

## Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	<b>Course Title</b>	LLM Legal Practice (SQE1 and SQE2)
2	<b>Course Code</b>	PT1727
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)	Not applicable

6	Course Description
	<p>The LLM Legal Practice is a rigorous master's programme designed to equip you with both the in-depth legal knowledge and practical skills required to prepare for the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) and to succeed in legal practice.</p> <p>Delivered through a combination of expert-led teaching, interactive workshops, and practice-based assessments, the course provides comprehensive coverage of the core legal subjects assessed in SQE1, alongside the development of key practical competencies essential for SQE2. Throughout the programme, you will engage with the realities of modern legal practice, enhancing your understanding of the profession and developing your legal and transferable skills in a variety of practical contexts. You will have opportunities to apply your learning through real-world experience, through our Law Clinic, placements with partner organisations, or through your own legal work experience.</p> <p>Upon successful completion, you will not only be prepared for the SQE but will also graduate with a prestigious LLM qualification, strengthening your professional profile and enhancing your career prospects in an increasingly competitive legal landscape.</p>

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	LLM Legal Practice	Level 7	180
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice	Level 7	120
	Postgraduate Certificate in Legal Practice	Level 7	60

8	Variation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9 Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)
Full Time	City Centre Campus	1 year	PT1727

10 Entry Requirements	
<b>Home:</b>	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.
<b>EU:</b>	
<b>International:</b>	
<b>Access:</b>	

11 Course Aims	
	The LLM Legal Practice aims to prepare you for a career as a solicitor. The course is designed to provide a robust academic foundation in legal principles, practice, and ethics. You will develop practical legal skills, critical thinking, and research capabilities to prepare you for the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE1 & SQE2) and obtain a master's level qualification for career enhancement.

12 Course Learning Outcomes	
1	Research and apply critical knowledge of the law and legal practice accurately and effectively in the areas of Functioning Legal Knowledge as defined by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) (Business Law and Practice; Dispute Resolution; Contract; Tort; Legal System of England and Wales; Constitutional and Administrative Law and EU Law and Legal Services; Property Practice; Wills and the Administration of Estates; Solicitors Accounts; Land Law; Trusts; Criminal Law and Practice).
2	Apply legal knowledge accurately and analytically to practical scenarios, identifying relevant issues, applying the law, and reaching well-reasoned conclusions
3	Develop and apply a range of practical legal skills which should include the following: client interview and attendance note/legal analysis; advocacy; case and matter analysis; legal research; legal writing; legal drafting.
4	Communicate legal arguments and advice clearly, confidently, and appropriately to both legal and non-legal audiences in written and oral forms.
5	Evaluate and reflect on ethical and professional responsibilities, including the SRA's Code of Conduct, and apply them effectively in legal decision-making and client interactions.
6	Reflect on your own learning and professional development, identifying areas for continued growth and readiness for qualification as a solicitor.
7	Demonstrate the ability to deal professionally with members of the public through module assessments work experience, volunteering or public legal education projects

<b>13</b>	<b>Level Learning Outcomes</b>
	Not Applicable to a one-year Level 7 Course (see section 12)

<b>14</b>	<b>Course Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy</b>
	<p><b>Phase 1: SQE1 Preparation – Foundational Knowledge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Approach:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recorded lectures, and live workshops covering Functioning Legal Knowledge (FLK1 &amp; FLK2).</li> <li>○ Problem-based learning to apply legal principles to practical scenarios.</li> <li>○ Peer review and self-assessment exercises.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Teaching Strategy:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Case study learning sessions.</li> <li>○ MCQs aligned with SQE1 exam format.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assessment: Case analysis and SQE1 style multiple-choice exams</li> </ul> <p><b>Phase 2: SQE2 Preparation – Legal Skills Development and Placement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Approach:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Simulated client interactions to develop oral advocacy, legal writing, and interviewing skills.</li> <li>○ Workshops focusing on client care and case analysis.</li> <li>○ Peer review and self-assessment exercises.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Teaching Strategy:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Practical role-plays and workshops.</li> <li>○ Integration of ethics and professionalism in all exercises.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assessment:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Practice-based assessments simulating SQE2 tasks.</li> <li>○ Oral advocacy and client interviewing exercises recorded and assessed.</li> <li>○ Summative assessment: SQE2 style practical assessments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Assessment Strategy</b></p> <p>To reflect both SQE exam requirements and LLM academic standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formative Assessments (ongoing practice tests, mock exams, peer review).</li> <li>• Summative Assessments (LLM coursework, SQE1 MCQs, SQE2 skills-based assessments).</li> <li>• Reflective Portfolio: maintain a professional development journal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Employability and Legal Skills Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real world client interaction in the Placement Module, through opportunities in the Law Clinic and Law Clinic Partners or self-arranged placement.</li> <li>• Employability Framework is embedded in the curriculum.</li> </ul>

<b>15</b>	<b>Course Requirements</b>																																	
<b>15a</b>	<p><b>Level 7:</b></p> <p><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 180 credits):</i></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Module Code</th> <th>Module Name</th> <th>Credit Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>LAW7188</td> <td>Administration of Estates, Trusts, and Professional Conduct.</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7191</td> <td>Criminal Law and Practice and Public Law</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7190</td> <td>Land Law and Property Practice</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7189</td> <td>Commercial Property Practice and Legal Services</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7192</td> <td>Dispute Resolution and the Law of Obligations</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7196</td> <td>Business Law and Practice and Solicitors Accounts</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7193</td> <td>Analytical and Written Skills</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7195</td> <td>Oral Communication Skills</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAW7</td> <td>Placement</td> <td>20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>The following module is non-credit bearing. It offers students a formative opportunity to experience the SQE1 examination.</i></p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>LAW7197</td> <td>SQE1 Preparation. Formative SQE1 Exam</td> <td>Non-Credit Bearing</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value	LAW7188	Administration of Estates, Trusts, and Professional Conduct.	20	LAW7191	Criminal Law and Practice and Public Law	20	LAW7190	Land Law and Property Practice		LAW7189	Commercial Property Practice and Legal Services	20	LAW7192	Dispute Resolution and the Law of Obligations	20	LAW7196	Business Law and Practice and Solicitors Accounts	20	LAW7193	Analytical and Written Skills	20	LAW7195	Oral Communication Skills	20	LAW7	Placement	20	LAW7197	SQE1 Preparation. Formative SQE1 Exam	Non-Credit Bearing
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<b>15b</b>	<b>Structure Diagram</b>
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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.

**Level 7**

**Semester 1:**

Code	Module	Core/Option	Credits
LAW7188	Administration of Estates, Trusts, and Professional Conduct.	Core	20
LAW7191	Criminal Law and Practice and Public Law	Core	20
LAW7190	Land Law and Property Practice	Core	20

**Semester 2:**

Code	Module	Core/Option	Credits
LAW7189	Commercial Property Practice and Legal Services	Core	20

LAW7192	Dispute Resolution and the Law of Obligations	Core	20
LAW7196	Business Law and Practice and Solicitors Accounts	Core	20
LAW7197	SQE1 Preparation. Formative SQE1 Exam	Core	Non-Credit Bearing

### Semester 3:

Code	Module	Core/Option	Credits
LAW7193	Analytical and Written Skills	Core	20
LAW7195	Oral Skills	Core	20
LAW7	Placement	Core	20

## 16 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. 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 practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes on demand lectures, placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes recommended reading and 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.

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#### Workload

#### 54% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	312
Directed Learning	662
Private Study	826
<b>Total Hours</b>	1800

#### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	40
Exam	35
In-Person	25