

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		HND Law and Practice
2	Course Code	UCAS Code	UH0109 039M
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)		Birmingham Metropolitan College
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		

6	Course Description
	<p>The Higher National Diploma (HND) Law and Practice offers you a thorough grounding in English civil and criminal law whilst providing knowledge and expertise in other areas of legal practice typical today. During the course you will study selected foundation areas of English law in addition to more specialised areas such as business and environmental law. A focus of the course is bridging the gap between your knowledge of legal theory and the ability to apply this law using recognised skills to typical issues in everyday life.</p> <p>Whilst also developing academic skills to underpin your successful legal study, the course gives you the opportunity to create and refine typical transferable skills that are useful for working with others. By implementing established techniques of communication to present oral and written legal advice in a meaningful way, you will present legal arguments to a range of audiences based on a variety of simulated legal issues. Typical specialist skills that you will develop whilst on the course include legal drafting, conducting research, alternative dispute resolution and advocacy.</p> <p>Successful completion of the HND Law and Practice opens up a variety of career possibilities as well as the possibility of further legal study such as the LLB degree. For professions such as traditional careers in legal practice like solicitor or barrister as well as professions in areas related to law the HND Law and Practice provides a solid foundation in legal understanding giving you a competitive edge where having an understanding of law and legal process is an advantage. You will be taught using a variety of methods and assessed in a range of ways designed to develop and enhance your legal knowledge and the command of practical skills to apply that knowledge.</p> <p>The course is based at Birmingham Metropolitan College and this is where you will receive all scheduled teaching for the course in addition to accessing learning resources and student services to help support you throughout the course. In addition to being a student of Birmingham Metropolitan College you will also be a student of Birmingham City University with access to additional learning resources, buildings and study space at the university to help you be successful on the course. Throughout the year you will be invited to participate in relevant</p>

activities held by the School of Law at Birmingham City University that have been designed for you to showcase your legal skills and develop your peer and professional networks.

Successful completion of this HND provides you with a nationally recognised qualification at Level 5. If you would like to pursue further studies in law post successful completion of this course then you will be eligible for advanced entry to level 5 of the LLB degree at Birmingham City University. So as to complete all the core foundation areas of English law you will study modules at levels 5 and 6, it is not possible to directly enter the degree at Level 6 (Year Three).

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	HND Law and Practice	Level 5	240
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	HNC Law and Practice	Level 4	120

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	None are applicable

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study
	Full-time	Birmingham Metropolitan College – Matthew Boulton College	2 years
			Code(s)
			UH0109

10	Entry Requirements		
	Home:		
		A Level / AS Level	CC at A Level (64 points). A maximum of three subjects are considered, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking.
		Access to Higher Education Diploma	60 credits overall. Minimum of 45 credits at level 3, 18 of which must be achieved at merit or distinction in a related subject.
		BTEC National Diploma	MM in a related subject area.
		BTEC Extended Diploma	MPP (64 points) in a related subject area.

		BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	Combined with other level 3 qualifications to achieve a minimum total of 64 UCAS points.
		International Baccalaureate Diploma	Obtain 24 points overall. Students who do not complete the IB Diploma and who achieve the minimum of 10 points or above from two Higher Level Subjects will be considered on the basis of their IB Certificates and alongside other acceptable level 3 qualifications to meet 64 UCAS Tariff Points.
		Irish Leaving Certificate (Higher Level)	64 UCAS Tariff Points in four subjects (must include English).
		Scottish Higher / Advanced Higher	DD. Maximum of two Advanced Highers can be considered together.
	EU:	IELTS	6.0 overall with 5.5 minimum in all bands
	International:	IELTS	6.0 overall with 5.5 minimum in all bands

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	Possess knowledge of substantive legal principles belonging to specific areas of law and understand the skills required to apply them in practice in order to resolve legal disputes
2	Identify relevant characteristics of the English Legal System and understand their significance in the development and applicability of law today
3	Comprehend the processes and concepts involved to determine tortious and contractual liability in English law
4	Understand the difference between offences against the person and property as well as associated defences in English criminal law
5	Evaluate areas of law and practice that have been designed to facilitate business activity in general and when observing legal policies related to environmental law
6	Demonstrate the necessary attributes to increase one's own employability profile and design a plan intended to directly support the future transition into the world of work or further study
7	Utilise skills of legal practice, appreciating values held by the legal profession, in order to communicate persuasive legal argument whether oral or written based on sound academic research skills

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12b Structure Diagram
Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core Criminal Law I : Offences Against the Person Law of Torts I English Legal System and Method	Core Criminal Law II: Offences Against Property Law of Torts II Resolving Disputes

Level 5

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core Contract Law I Business Law and Practice The Reflective Practitioner I	Core Contract Law II Principles of Environmental Law and Policy The Reflective Practitioner II

A13 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

57% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	66 x 6 = 396 hours
Directed Learning	48 x 6 = 288 hours
Private Study	86 x 6 = 516 hours
Total Hours	1200 hours

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	20%
In-Person	30%

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Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	70%
Exam	10%
In-Person	20%