

## Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	<b>Course Title</b>	LLB (Hons) Law with Foundation Year
2	<b>Course Code</b>	TBC
3	<b>Awarding Institution</b>	Birmingham City University
4	<b>Teaching Institution(s)</b> (if different from point 3)	
5	<b>Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation</b> (if applicable)	Solicitors Regulation Authority General Council of the Bar: Bar Standards Board

6	Course Description
	<p>A law degree is an important first step into a career in law, as well as an important foundation on the route to many other careers, and Birmingham City University is a long-established provider of legal education to the Birmingham legal community and beyond.</p> <p>This course has been developed to enable anyone wishing to qualify as a solicitor or barrister to undertake this first, important academic stage of their career. To achieve this, the course has been designed to align with the subjects that you will need to study further in order to successfully undertake the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE), while also meeting the requirements of the Bar Standards Board for an undergraduate law degree.</p> <p>The study of law is both academic and practical, and therefore both of these are important elements in the LLB (Hons) degree at BCU. Theory and academic study are important on an LLB, but so too is the application of that knowledge, and so our LLB (Hons) degree offers plenty of opportunity for you to develop the practical lawyering skills, as well as the transferable skills enhancing your employability, that graduates will need when entering the workplace.</p> <p>The different pathways on the LLB course will allow you to make decisions regarding the direction in which you want to take your studies, with named degrees in Law with American Legal Studies, Law with Business Law, and Law with Criminal Justice, as well as a broad range of optional modules ranging from more theoretical topics through to those aimed at the practical application of the law in real-world situations.</p> <p>You will also have the opportunity to put those skills to practical use, both in the local community and beyond. Whether that is through our programme of placement opportunities with local providers such as Citizen's Advice and various legal advice charities, through opportunities in the local legal community, or via BCU's own Law Clinic, established to serve the local community from our City Centre campus, there are plenty of options available to you. You can also apply your legal knowledge further afield, through our US internship programme which has been placing students with attorneys throughout the US for over 20 years. A professional placement year is also available, between years 2 and 3 of the degree, offering further opportunity for you to put your knowledge and skills to practical use, and thereby enhancing your CV further.</p> <p>By focussing on the development of a range of transferable skills, the course employs numerous innovative assessment methods, going beyond the typical forms of written academic assessment.</p>

	You are also encouraged to engage in extra-curricular activities to support your learning, with student societies such as the highly successful Mooting Society. Furthermore, you will have the ability to engage with the wider Birmingham legal community through our connections with the Birmingham Law Society, the largest regional law society in the UK.
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<b>7</b>	<b>Course Awards</b>		
<b>7a</b>	<b>Name of Final Award</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credits Awarded</b>
	Bachelor of Laws with Honours Law	Level 6	480
	Bachelor of Laws with Honours Law with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	600
<b>7b</b>	<b>Exit Awards and Credits Awarded</b>		
	Foundation Certificate in Law	Level 3	120
	Certificate of Higher Education Law	Level 4	240
	Diploma of Higher Education Law	Level 5	360
	Bachelor of Laws Law	Level 6	420
	Bachelor of Laws Law with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	540

<b>8</b>	<b>Derogation from the University Regulations</b>		
	TBC		

<b>9</b>	<b>Delivery Patterns</b>		
	<b>Mode(s) of Study</b>	<b>Location(s) of Study</b>	<b>Duration of Study</b>
	Full Time	City Centre	4 Years
	Full Time with Professional Placement	City Centre	5 Years

<b>10</b>	<b>Entry Requirements</b>	
	<b>Home:</b>	<i>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk/">https://www.bcu.ac.uk/</a>, or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.</i>

11 Course Learning Outcomes	
1	Explain and apply legal systems; both the substantive rules of law, and constitutional rules, and the context within politics, history and ethics.
2	Evaluate and critically analyse practical and theoretical problems, reaching reasoned conclusions through the application of relevant law, including situations of legal uncertainty.
3	Conduct autonomous research by acquiring and using information from a variety of sources, in order to critically evaluate and solve legal problems.
4	Undertake independent learning through the planning and execution of your own study, identifying gaps in your own knowledge, and in response to feedback.
5	Communicate effectively on legal issues in both written and oral forms.
6	Exhibit a range of other personal and transferrable professional skills.

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**Level 5:**

***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 100 credits):***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW50XX	Land Law and Property Practice	20
LAW50XX	Criminal Law	20
LAW50XX	Professional Skills	20
LAW50XX	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20
LAW50XX	Business Law	20

***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW50XX	Alternative Dispute Resolution	20
LAW50XX	Level 5 Placement Module	20
LAW50XX	Corporate Insolvency Law	20
LAW50XX	Human Rights and Criminal Justice	20
LAW50XX	Employment Law	20
LAW50XX	Medical Law and Ethics	20
LAW50XX	Advanced Property Practice	20

***In order to qualify for the award of LLB (Hons) Law with Professional Placement Year with Professional Placement Year a student must successfully complete the following module:***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PLA5XXX	Professional Placement Year	120

**Level 6:**

***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 80 credits):***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW60XX	Equity and Trusts	20
LAW60XX	Law of the European Union	20
	<b>To select:</b>	
LAW60XX	<b>EITHER</b> Dissertation	40
LAW60XX	<b>OR</b> American Legal Practice*	40
LAW60XX	<b>OR</b> The United Nations: Law and Practice	40
LAW60XX	<b>OR</b> Law in Practice	40

\*Students wishing to study this module are subject to academic requirements specified by the Module Team

***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.***

***Students may study up to 40 credits of the following modules:***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW60XX	Advanced Mooting	20
LAW60XX	Comparative Constitutional Models	20
LAW60XX	Equality Law	20
LAW60XX	Family Law	20
LAW60XX	Jurisprudence: Law, Justice and Society	20
LAW60XX	Dispute Resolution and Business Transactions	40

***Students may study a maximum of 20 credits from the following modules:***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW60XX	American Criminal Procedure and Evidence	20
LAW60XX	Human Rights in America	20

***Students may study a maximum of 20 credits from the following modules:***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW60XX	Competition Law	20
LAW60XX	Corporate Crime and UK Tax Law	20
LAW60XX	Intellectual Property Law	20
LAW60XX	Legal Technology	20

***Students may study a maximum of 20 credits from the following modules:***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW60XX	Advanced Criminal Law	20
LAW60XX	Crime and Punishment	20
LAW60XX	Evidence, Proof and Argument	20

**For students studying a semester abroad at Level 5:**

**Level 5:**

***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 60 credits):***

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW50XX	Land and Property Practice	20
LAW50XX	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20
LAW50XX	Professional Skills and Practice	20

**Students must then successfully complete the equivalent of 60 credits of modules at the overseas partner institution.**

**Level 6:**

**In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):**

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW60XX	Equity and Trusts	20
LAW60XX	Law of the European Union	20
LAW60XX	Principles of Business Law	20
LAW60XX	Fundamental Concepts in Criminal Law	20
	<b>To select:</b>	
LAW60XX	<b>EITHER</b> Dissertation	40
LAW60XX	<b>OR</b> American Legal Practice*	40
LAW60XX	<b>OR</b> United Nations: Law and Practice	40
LAW60XX	<b>OR</b> Law in Practice	40

\*Students wishing to study this module are subject to academic requirements specified by the Module Team

## 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 Course Structure

#### Level 3

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW30XX Studying Successfully LAW30XX Introduction to Law LAW30XX Learning the Law	Core LAW30XX Introduction to Legal Practice and Process LAW30XX Developing Legal Scholarship LAW30XX Legal Professionalism, Skills and Attributes

#### Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW40XX Legal Systems LAW40XX Foundations in Professional Skills LAW40XX Critical Legal Thinking	Core LAW40XX Law of Tort LAW40XX Contract Law
Optional None	Optional LAW40XX Consumer and Agency Law LAW40XX Introduction to US Legal Systems LAW40XX Global Protection of Human Rights LAW40XX Criminal Justice Process and Procedure LAW40XX Introduction to Mooting

#### Level 5

Core LAW50XX Land Law and Property Practice LAW50XX Constitutional and Administrative Law LAW50XX Professional Skills	Core LAW50XX Criminal Law LAW50XX Business Law
Optional None	Optional LAW50XX Alternative Dispute Resolution LAW50XX Level 5 Placement Module LAW50XX Corporate Insolvency Law LAW50XX Human Rights and Criminal Justice LAW50XX Employment Law LAW50XX Medical Law and Ethics LAW50XX Advanced Property Practice
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**Level 6**

Core LAW60XX Equity and Trusts LAW60XX Law of the European Union	Core None
Core You must choose one of the following year-long modules: LAW60XX Dissertation LAW60XX American Legal Practice LAW60XX United Nations: Law and Practice LAW60XX Law in Practice	
Optional None	Optional LAW60XX Advanced Criminal Law LAW60XX Advanced Mooting LAW60XX American Criminal Procedure and Evidence LAW60XX Comparative Constitutional Models LAW60XX Competition Law LAW60XX Corporate Crime and UK Tax Law LAW60XX Jurisprudence: Law, Justice and Society LAW60XX Crime and Punishment LAW60XX Evidence, Proof and Argument LAW60XX Equality Law LAW60XX Family Law LAW60XX Human Rights in America LAW60XX Intellectual Property Law LAW60XX Legal Technology LAW60XX Dispute Resolution and Business Transactions



**For students studying a semester abroad:**
**Level 4**

<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>	<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>
Core LAW40XX Legal Systems LAW40XX Foundations in Professional Skills LAW40XX Critical Legal Thinking	Core LAW40XX Law of Tort LAW40XX Contract Law
Optional None	Optional LAW40XX Consumer and Agency Law LAW40XX Introduction to US Legal Systems LAW40XX Global Protection of Human Rights LAW40XX Criminal Justice Process LAW40XX Introduction to Mooting

**Level 5**

Core LAW50XX Land Law and Property Practice LAW50XX Professional Skills LAW50XX Constitutional and Administrative Law	Core None
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**Level 6**

Core LAW60XX Equity and Trusts LAW60XX Law of the European Union	Core LAW60XX Principles of Business Law LAW50XX Fundamental Concepts in Criminal Law
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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.

Delete years where applicable.

#### Level 3

##### Workload

##### 40% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	480
Directed Learning	288
Private Study	432
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

##### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	48%
Exam	13%
In-Person	39%

#### Level 4

##### Workload

##### 18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	216
Private Study	768
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

##### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	56%
Exam	16%

In-Person	28%
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## Level 5

### Workload

**18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	216
Private Study	768
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	65%
Exam	11%
In-Person	24%

## Level 6

### Workload

**18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	150
Directed Learning	264
Private Study	786
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1200</b>

### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	66%
Exam	4%
In-Person	30%

