

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	Wolverhampton Law School		
Course Code(s):	LW065P01UV LW065P31UV	Full-time Part-time	1 Years 2 Years
Course Title:	LLM Law Conversion		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Master of Laws LLM Law Conversion Postgraduate Diploma LLM Law Conversion Postgraduate Certificate LLM Law Conversion University Statement of Credit University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
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Course Specification valid from:	2021/2		
Course Specification valid to:	2027/8		

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Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS)

The University will normally require an undergraduate degree 2:2 or above or equivalent in any discipline.

International applicants must also have IELTS level 6.5 or equivalent. This is in line with the University requirement at postgraduate level.

Accredited Prior Learning can be considered provided compatible with the course learning outcomes and level of study.

Distinctive Features of the Course:

The LLM Law Conversion allows non law graduates to undertake this course with a view to gaining the foundations of legal knowledge needed to take further specialised vocational legal studies that prepare the individual for practice in law. The LLM Law Conversion is the route for non-law graduates wanting a fast-track pathway to a law qualification. Successful completion of the course provides you with a dual purpose qualification that completes the academic stage of legal education, including the seven foundations of legal knowledge, to progress onto the LLM Law and Practice (Solicitors Qualifying Examinations ('SQE') Stage 1 preparation course) or Bar courses (i.e. Bar Training Course (BTC), Bar Practice Course (BPC), Bar Vocational Course (BVC) and Bar Vocational Studies (BVS)), as the course meets the legal academic qualification of the Bar Standards Board, and an LLM (Master of Laws). The LLM award will be achieved through the successful completion of a 10,000 words dissertation.

This course may be completed in one year of full-time, or two years of part-time, study.

The course programme consists of seven 'foundation of legal knowledge' ('foundation') modules that are core and one other area of legal study (covered by way of independent study through the dissertation module); a total of eight modules. The seven foundation modules are: - Constitutional and Administrative Law; Criminal Law; Equity and Trusts; European Union Law; Land Law; Law of Contract and the Law of Torts. In addition, you will also undertake a research dissertation in an area of law (for the eighth module) that is of interest to you, so that you will be able to deepen and broaden your legal knowledge in your chosen specific area.

You may also apply to study one or more modules instead of the whole course. This would apply where you have studied and passed, at degree level, a few 'foundation' modules. However, where you pass modules undertaken then you will be eligible for a university statement of credits.

Accredited Prior Learning applications will also be considered provided your prior learning is compatible with the course learning outcomes and level of study.

Educational Aims of the Course:

The LLM Law Conversion allows non law graduates to undertake this course with a view to gaining the foundations of legal knowledge needed to take further specialised vocational legal studies that prepare the individual for practice in law. The LLM Law Conversion is the route for non-law graduates wanting a fast-track pathway to a law qualification. Successful completion of the course provides you with a dual purpose

qualification that completes the academic stage of legal education, including the seven foundations of legal knowledge, to progress onto the LLM Law and Practice (Solicitors Qualifying Examinations ('SQE') Stage 1 preparation course) or Bar courses (i.e. Bar Training Course (BTC), Bar Practice Course (BPC), Bar Vocational Course (BVC) and Bar Vocational Studies (BVS)), as the course meets the legal academic qualification of the Bar Standards Board, and an LLM (Master of Laws). The LLM award will be achieved through the successful completion of a 10,000 words dissertation.

The course is designed with the University of Wolverhampton Inclusive Framework in mind. The course ensures that you have an equal opportunity to learn and succeed.

If you are looking for the chance to change career direction, this course provides the same opportunities open to those who have graduated with a LLB (Hons) degree – that covers the foundations of legal knowledge needed to take further specialised vocational legal studies that prepare the individual for progression to the final course for qualification as a barrister or a solicitor. In addition, this course gives you the opportunity to gain an LLM which will enhance your employability.

The whole course is designed to enable you to develop knowledge on the law, legal research skills and application of the law. You will develop skills of legal analysis, critical thinking and application.

The course programme consists of seven compulsory 'foundation of legal knowledge' ('foundation') modules and one other area of legal study; a total of eight modules. The seven foundation modules are: - Constitutional and Administrative Law; Criminal Law; Equity and Trusts; European Union Law; Land Law; Law of Contract and the Law of Tort. In addition, at the start of the course, you will undertake a compulsory introductory module on the English Legal System and finish the course by completion of a research dissertation in an area of law (for the eighth module) that is of interest to you. The dissertation module includes a short course on advanced research methods and involves independent study so that you will be able to deepen and broaden your legal knowledge in your chosen specific area of law. Research skills acquired through the dissertation module will provide you with transferable skills that can be applied to numerous areas of employment.

The course begins with a short induction programme that includes study of a module on the English Legal System and an introduction to using the on-line learning platform to ensure that you are familiar with the University's systems. The induction programme is designed to introduce you to techniques for the study of law such as using the law library, research methodology, and an introduction to the English Legal System and skills which provides a background on the law making processes of England and Wales.

The course is taught over one year full-time or two years part-time. The part-time course usually involves attendance on two evenings or days per week. In relation to the full-time course, class sessions are flexible with a mix of day and evening classes.

The course will be delivered using e-learning study materials with face-to-face and online support from academic staff. In addition, you will be able to access the electronic learning resources provided by the University's Directorate of Academic Support (DAS). Therefore, it is essential that you have the use of a computer with 'broadband' internet access.

The course is designed to enhance your employability opportunities not only for the legal profession but for the business, commercial and public sectors. The award of an LLM will enhance your career prospects and employability, as the qualification is recognised by a variety of non-law and law related areas in both the private and public sectors. Examples of such career opportunities include working: - as legal advisors for in-house legal departments of companies; in banks, insurance sector, government departments or other private or public sector organisations. You could also progress on to a career in teaching or choose to continue with further postgraduate research studies, such as an MPhil. or PhD.

Intakes:

September
January

Major Source of Funding:

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2021/2	H	31	£3275.00
2022/3	H	Full Time	£7995.00
2022/3	Overseas	Full Time	£14450.00
2022/3	H	31	£3998.00
2023/4	H	Full Time	£8395
2023/4	Overseas	Full Time	£15450.00
2023/4	H	31	£4198.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

January (Full-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW014	Contract Law	20	SEM2	Core
7LW011	Law of the European Union	20	SEM2	Core
7LW019	English Legal System and Legal Skills	0	SEM2	Core
7LW016	Equity and Trusts	20	SEM2	Core
7LW017	Research Methods and Dissertation	40	CRYRA	Core

January (Part-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW019	English Legal System and Legal Skills	0	SEM2	Core
7LW011	Law of the European Union	20	SEM2	Core
7LW014	Contract Law	20	SEM2	Core

January (Full-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW008	Criminal Law	20	SEM1	Core
7LW021	Law of Tort	20	SEM1	Core
7LW015	Land Law	20	SEM1	Core
7LW020	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20	SEM1	Core

January (Part-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW008	Criminal Law	20	SEM1	Core
7LW015	Land Law	20	SEM1	Core

January (Part-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW017	Research Methods and Dissertation	40	YEAR	Core
7LW016	Equity and Trusts	20	SEM2	Core

January (Part-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW020	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20	SEM1	Core
7LW021	Law of Tort	20	SEM1	Core

September (Full-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW014	Contract Law	20	SEM2	Core
7LW011	Law of the European Union	20	SEM2	Core
7LW019	English Legal System and Legal Skills	0	SEM1	Core
7LW016	Equity and Trusts	20	SEM2	Core
7LW017	Research Methods and Dissertation	40	YEAR	Core
7LW008	Criminal Law	20	SEM1	Core
7LW015	Land Law	20	SEM1	Core
7LW021	Law of Tort	20	SEM1	Core
7LW020	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20	SEM1	Core

September (Part-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW019	English Legal System and Legal Skills	0	SEM1	Core
7LW008	Criminal Law	20	SEM1	Core
7LW015	Land Law	20	SEM1	Core
7LW011	Law of the European Union	20	SEM2	Core
7LW014	Contract Law	20	SEM2	Core

September (Part-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW020	Constitutional and Administrative Law	20	SEM1	Core
7LW017	Research Methods and Dissertation	40	YEAR	Core
7LW021	Law of Tort	20	SEM1	Core
7LW016	Equity and Trusts	20	SEM2	Core

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

Section 4.2.4 - For modules at level 7 for the LLM Law Conversion Course, the pass mark is 40% to 59% and 0-39% is fail for defer (first attempt) and fail (following second attempt). The usual pass mark for assessments at level 7 is 50%, however in order to meet the PSRB standards for these modules, the pass mark is set at 40%".

Section 5.1.1 - Master's Degree, total credits required 180, level 7 180 (but for the LLM Law Conversion course award, the dissertation / project is 40 credits which must be completed).

Reference Points:

[UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#)

[Qualifications and Credit Frameworks](#)

[Subject Benchmark Statements](#)

[University Policies and Regulations](#)

Equality Act (2010)

[Inclusive Framework](#)

[The Wolverhampton Framework for Course Design](#)

Overview of Assessment:

As part of the course approval process, the course learning outcomes were mapped to each of the modules

forming the diet of the programme of study. This process confirmed that all course learning outcomes can be met through successful completion of the modules. This mapping applies to the final award as well as to all of the intermediate awards.

Learning Outcomes	Modules
<p>PGCERT01 Demonstrate a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of your academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice with a conceptual understanding that enables the student: - to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline. - to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses.</p>	
<p>PGCERT02 Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to your own research or advanced scholarship and ability to continue to advance your knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level.</p>	
<p>PGCERT03 Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline.</p>	
<p>PGCERT04 Ability to deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate your conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences.</p>	
<p>PGCERT05 Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level.</p>	
<p>PGCERT06 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: - the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations. - the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.</p>	
<p>PGDIP01 Demonstrate a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of your academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice with a conceptual understanding that enables the student: - to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline. - to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses.</p>	
<p>PGDIP02 Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to your own research or advanced scholarship and ability to continue to advance your knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level.</p>	
<p>PGDIP03 Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline.</p>	
<p>PGDIP04 Ability to deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate your conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences.</p>	

Learning Outcomes **Modules**

PGDIP05 Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level.

PGDIP06 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: - the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations. - the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

MA01 Demonstrate a systematic knowledge, understanding and application of the doctrines and principles underpinning the law of England and Wales.

MA02 Demonstrate a critical awareness of the sources of law and how that is made and developed; of the institutions within which that law is administered and the personnel who practice law.

MA03 Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the intellectual, practical and electronic skills and techniques applicable to legal research together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in law, and apply these skills in order to make personal and reasoned judgments in the areas of law studied, including through self-directed study

MA04 Deal with complex legal issues systematically, making sound judgements and communicate your findings clearly and accurately in English using appropriate legal terminology.

MA05 Demonstrate knowledge and conceptual understanding of a range of legal concepts, values, principles and rules of law, critically evaluating the relationships between them

MA06 Demonstrate transferable skills for employment requiring the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility, independent learning, and the exercise of initiative in complex and unpredictable situations

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

The course is designed with the University of Wolverhampton Inclusive Framework in mind. The course ensures that all students have an equal opportunity to learn and succeed. The design of assessments is subject to internal scrutiny ensuring fairness in assessment for all students.

Students play an integral part in the course both in terms of student voice on various committees but also student' feedback is instrumental in the design of assessment and teaching and learning methods.

The curriculum is delivered in a way which reflects students' lived experiences, as such assessments and learning materials are decolonised to reflect contemporary practices and the diverse communities our students come from. Formative assessments and feedback play an integral role in removing obstacles for all students in attaining their best outcomes.

You will be engaged with a variety of learning activities which will support you in your studies and enable you to meet the learning outcomes of the course. These learning activities will be accessed on-line and on campus with support from module tutors. You may also wish to engage with on-line study forums with other students on the course. Learning activities may include: -

- Lectures (may also be available on-line via recorded lectures, where appropriate).
- Seminars, including small and large group work
- Tutorials
- Self-study / research activities including access to e-books with guided preparation via the University's virtual learning environment (VLE).

- On-line discussion forums.
- Collaborative on-line activities overseen by module tutors who will provide guidance and comments.

You will also be using the University's VLE for a variety of formative assessment activities overseen by module tutors who will provide feedback to the group and individuals, as appropriate.

You will be required to undertake research activities with individuals and/or a group, followed by feedback from the module tutor, your peers and yourself, as appropriate.

You will have access to one-to-one tutorials face-to-face to deal with any specific queries or study support needs that you may have. There may also be on-line personal blogs facilities for reflective work, where appropriate.

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)
Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

General University support:

The University of Wolverhampton has a well-resourced academic support provision which provides additional learning support and resources for full-time and part-time students. The University's Directorate of Academic Support (DAS) is responsible for delivering on the University's Skills for Learning framework and has made a significant contribution to the development of academic and employability skills of graduates. The DAS work with academic staff to provide opportunities for embedding skills development opportunities within the curriculum and provides specific support through workshops and online learning materials within taught modules.

[University Learning Centres](#) are the key source of academic information for students. Learning Centres provide physical library resources (books, journal, DVDs etc.) and offer a range of study areas to allow students to study in the environment that suit them best: Social areas, quiet and silent areas. Learning Centres also provide access to wide range of online information sources, including eBooks, e-Journals and subject databases.

Learning Centres also provide students with academic skills support via the [Skills for Learning programme](#). Students on campus can attend workshops or ask for one-to-one help on a range of skills such as academic writing and referencing. Students can access a range of online skills material at: www.wlv.ac.uk/lib/skills

The [University Student Support website](#) offers advice on a variety of matters (careers, counselling, student union advice, etc.) Students can also access these services by booking appointment with the SU, careers, counselling services, etc.

Course Specific Support

When you enrol onto this course you will gain access to module specific learning materials that are available on-line via the University's virtual learning environment (VLE).

The development of academic skills in law is at the heart of this course. During the induction stage of the

course, which includes the module on English Legal System and Legal Skills, you will be guided in your development of legal skills through study skills materials and activities for you to engage with. You will receive feedback on activities during the induction and will be given further support either face-to-face or on-line.

Furthermore, the research methods and dissertation module will be a vehicle for you to enhance your development of study skills, advanced legal research methods and academic writing skills. You will be allocated a dissertation supervisor once you have chosen and had approval for your dissertation title, this will provide you with invaluable one-to-one support to enable you to progress with your independent study module.

You will also have access to one-to-one appointments on campus or online, as appropriate, with the course leader, module tutors, personal tutors and course administrator(s).

You will be engaged with relevant learning tasks throughout your study on the course and will receive feedback on formative assignments and summative assessments. Feedback will be constructive and indicate to you how to progress in your learning.

Employability in the Curriculum:

On successful completion of the course, you will be able to satisfy the Bar standards Board academic stage of legal training and will be able to progress onto a Bar Course. The course also provides a foundation in law that will help towards preparation for the SQE Stage 1 for solicitors' route to qualification.

With a Master of Laws (LLM) your employability will be enhanced in a variety of non-practising law and law-related areas in both the private and public sectors. Examples of such career opportunities include working as legal advisers for 'in-house' legal departments of companies, government departments and public bodies such as the National Health Service.

You may also choose to progress onto a career in teaching or continue with the study of law at a higher level by undertaking an M.Phil. or Ph.D.

