

## Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	<b>Course Title</b>	LLM Legal Practice
2	<b>BCU Course Code</b>	PT0273
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 (SRA)

6	<b>Course Description</b>
	<p>Want to study an LPC in Birmingham? Our Legal Practice Course (LPC) is the final academic stage of qualification before becoming a solicitor. Our course is fully accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority. You will cover elements required by the Solicitors Regulation Authority including Property Law, Business Law and Practice and Litigation (including Civil and Criminal Litigation) and choose from a list of Electives available.</p> <p>The LPC is taught by an outstanding team of professional staff with extensive practice experience and a friendly, open door policy giving you all the support you need. We place our students at the centre of everything we do.</p> <p><b>What's covered in the course?</b></p> <p>The LLM Legal Practice masters qualification incorporates the Solicitors Regulation Authority requirements of the Legal Practice Course as well.</p> <p>In order to obtain a Masters, students are also required to complete either a dissertation, a live project or a placement. Following successful completion of the course, you will then need to undertake a two year vocational training contract to be able to practice as a solicitor.</p> <p>Our first-class facilities include two mock courtrooms and a comprehensive law library (with many resources accessible online), and there are extensive opportunities available with a variety of agencies throughout Birmingham.</p> <p>The Course also offers a unique learning experience in the shape of a virtual solicitor's office in the University's virtual town, Shareville.</p>

<b>7</b>	<b>Course Awards</b>		
<b>7a</b>	<b>Name of Final Award</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credits Awarded</b>
	LLM Legal Practice	7	180
<b>7b</b>	<b>Exit Awards and Credits Awarded</b>		
	Postgraduate Diploma Legal Practice	7	120

<b>8</b>	<b>Derogation from the University Regulations</b>		
	Not applicable		

<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	1 year
	Part Time	City Centre	2 years

10	Entry Requirements
<p>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>.</p>	

<b>11</b>	<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>		
<b>1</b>	Research and apply critical knowledge of the law and legal practice accurately and effectively.		
<b>2</b>	Identify: the client's objectives and different means of achieving those objectives and be aware of; the financial, commercial and personal priorities and constraints to be taken into account; the costs, benefits and risks involved in transaction or courses of action; the tasks required to advance transactions or matter; how the rules of professional conduct may impact and be able to apply them in context.		
<b>3</b>	Demonstrate knowledge, understanding and skills in the areas of: Professional Conduct and Regulation; the core practice areas of Business law and Practice, Property Law and Practice, Litigation and the areas of wills and administration of estates and taxation; the Course skills of Practical Legal Research (PLR), Writing, Drafting, Interviewing and Advising and Advocacy. Students should be able to transfer skills learnt in one context to another; the three areas covered by their Electives.		
<b>4</b>	Employ strategic transferable skills to underpin: advising clients; interacting with professional colleagues; continuing professional development and practice and to develop a range of other pervasive skills, including: conducting electronic research and appropriate use of the internet to locate relevant information, producing work which is properly referenced and presented and formatted using standard software packages, working co-operatively, ethically and professionally with others.		

<b>5</b>	Develop enhanced research and reflective skills; gain a sophisticated level of knowledge and critical awareness of a chosen area of legal practice; and have the opportunity to demonstrate originality in tackling and solving problems, acting autonomously in planning and implementing tasks, advancing your own knowledge and understanding and the independent learning required for continuing professional development through studying the Masters element of the course.
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12a	<p>Level 7:</p> <p><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 156 credits):</i></p> <table><tr><th>Module Code</th><th>Module Name</th><th>Credit Value</th></tr><tr><td>LPC7302</td><td>Business Law and Practice</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7309</td><td>Property Law and Practice</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7303</td><td>Litigation</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7321</td><td>Professional Conduct and Regulation</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7320</td><td>Taxation</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7311</td><td>Wills and the Administration of Estates</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7304</td><td>Drafting</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7301</td><td>Advocacy</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7306</td><td>Interviewing and Advising</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7305</td><td>Writing</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7307</td><td>Practical Legal Research</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7310</td><td>Solicitors Accounts LPC3</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LAW7130</td><td>Advanced Legal Research Methods</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>LAW7140</td><td>Dissertation</td><td>40</td></tr></table> <p><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete three modules (totalling 24 credits) from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules:</i></p> <table><tr><th>Module Code</th><th>Module Name</th><th>Credit Value</th></tr><tr><td>LPC7322</td><td>Commercial Law and Practice LPC3</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7308</td><td>Private Client</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7323</td><td>Commercial Property</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7324</td><td>Immigration Law</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7317</td><td>Employment Law</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7318</td><td>Family Law</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>LPC7319</td><td>Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence</td><td>8</td></tr></table> <p><i>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.</i></p>	Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value	LPC7302	Business Law and Practice	8	LPC7309	Property Law and Practice	8	LPC7303	Litigation	8	LPC7321	Professional Conduct and Regulation	8	LPC7320	Taxation	8	LPC7311	Wills and the Administration of Estates	8	LPC7304	Drafting	8	LPC7301	Advocacy	8	LPC7306	Interviewing and Advising	8	LPC7305	Writing	8	LPC7307	Practical Legal Research	8	LPC7310	Solicitors Accounts LPC3	8	LAW7130	Advanced Legal Research Methods	20	LAW7140	Dissertation	40	Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value	LPC7322	Commercial Law and Practice LPC3	8	LPC7308	Private Client	8	LPC7323	Commercial Property	8	LPC7324	Immigration Law	8	LPC7317	Employment Law	8	LPC7318	Family Law	8	LPC7319	Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence	8
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## 12b Structure Diagram

**Full Time**

**Level 7**

<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>	<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>
<b>Core</b> LPC7302 Business Law and Practice (8 credits) LPC7309 Property Law and Practice (8 credits) LPC7303 Litigation (8 credits) LPC7321 Professional Conduct and Regulation (8 credits) LPC7320 Taxation (8 credits) LPC7311 Wills and the Administration of Estates (8 credits) LPC7304 Drafting (8 credits) LPC7301 Advocacy (8 credits) LPC7306 Interviewing and Advising (8 credits) LPC7305 Writing (8 credits) LPC7307 Practical Legal Research (8 credits) LPC7310 Solicitors Accounts (8 credits)	<b>Core</b> LAW7130 Advanced Legal Research Methods (20 credits) LAW7140 Dissertation (40 credits)
<b>Optional</b>	<b>Optional</b> LPC7308 Private Client (8 credits) LPC7323 Commercial Property (8 credits) LPC7324 Immigration Law (8 credits) LPC7317 Employment Law (8 credits) LPC7318 Family Law (8 credits) LPC7319 Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence (8 credits) LPC7322 Commercial Law and Practice LPC3 (8 credits)

## Part-time

### Part-time Year Two

#### **STAGE 1**

#### **STAGE TWO**

<p>Core</p> <p>LPC7303 Litigation (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7309 Property Law and Practice (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7321 Professional Conduct and Regulation (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7320 Taxation (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7306 Interviewing and Advising (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7301 Advocacy (8 credits)</p>	<p>Core</p> <p>LAW7130 Advanced Legal Research Methods (20 credits)</p> <p>LAW7140 Dissertation (40 credits)</p> <p>NOTE - These core modules are undertaken AFTER the optional modules</p>
<p>Optional</p> <p>NONE</p>	<p>Optional</p> <p>Two from the following:</p> <p>LPC7308 Private Client (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7323 Commercial Property (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7324 Immigration Law (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7317 Employment Law (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7318 Family Law (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7319 Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence (8 credits)</p> <p>LPC7322 Commercial Law and Practice LPC3</p>

### 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.

#### Level 7

##### Workload

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

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	358
Directed Learning	157
Private Study	1285
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1800</b>

##### Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	23%
Exam	65%
In-Person	12%