Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	Wolverhampton Law School		
Course Code(s):	LW005W31UV	Part-time	1 Years
Course Title:	LLM Professional Practice		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Master of Laws Professional Practice		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	26/Apr/2017		
Last Review:	2014/5		
Course Specification valid from:	2010/1		
Course Specification valid to:	2020/1		

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Mrs Mumtaz Hussain
Head of Department:	Mrs Mumtaz Hussain

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

Applicants must have completed the Legal Practice Course, Bar Professional Training Course or the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws in Hong Kong (PCLL) or equivalent Professional Legal Qualification. Alternatively, legal professionals who undertook the former Law Society Final Examinations or Bar Vocational Course are also eligible for the course.

IELTS 6.0, or equivalent for non-UK students.

Distinctive Features of the Course:

This course provides an opportunity to top-up to a Master's degree, the LLM, for legal professionals (i.e. solicitors or barristers) who have successfully completed the Legal Practice course or Bar Professional Training Course of England and Wales, or an equivalent Professional Legal Qualification. Alternatively, legal professionals who undertook the former Law Society Final Examinations or Bar Vocational Course of England and Wales are also eligible for the course.
This course will allow you to develop an in-depth knowledge of a chosen legal area. Your chosen topic of legal research may be one of academic interest or a legal issue pertinent to legal practice. You will be instructed on how to critically analyse and understand the complexities that arise in your area of research. The course design will encourage you to challenge current intellectual thinking whilst developing an advanced knowledge and ability to analyse, in a critical manner, your selected specialist area of law.
This course allows you to study part-time, by distance learning, over one year with a flexible pace of study to enable you to fit in the course around your current work commitments. However, the University's academic regulations require the completion of the course within two years of enrolment.

Educational Aims of the Course:

This course will allow you to develop an in-depth knowledge of a chosen legal area. The course design will encourage you to challenge current intellectual thinking whilst developing an advanced knowledge and ability to analyse, in a critical manner, your selected specialist area of law. Your chosen topic of legal research may be one of academic interest or a legal issue pertinent to legal practice. You will be instructed on how to critically analyse and understand the complexities that arise in your area of research.

You will join a thriving postgraduate student body within the Law School and upon successful completion of the course you will possess highly valued academic and research skills as well as a range of transferable skills designed to enhance employability in a law- related career as well as in future research and academia.

When you enrol onto this course you will gain access to the University's specialist virtual learning environment (VLE) and a wealth of electronic resources to support your core studies and beyond. You will benefit from the academic expertise of the course team, including nationally and internationally recognised researchers, and you will be assigned a tutor to help guide you through your studies. The University's on-line study facilities, available via the University web pages, will allow you access to extensive course materials and

University-supported learning resources.

This course, which is offered by part-time study over one year, will enhance the employability and promotion prospects of people in the legal profession and allied areas of work who wish to develop specialist knowledge in a specific area of law or legal practice. Furthermore, by choosing to study by distance learning you will acquire and demonstrate time management skills, independent learning, flexibility and the required discipline that prospective employers are looking for in a competitive employment market.

Alternatively holders of this award may also find positions in the field of education and research including continuing their study for a PhD.

Intakes:

September
January

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

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
2020/1	H	Part Time	£2134.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

January (Part-time)

Year 1

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW007	Dissertation	60	CRYRA	Core

September (Part-time)

Year 1

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7LW007	Dissertation	60	CRYRA	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 2.3.2 - Exemption permitting students who successfully complete the Legal Practice Course (LPC) or the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC), or an equivalent legal profession vocation course, to be admitted to the LLM Professional Practice with advanced standing in order to study the masters award by completing the 60 credit dissertation only.

Approved by AFRSC on 26th June 2013.

Reference Points:

Quality Code - Part A: Setting and Maintaining Academic Standards. Including :

Qualifications Frameworks

Characteristics Statements

Credit Frameworks

Subject Benchmark Statements - Master's level

Quality Code - Part B: Assuring and Enhancing Academic Quality

University Policies and Regulations

Equality Act (2010)

Learning Outcomes:

Masters Course Learning Outcome 1 (MACLO1)

Demonstrate knowledge and the ability to critically analyse a range of essential legal topics to enhance their understanding of contemporary legal issues and the inter relationship between law and social co-existence.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 2 (MACLO2)

Demonstrate critical awareness of current problems and developments in highly relevant areas of national or international legal interest.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 3 (MACLO3)

Demonstrate self-direction, independent learning, and originality in tackling, solving and furthering their autonomy in the study of complex legal themes.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 4 (MACLO4)

Use a range of specialist and transferable skills enabling them to maximise employment opportunities in

circumstances requiring sound judgement and personal responsibility.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 5 (MACLO5)

Undertake a research Dissertation based on an understanding of research methodologies and advanced scholarship.

Overview of Assessment:

Module	Title	Course Learning Outcomes
7LW007	Dissertation	MACLO1, MACLO2, MACLO3, MACLO4, MACLO5

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

There will be a variety of learning activities which will support the student's achievement of the course learning outcomes. This may include:

•Lectures, including interactive lectures
•seminars
•One-to-one tutorials
•small and large group work
•student presentations
•case studies
•videos and DVDs
•research activities
•independent and guided study
•collaborative and individual on-line activities
•Discussion forums
•The international perspectives taken in many modules and in learning tasks will support students' global citizenship.

The Law School's assessment strategy complies with both the University and Faculty policies which reflect the required national standards. The principles underpinning the School's assessment strategy are explained in the following subsections:

• The assessment in law modules is designed so that it impartially measures student learning and achievement throughout the course.

• All assessment set must go through internal and external processes which are designed to ensure that such assessment is reliable and valid.

• The assessment in all law modules follows the University's guidance in matters relating to reassessment, extenuating circumstances and the Equality Act 2010.

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:

When you enrol onto this course you will gain access to the University's on-line specialist virtual learning environment (VLE), available via the University's web pages, and a wealth of electronic resources to support your core studies and beyond. You will be assigned a dissertation supervisor to help guide you through your studies. You will have access to the on-line study materials on the University's VLE and will receive tutorial guidance on how to undertake a master's level dissertation thorough the legal research methods topic.

Employability in the Curriculum:

Upon successful completion of the course you will possess highly valued academic and research skills as well as a range of transferable skills designed to enhance employability in a law-related career as well as in future research and academia.
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