

Programme Specification

Programme Details

Programme Title Graduate Diploma in Law

FHEQ Level 6

Credits 90

Programme Outline

Programme Description This is a graduate entry foundation programme specifically designed for graduates in disciplines other than law to develop a practical, functional understanding of the foundations of English law, and the problem-solving and critical intellectual skills required to progress to further study of law.

The programme commences with an introduction to law, the legal system and sources of law, to develop knowledge and research and analysis skills that underpin and will be applied in each of the six foundation areas. The syllabus for each of these six areas is aligned to the Solicitors Regulation Authority specification of functioning legal knowledge for its Solicitors Qualification Examinations.

Each module comprises several case studies through which students will develop their understanding of the areas set out above, and relevant analytical and practical skills. Certain areas within each module may feature in more than one case study – such that students can see commonality of application of principles; others are specific to the facts of a transaction or matter, as is the case in legal practice.

Entry Requirements UK undergraduate degree (any subject) with minimum 2:2 classification*

OR 3 A-Levels (or equivalent qualification), alongside at least two years of work experience in legal services (for example, as a paralegal)

*Applications are still invited from those with a third-class degree, which will be considered on a case-by-case basis. You may be invited to an informal interview with our Academic Team to determine suitability for admission.

Programme Learning Outcomes The learner who successfully completes the programme will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the English legal system and sources of law
2. Demonstrate an awareness and functional understanding of the core foundations of English law
3. Analyse problems to identify parties' interests and legal issues
4. Locate and interpret relevant law
5. Apply law to advise on parties' rights and remedies
6. Demonstrate an awareness of uncertainties in law
7. Develop and critically evaluate arguments and opinions on contemporary issues in law
8. Communicate in written and oral forms to diverse audiences

External Benchmarks The learning outcomes reflect the requirements of the following benchmark statements:

- The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework for Level 6 qualifications.
- The QAA Law Subject Benchmark Statement 2019.
- The Solicitors Regulation Authority specification of Functioning Legal Knowledge for the Solicitors Qualification Examinations

- Subjects**
1. Introduction to Law (15 credits, 150 NLH).
 2. Tort (12.5 credits, 125 NLH).
 3. Criminal Law (12.5 credits, 125 NLH).
 4. Land Law (12.5 credits, 125 NLH).
 5. Contract (12.5 credits, 125 NLH).
 6. Trusts (12.5 credits, 125 NLH).
 7. Public Law (12.5 credits, 125 NLH).

All subjects are at FHEQ level 6.

Course sequence and step-off awards Introduction to Law must be taken before all other subjects. Following Introduction to Law, students must study the remaining subjects in the order specified in the GDL timetable.

There are no 'step-off' awards for the GDL. Students who do not meet the programme outcomes will be awarded credit at Level 6 for the modules successfully passed.

Maximum credit to be given for previous studies N/A

Articulation with other institutions N/A