Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	**Course Title**	LLB (Hons) Law with Foundation Year
2	**Course Code**	US1166F
3	**Awarding Institution**	Birmingham City University
4	**Teaching Institution(s)** (if different from point 3)	
5	**Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation** (if applicable)	Solicitors Regulation Authority General Council of the Bar: Bar Standards Board

6	**Course Description**
	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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

	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.

7	Course Awards		
7a	**Name of Final Award**	**Level**	**Credits Awarded**
	Bachelor of Laws with Honours Law Bachelor of Laws with Honours Law with Professional Placement Year	Level 6 Level 6	480 600
7b	**Exit Awards and Credits Awarded**		
	Foundation Certificate in Law Certificate of Higher Education Law Diploma of Higher Education Law Bachelor of Laws Law Bachelor of Laws Law with Professional Placement Year	Level 3 Level 4 Level 5 Level 6 Level 6	120 240 360 420 540

8	Variations from the University Regulations
	None

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	**Location(s) of Study**	**Duration of Study**	**Code(s)**
Full Time	City Centre	4 Years	US1166F
Full Time with Professional Placement	City Centre	5 Years	US1168

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	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.

12	Course Requirements

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Level 3:

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
LAW3009	Studying Successfully	20
LAW3005	Introduction to Law	20
LAW3007	Learning the Law	20
LAW3006	Introduction to Legal Practice and Process	20
LAW3004	Developing Legal Scholarship	20
LAW3008	Legal Professionalism, Skills and Attributes	20

Level 4:

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
LAW4034	Legal Systems	20
LAW4029	Foundations in Professional Skills	20
LAW4036	Legal Thinking	20
LAW4033	Law of Tort	20
LAW4026	Contract 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
LAW4025	Consumer and Agency Law	20
LAW4032	Introduction to US Legal Systems	20
LAW4035	Global Perspectives of Human Rights	20
LAW4027	Criminal Justice Process and Procedure	20
LAW4031	Introduction to Mooting	20

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
LAW5085	Land Law and Property Practice	20
LAW5089	Criminal Law	20
LAW5082	Professional Skills	20
LAW5091	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20
LAW5092	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
LAW5093	Alternative Dispute Resolution	20
LAW5084	Level 5 Placement Module	20
LAW5086	Human Rights and Criminal Justice	20
LAW5088	Employment Law	20
LAW5083	Medical Law and Ethics	20
LAW5081	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
PPY5001	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
LAW6092	Equity and Trusts	20
LAW6101	Law of the European Union	20
	To select:	
LAW6090	**EITHER** Dissertation	40
LAW6084	**OR** American Legal Practice	40
LAW6097	**OR** The United Nations: Law and Practice	40
LAW6102	**OR** Law in Practice	40

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
LAW6081	Advanced Mooting	20
LAW6098	Intellectual Property Law	20
LAW6091	Equality Law	20
LAW6094	Family Law	20
LAW6093	Evidence, Proof and Argument	20
LAW6105	Immigration & Asylum Law	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
LAW5085	Land and Property Practice	20
LAW5091	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20
LAW5082	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
LAW6092	Equity and Trusts	20
LAW6104	Principles of Business Law	20
LAW6095	Fundamental Concepts in Criminal Law	20
	To select:	
LAW6090	**EITHER** Dissertation	40
LAW6084	**OR** American Legal Practice	40
LAW6097	**OR** United Nations: Law and Practice	40
LAW6102	**OR** Law in Practice	40

n 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
LAW6101	Law of the European Union*	20
LAW6105	Immigration & Asylum Law	20
LAW6081	Advanced Mooting	20
LAW6098	Intellectual Property Law	20

	*any student wishing to proceed to train as a barrister after completion of this course must choose this module according to PSRB rules.

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 LAW3009 Studying Successfully LAW30005 Introduction to Law LAW3007 Learning the Law	Core LAW3006 Introduction to Legal Practice and Process LAW3004 Developing Legal Scholarship LAW3008 Legal Professionalism, Skills and Attributes

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW4034 Legal Systems LAW4029 Foundations in Professional Skills LAW4036 Legal Thinking	Core LAW4033 Law of Tort LAW4026 Contract Law
Optional None	Optional LAW4025 Consumer and Agency Law LAW4031 Introduction to US Legal Systems LAW4035 Global Perspectives of Human Rights LAW4027 Criminal Justice Process and Procedure LAW4031 Introduction to Mooting

Level 5

Core LAW5085 Land Law and Property Practice LAW5091 Constitutional and Administrative Law LAW5082 Professional Skills	Core LAW5089 Criminal Law LAW5092 Business Law
Optional None	Optional LAW5093 Alternative Dispute Resolution LAW5084 Level 5 Placement Module LAW5086 Human Rights and Criminal Justice LAW5088 Employment Law LAW5083 Medical Law and Ethics LAW5081 Advanced Property Practice
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Level 6

Core LAW6092 Equity and Trusts LAW6101 Law of the European Union	Core None
Core You must choose one of the following year-long modules: LAW6090 Dissertation LAW6084 American Legal Practice LAW6097 United Nations: Law and Practice LAW6102 Law in Practice	
Optional None	Optional LAW6081 Advanced Mooting LAW6093 Evidence, Proof and Argument LAW6091 Equality Law LAW6094 Family Law LAW6098 Intellectual Property Law LAW6105 Immigration & Asylum Law

For students studying a semester abroad:

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	**SEMESTER TWO**
Core LAW4043 Legal Systems LAW4029 Foundations in Professional Skills LAW4036 Legal Thinking	Core LAW4033 Law of Tort LAW4026 Contract Law
Optional None	Optional LAW4025 Consumer and Agency Law LAW4032 Introduction to US Legal Systems LAW4035 Global Perspectives of Human Rights LAW4027 Criminal Justice Process LAW4031 Introduction to Mooting

Level 5

Core LAW5085 Land Law and Property Practice LAW5082 Professional Skills LAW5091 Constitutional and Administrative Law	Core None

Level 6

Core LAW6092 Equity and Trusts	Core LAW6095 Fundamental Concepts in Criminal Law LAW6104 Principles of Business Law
Core You must choose one of the following year-long modules: LAW6082 Dissertation LAW6084 American Legal Practice LAW6097 United Nations: Law and Practice LAW6102 Law in Practice	
Optional LAW6093 Evidence, Proof and Argument LAW6091 Equality Law LAW6094 Family Law	Optional None

Optional None	Optional LAW6105 Immigration & Asylum Law

Part Time Course Structure

Year One (80 credits total)

SEMESTER ONE	**SEMESTER TWO**
Core LAW4034 Legal Systems LAW4029 Foundations in Professional Skills	Core LAW4033 Law of Tort LAW4026 Contract Law
Optional None	Optional None

Year Two (80 credits total)

SEMESTER ONE	**SEMESTER TWO**
Core LAW4036 Legal Thinking LAW5085 Land Law and Property Practice	Core LAW5092 Business Law
Optional None	Optional (choose ONE 20 credit option) LAW4025 Consumer and Agency Law LAW4032 Introduction to US Legal Systems LAW4035 Global Perspectives of Human Rights LAW4027 Criminal Justice Process and Procedure LAW4031 Introduction to Mooting

Year Three (80 credits total)

SEMESTER ONE	**SEMESTER TWO**
Core LAW5091 Constitutional and Administrative Law LAW5082 Professional Skills	Core LAW5089 Criminal Law
Optional None	Optional (choose ONE 20 credit option) LAW5093 Alternative Dispute Resolution LAW5084 Level 5 Placement Module LAW5086 Human Rights and Criminal Justice LAW5088 Employment Law LAW5083 Medical Law and Ethics

	LAW5081 Advanced Property Practice

Year Four (80 credits total)

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW6092 Equity and Trusts	Core None
Optional LAW6093 Evidence, Proof and Argument LAW6091 Equality Law LAW6094 Family Law	Optional (choose maximum 40 credits of options) LAW6081 Advanced Mooting LAW6101 Law of the European Union LAW6098 Intellectual Property Law LAW6105 Immigration & Asylum Law

Year Five (40 credits total)

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core You must choose one of the following year-long modules: LAW6082 Dissertation LAW6084 American Legal Practice LAW6097 United Nations: Law and Practice LAW6102 Law in Practice	

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	288
Directed Learning	288
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	5%
In-Person	45%

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
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	56.5%
Exam	10%
In-Person	33.5%

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
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	60%

Exam	6.6%
In-Person	33.3%

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
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	73.2%
Exam	3.6%
In-Person	23.2%