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COMMERCIAL LAW LLB HONOURS

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Commercial Law LLB Honours

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree, providing you with the core subjects required by the professional legal bodies, which will grant exemptions for those who wish to become solicitors or barristers. The course will help you to find suitable commercial work experience either with a law firm or with a corporate legal department, providing you with first-hand experience of private practice or the services provided by an in-house legal team.

Course content

All modules are double modules. The option modules are geared towards commercial law and commercial legal practice.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Core subjects: Commercial Foundations 1 • Contract • Public Law • Tort

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Subjects of study include: Commercial Foundations 2 • Criminal Law • European Union Law • Land Law

Year 3 (Credit Level 6)

Core subjects: Commercial Law • Equity and Trusts

One option from: Company Law • Consumer Sales and Credit • Dissertation in Law • Elements of Taxation • Entertainment Law • Labour Law • Law of Intellectual Property • Law of International Trade • Media Law • Public International Law

Length of course

Three-year, full-time

UCAS code

M221

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree and graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned.

Teaching and assessment

The course combines legal study with legal skills, and is taught using a variety of teaching methods. You will be expected to develop your skills in relation to written and oral communication, team and individual working, independent learning, research and argument construction and analysis, using these skills within a commercial law environment. You will attend lectures for the core subjects with Law LLB Honours students.

Associated careers

A Law degree is seen as a valuable asset by a variety of employers, legal and non-legal. Legal careers include barristers and advocates, solicitors, clerks and officers of court, legal executives and paralegals. Law graduates also pursue careers in accountancy, the Civil Service, education and local government.

Typical offer for September 2010

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	ABB
International Baccalaureate	32 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

See also standard entry requirements on p210.

For more information about Law courses visit the School of Law website at westminster.ac.uk/law

European Legal Studies LLB Honours

This course encourages an interest in the European dimension of law. On graduation you will have satisfied Law Society/Bar Council requirements, and will have spent a year studying law in another European country. With this Qualifying Law Degree, graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned. You need to demonstrate an aptitude for European language study, but this need not necessarily take the form of a formal qualification.

Course content

You will study a European language in Year 1 and Year 2 (Credit Levels 4 and 5) so that you can cope with studying in another European country. You will then spend 10 months studying law at one of the universities in the European Union that maintain links with the School of Law. These offer a wide range of law courses, including some taught in English. We have partner institutions in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Portugal. This scheme allows you to experience another legal culture, develop links in Europe, and gain knowledge of other legal systems, while studying for a Qualifying Law Degree. You will not be charged tuition fees during the Year Abroad.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Core subjects: European Languages 1 • Contract • Legal Skills and Process 1 • Public Law • Tort

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Core subjects: Civil Law and Legal Systems • Criminal Law • European Languages 2 • European Union Law • Legal Profession and Legal Services

Year 3: Year Abroad

Year 4 (Credit Level 6)

Core subjects: Dissertation in European Legal Studies • Equity and Trusts • Land Law • plus one option

Length of course

Four-year, full-time

UCAS code

M125

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree and graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned.

Teaching and assessment

The course combines legal study with legal skills, and is taught using a variety of teaching methods. You will be expected to develop your skills in relation to written and oral communication, team and individual working, independent learning, research and argument construction and analysis. You will attend lectures for the core subjects with Law LLB Honours students, and spend one year studying abroad at one of our partner universities.

Associated careers

A Law degree is seen as a valuable asset by a variety of employers, legal and non-legal. Legal careers include barristers and advocates, solicitors, clerks and officers of court, legal executives and paralegals. Law graduates also pursue careers in accountancy, the Civil Service, education and local government.

Typical offer for September 2010

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	ABC
International Baccalaureate	30 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

See also standard entry requirements on p210.

Law LLB Honours

This course provides you with the core subjects required by the professional legal bodies. In addition, you will be able to study a wide range of distinctive modules, many of which reflect the research interests of the staff. The legal professions require graduates to possess both intellectual and practical skills, and the course explicitly addresses these requirements with a structured programme of skills development. You will experience a range of teaching and learning methods, studying alongside students from a variety of backgrounds.

Course content

The course commences with a compulsory short induction course to the University, the School and the study of law. You will study core subjects, law options and free choice modules, including opportunities to study outside of the School, such as a language or a social science module. As you progress you will receive guidance about your choice of modules. There are also specific pathways that you can follow.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Core subjects: Contract • Legal Skills and Process 1 • Public Law • Tort

One option from: Criminal Justice 1 • Film and the Law • Introduction to Business Law • Introduction to Legal Practice • Introduction to Rights • Mooting and Advocacy • Property and People • free choice module

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Core subjects: Criminal Law • European Union Law • Land Law • Legal Profession and Legal Services

One option from: Agency • Alternative Dispute Resolution • Computers and the Law • Criminal Justice 2 • Housing Law • Law and Culture • Law and Medical Practice • Legal Ethics • Legal Reasoning • Research Methods • Women and the Law • Work Placement

Year 3 (Credit Level 6)

Core subjects: Equity and Trusts

Options, choose from the following double modules: Company Law • Consumer Sales and Credit Law • Criminal Procedure and Evidence • Disability Law • Dissertation in Law • Elements of Taxation • Entertainment Law • Family Law • Human Rights Law • Intellectual Property Law • Labour Law • Law of International Trade • Law of the Environment • Media Law • Philosophy of Law • Project in Law • Public International Law

Direct entry

Direct entry to Year 2 or Year 3 (Credit Level 5 or 6) is possible only in exceptional circumstances, and if you have already successfully completed a course compatible with Year 1 (Credit Level 4), or Year 1 and Year 2 (Credit Levels 4 and 5) of our LLB. Students should give reasons (with supporting evidence) for wishing to transfer institutions, and must have entry qualifications comparable to those of students eligible to enrol at Credit Level 4 at the University of Westminster. We may not be able to make decisions on direct entry applicants until all your previous results are available. Direct entrants are expected to have achieved a minimum average of 55 per cent across all modules (not including pass/fail modules) prior to their application to transfer.

Students are strongly advised that admission to Year 3 (Credit Level 6) is rarely granted. Students at this stage of the course should check their proposed programme of study with the appropriate professional body to ensure that they are eligible for a Qualifying Law Degree. Details may be obtained from the Bar Council/Bar Standards Board Education, Training and Records Department, 289 High Holborn, London WC1V 7HZ for barristers, or the Solicitors Regulation Authority, Ipsley Court, Berrington Close, Redditch B98 0TD for solicitors.

Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
four or five years, part-time, two or three days or evenings

UCAS code

M100

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree and graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned.

Teaching and assessment

Lectures, used for large groups, are supported by smaller seminar or tutorial sessions. You will develop the skills of independent study and research. You will be assessed using a variety of methods ranging from presentations and essays to formal exams. Most subjects have some element of course work that, in some modules, accounts for all of the mark.

Associated careers

A Law degree is seen as a valuable asset by a variety of employers, legal and non-legal. Legal careers include barristers and advocates, solicitors, clerks and officers of court, legal executives and paralegals. Law graduates also pursue careers in accountancy, the Civil Service, education and local government.

Typical offer for September 2010

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	ABB
International Baccalaureate	32 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

General Studies/Critical Thinking will not be considered as a third A level but will be considered with other subjects. You may also be invited to attend an interview.

See also standard entry requirements on p210.

Law with French Law LLB Honours

This course gives you the opportunity to spend a year studying law in France, gaining invaluable experience of another legal culture while acquiring knowledge of its language and legal system.

With this Qualifying Law Degree, graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned.

Course content

The course provides you with the core subjects that are necessary for a Qualifying Law Degree. You will also study French language modules, French law and legal language. Once you complete Year 2 (Credit Level 5) you will spend 10 months at a French university and study law in French, giving you the opportunity to obtain a French legal qualification. Arrangements exist between the University of Westminster and the universities of Nancy, Bordeaux, Nice and Paris X Nanterre, and you will not be charged tuition fees during your year abroad. You will develop links in Europe and emerge with an LLB which satisfies the professional bodies.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Core subjects: Advanced French Language 1 • Contract • Legal Skills and Process 1 • Public Law • Tort

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Core subjects: Advanced French Language 2 • Criminal Law • European Union Law • French Law and Legal Language • Legal Profession and Legal Services

Year 3: Year Abroad

Year 4 (Credit Level 6)

Core subjects: Dissertation in French Law • Equity and Trusts • Land Law • plus one option (double module)

Length of course

Four-year, full-time

UCAS code

M1R1

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree and graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned.

Teaching and assessment

The course combines legal study with legal skills, and is taught using a variety of teaching methods. You will be expected to develop your skills in relation to written and oral communication, team and individual working, independent learning, research and argument construction and analysis. You will attend lectures for the core subjects with Law LLB Honours students, and spend one year studying Law in France.

Associated careers

A Law degree is seen as a valuable asset by a variety of employers, legal and non-legal. Legal careers include barristers and advocates, solicitors, clerks and officers of court, legal executives and paralegals. Law graduates also pursue careers in accountancy, the Civil Service, education and local government.

Typical offer for September 2010

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	ABC including grade B in French
International Baccalaureate	30 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

See also standard entry requirements on p210.

Solicitor's Exempting LLB Honours

This course is one of only four such courses in the country, and the only one in London and the South East. It gives you both a Qualifying Law Degree and exemption from the requirement to undertake the Legal Practice Course (LPC). The course is therefore geared to professional practice, and you will be able to start your training to become a solicitor as soon as you graduate.

From the start of the course you will be given an introduction to the skills required by lawyers. This will prepare you for the clinical experience you will acquire in Year 3 and the clinical options in Year 4, where you will work with real clients on real life cases. Fees are consistent throughout rather than nearly tripling at the LPC stage. As a result the course offers a more accessible route to becoming a solicitor while providing the sort of hands on experience that future employers are looking for.

Course content

The general ethos of the course is one of integration of the academic and practical. In Years 1 and 2 you will cover the same core subjects as you would on a Qualifying Law Degree. Alongside these subjects you will study two modules in Legal Ethics, Method and Skills (LEMS) which have been specifically designed for this course. These modules provide you with an introduction to professional ethics and skills, together with the traditional study skills course.

In Year 3 you will build on the foundations provided in these LEMS modules to conduct real cases with real clients. You will carry out this work under supervision and with appropriate training. You will also study a mixture of academic and practical subjects. Year 4 is entirely devoted to the sort of practical subjects that would ordinarily be studied on the Legal Practice Course, while you will be given a further opportunity to work with real clients on a clinical option. Most modules are double modules.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Subjects of study include: Contract • Legal Ethics, Method and Skills 1 • Public Law • Tort

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Subjects of study include: Criminal Law • European Union Law • Legal Ethics, Method and Skills 2 (including Financial Services) • Property 1: Land

Year 3 (Credit Level 5)

Subjects of study include: Civil and Criminal Litigation and Dispute Resolution (including Evidence) • Clinical Compulsory (Work Placement or Pro Bono) • Property 2: Equity and Trusts, Wills and Probate and Taxation) • plus an academic option from the subjects offered to standard LLB students

Year 4 (Credit Level 6)

Subjects of study include: Business Law and Practice (including Conduct) • Clinical Option • Property 3: Real Property Law and Practice (including Solicitors Accounts and Conduct) • plus one Practice Option from the following list: Commercial Litigation • Commercial Property • Corporate Finance • E-Commerce • Employment • Entertainment & Media • Family • Housing • Immigration • PI & Clinical Negligence • Private Acquisitions

Please note that the options offered are subject to change.

Length of course

Four-year, full-time

UCAS code

M190

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

You will benefit from the study of skills, academic and vocational subjects being brought together. Lectures are supported by seminars or tutorials. You will develop independent study and research skills, and will be assessed using a variety of methods including presentations, essays and formal exams. Most subjects have some element of course work that, in some modules, accounts for all of the mark.

Associated careers

On completion you will complete a period of work-based learning (currently called a training contract) under the supervision of a solicitor. There are a wide variety of career options as a solicitor, from private practice in commercial firms in the City of London or high street firms, to being an employed lawyer with organisations such as the CPS and the legal departments of major corporations. Law graduates are also sought after in a wide range of non-legal careers. Students completing the course, or those choosing to leave with a Qualifying Law Degree after three years, can also begin to train as a barrister.

Typical offer for September 2010

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	AAB
International Baccalaureate	32 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

General Studies/Critical Thinking will not be considered as a third A Level but will be considered with other subjects. You may also be invited to attend an interview.

See also standard entry requirements on p210.