW6068 American Criminal Procedure and Evidence LAW6073 America and International Legal Issues
Core You must complete the following year long 40 credit module: LAW6074 American Legal Practice	

Part time

Year 1 (Students will complete 4 Level 4 Core Modules)

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW4018 Torts 1: Fundamental Concepts, Trespass to the Person and Negligence LAW4017 Law of Contract 1: Fundamental Concepts and Creating Contracts	Core LAW4019 Torts 2: Property, Reputation and Privacy LAW4022 Contract Law 2: Breach, Remedies and Advocacy

Year 2 (Students will complete 2 Level 4 Core Modules, 1 Level 5 Core Module and 1 Level 5 Core Pathway Module)

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW4020 Criminal Law 1: Fundamental Concepts and Crimes Against Persons LAW5066 Constitutional and Administrative Law	Core LAW4021 Criminal Law 2: Process, Property Crimes and Problem Solving Either: LAW5072 Federalism and the US Constitution LAW5073 The Individual and the US Constitution
	Optional None

Year 3 (Students will complete 2 Level 5 Core Modules, 1 Level 5 Pathway Core Module and 1 Level 5 Optional Module)

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW5065 Land Law LAW5067 Professional Skills and Practice	Core Either: LAW5072 Federalism and the US Constitution LAW5073 The Individual and the US Constitution
	Optional LAW5070 Alternative Dispute Resolution LAW5077 Company Law LAW5071 Employment Law LAW5076 Medical Law and Ethics LAW5072 Federalism and the US Constitution LAW5073 The Individual and the US Constitution LAW5078 Citizens' Advice Placement
Optional Study Abroad	

Year 4 (Students will complete 2 Level 6 Core Modules and 2 Level 6 Pathway Core Modules)

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW6063 Equity and the Law of Trusts LAW6064 Law of the European Union	Core LAW6068 American Criminal Procedure and Evidence LAW6073 America and International Legal Issues
	Optional None

Year 5 (Students will complete a 40 credit Year Long Level 6 Core Module)

Core LAW6074 American Legal Practice
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13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	216
Private Study	768
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	53%
Exam	47%
In-Person	0

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	216
Private Study	768
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	66%
Exam	17%
In-Person	17%

Level 6**Workload****% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	156
Directed Learning	276
Private Study	768
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	38%
Exam	26%
In-Person	36%