

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	PG Dip Law
2	BCU Course Code	PT1175
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)	Joint Academic Stage Board

6	Course Description
	<p>Looking for a law conversion course in Birmingham? Our Postgraduate Diploma in Law is open to graduates from all subjects.</p> <p>The PGDL is an ideal stepping stone into either a full-time law career or advanced legal study. If you do not have an LLB Law degree awarded by a university of England and Wales, completing this course enables you to go on to professional training as a barrister or a solicitor.</p> <p>Upon completion of the PGDL, you are eligible to undertake the Bar Professional Training Course if you want to qualify as a barrister, or the Legal Practice Course if you want to qualify as a solicitor. If you do not intend to qualify as a solicitor or barrister, the PGDL can also be a stepping stone into further advanced legal study.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>We have an established record of providing this course and have excellent links with Birmingham Law Society and professional practice in the area. We also have a successful LPC course, which our PGDL students can progress to. Our innovative approach to legal education is demonstrated by our very successful American legal placement scheme and our active Student Mooting Society.</p> <p>PGDL courses at all institutions necessarily have a degree of similarity in content and assessment. However, the PGDL at Birmingham City University focuses on supporting you to develop relevant legal skills as well as knowledge content and at the same time offers you a unique opportunity to apply for our US internship scheme.</p> <p>We have active student-led Legal and Mooting Societies. Our Student Mooting Society is one of the most successful in England. Our students have reached numerous finals and semi-finals in the past few years and have regularly beaten teams from some of the country's most prestigious universities. In the past 10 years, we have beaten eight of the elite Russell Group of universities, including Cambridge, Oxford, Nottingham, Leicester and Warwick.</p>

	<p>With excellent links with Birmingham Law Society and professional practices in the area, this course provides you with the attributes and knowledge you will need to progress in the law field.</p> <p>By choosing to study this course, you will be part of the School of Law, providing you with a wide range of activities and opportunities to gain valuable experience.</p> <p>You will be part of a friendly and inclusive learning environment, with regular access to friendly and supportive tutors, ensuring your individual study needs are met. You will be taught through face-to-face workshops, with opportunities for formative assessment and supported by online materials.</p> <p>The course is aligned to the Joint Academic Stage Board, which represents the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board of England and Wales.</p>
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Postgraduate Diploma Law	7	120
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Postgraduate Certificate Law	7	60
	Postgraduate Diploma Law	7	120

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For 'Foundation' modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module 2. Compensation of marginal failure in up to 20 credits is permitted 3. Condonement of failed modules is not permitted 4. Pass mark for modules up to and including PG Dip level is 40% 5. The final grade of a 'Pass' award on the PG Dip in Law (CPE) is awarded to students who achieve an overall average mark of between 40% and 59.4% across modules worth 120 credits.

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study		Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)
Full Time		City Centre	1 year	PT1175
Part Time		City Centre	2 years	PT1207

10	Entry Requirements
<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/.</p>	

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	<p>Enable a non-law graduate to demonstrate thorough knowledge of the legal system in England and Wales, its relationship with European Union law and the fundamental areas of English law, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appreciation of the political, historical, global, economic and ethical contexts in which the legal system and the substantive legal principles operate and how these substantive areas relate to each other.
2	Critically analyse, evaluate and produce a synthesis of well-established and innovative legal rules, doctrine, policy, principles and concepts; to apply this to a diverse range of practical and theoretical issues and problems, within a practice-led learning environment.
3	Confidently apply acquired knowledge to complex legal situations in order to make sophisticated judgements based on reasoned-choice, and where there is ambiguity or uncertainty recognise potential alternative solutions supported with sound evidence to deliver rational arguments to justify conclusions.
4	Demonstrate the ability to learn autonomously and develop a rigorous approach to research that uses both primary and secondary sources to generate acquisition of comprehensive legal knowledge in regards to the theory and application of law in the fundamental areas of English law and an additional law option.
5	<p>Assume responsibility for further enhancing skills necessary for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional practice and to refine current employability skills • To use the English language with precision, orally and in writing in relation to legal issues, in order to make effective oral and written presentations, which are coherent and comprehensible to others and meet expectations in the workplace
6	Develop additional pervasive skills, including: making relevant use of numerical and statistical information derived from primary and secondary sources when constructing an argument, producing work that is presented and formatted using standard software packages, working co-operatively, ethically and professionally with others.

12	Course Requirements		
12a	Level 7:		
	<i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):</i>		
	Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
	GDL7000	Criminal Law	20
	GDL7001	Law of Obligations	20
	GDL7002	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20
	GDL7003	Property Law	20
	GDL7004	Law of the European Union	20
	GDL7005	Independent Research Project	20
GDL7006	Legal Method	0	

12b Structure Diagram

Full Time

PG Cert Stage Semester 1	*GDL7006 Legal Method (Non-credit bearing) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	*GDL7001 Law of Obligations (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	*GDL7000 Criminal Law (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	*GDL7002 Constitutional & Administrative Law (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop
Learning Outcomes and assessment at Level 7 (PG Cert)				
PG Dip Stage Semester 2	*GDL7003 Property (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	*GDL7004 Law of the European Union (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	GDL7005 Independent Research Project (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	
Learning Outcomes and assessment at Level 7 (PG Dip)				

* Compulsory modules which demonstrate coverage of the PSRB's seven foundations of legal knowledge "plus one further area of legal study". Students who wish to complete the academic stage of training by undertaking the Common Professionals Examination are required to pass all of these modules.

Part Time

Year 1 Semester 1	*GDL7006 Legal Method (Non-credit bearing) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	*GDL7001 Law of Obligations (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop
Year 1 Semester 2	*GDL7003 Property (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	

Year 2 Semester 1	*GDL7000 Criminal Law (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	*GDL7002 Constitutional & Administrative Law (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop
Year 2 Semester 2	*GDL7004 Law of the European Union (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop	GDL7005 Independent Research Project (20 credits) 1 hour Lecture 2 hour Workshop
Learning Outcomes and assessment at Level 7 (PGDip)		

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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	198
Directed Learning	204
Private Study	798
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	17%
Exam	83%
In-Person	0