

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Course Aim and Title	LLB (Honours) Business Law
Intermediate Awards Available	Cert HE, Dip HE
Teaching Institution(s)	UEL
Alternative Teaching Institutions (for local arrangements see final section of this specification)	N/A
UEL Academic School	RDSBL
UCAS Code	M140
Professional Body Accreditation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful completion of the course leads to the award of a qualifying law degree, recognized by The Joint Academic Stage Board representing The Bar Standards Board and Solicitors Regulation Authority. 2. If the optional modules Client Practice and Civil and Criminal Litigation are taken and passed this leads to the award of the National Association of Licensed Paralegals' Higher Diploma in Paralegal Practice. 3. If the optional modules Evidence and Commercial Law are taken and passed this leads to qualification for the Nigerian Bar. 4. If the optional modules Client Practice, Civil and Criminal Litigation, Evidence, Company Law and Commercial Law are taken and passed this leads to qualification for the Hong Kong Bar.
Relevant QAA Benchmark Statements	Law
Additional Versions of this Course	LLB (Hons) Law with Foundation Year
Date Specification Last Updated	April 2019

Course Aims and Learning Outcomes

This course is designed to give you the opportunity to:

- Stimulate an enquiring, analytical and creative intellectual approach, and encourage independent judgement and self-awareness. During your time at

the University of East London, you will have the opportunity to develop a critical understanding of laws and legal processes in their political, economic, international, comparative and historical contexts; you will be enabled to develop skills of legal analysis and reasoning in relation to cases, statutes and texts in both the UK and other jurisdictions and effective communication skills, both orally and in writing.

- Meet the requirements of the professional bodies in respect of the academic stage of training. Graduates will be prepared for a career as a solicitor, barrister or legal executive in business law or a range of graduate careers in the business, banking and finance sectors. The course will be particularly suitable for those who wish to work as lawyers and paralegals within a commercial body as an in-house legal professional, enabling them to provide bespoke legal advice with specific commercial expertise.
- Students can gain accreditations by choosing certain combinations of optional modules (Evidence plus Commercial Law for the Hong Kong and Nigerian Bar and Client Practice plus Civil & Criminal Litigation for the Higher Diploma of Paralegal Practice). Students can also gain work-based learning through the Clinical Legal Education module and have the chance to do a law-related dissertation in the Project module. The EU Law, Public International Law and Comparative Legal Systems modules all expose those students wishing to work abroad to aspects of international law.
- The LLB (Hons) Business Law course will allow students to focus on all aspects of business and commercial law. Students can specialise in areas including employment law, commercial law and company law, giving them the breadth of knowledge they need to start their career as a business legal professional. It will be particularly suitable for those who wish to work as lawyers and para-legals within a commercial body as an in-house legal professional, enabling them to provide bespoke legal advice with specific commercial expertise.

Knowledge:

Students will have a detailed knowledge and understanding of the principal features of the English Legal System. This will include:

- a detailed knowledge of the core concepts, values, principles, and rules which underpin the English Legal System;
- the ability to explain the main legal institutions and procedures of the English Legal System;
- a thorough understanding of the core substantive areas within this jurisdiction;
- a detailed knowledge of certain substantive areas beyond the core, reflecting the options which a student has selected;
- a mature understanding of the relationship between the legal order and broader societal constructs, such as culture, politics, and power; and

- a comprehensive knowledge of the relationship between the English Legal System and various Supranational and International sources of law with particular reference to the European.

Thinking skills:

Students will be able to:

- act independently in planning and undertaking tasks in areas of law which they have already studied;
- starting from standard legal information sources, undertake independent research in areas of law which they have not previously studied; and
- reflect upon their own learning, and to seek and make use of feedback.

Subject-Based Practical skills:

Students will have the ability to apply the knowledge outlined above to hypothetical scenarios and also be able to:

- accurately identify the issue(s) which require researching;
- identify and retrieve up-to-date legal information, using paper and electronic means;
- utilise primary and secondary legal resources relevant to the topic under study; and
- accurately and appropriately reference the sources which have been so utilised.

Skills for life and work (general skills):

Students will be able to:

- understand and use English language proficiently in relation to legal matters;
- present knowledge or an argument in a way which is comprehensible to others and which is directed to their concerns;
- read and discuss legal materials which are written in a technical and complex language;
- where relevant and as the basis of an argument, use, present and evaluate information provided in numerical or statistical form;
- use the World-wide web and email;
- produce a high quality word-processed essay or other text and to present such work in an appropriate form;
- use electronic information retrieval systems; and
- work in groups as a participant who contributes effectively to a group's tasks.

Learning and Teaching

Knowledge is developed through:

- Lectures.
- Seminars.
- Workshops.
- Small group work.

Thinking skills are developed through:

- Hypothetical problem solving.
- Practical exercises including writing a legal judgement and simulated court argument.
- Essay writing.
- Reading legal texts.

Practical skills are developed through:

- Exercises in electronic and paper searches.
- Exercises designed to develop research strategies.
- Training in on-line resources.
- Structured reflection on the skills developed or acquired.

Skills for life and work (general skills) are developed through:

- Guided workshops on skills for legal writing and reading.
- Diagnostic classroom tests.
- The giving of oral presentations.

Assessment

Knowledge is assessed by:

- Unseen and seen examinations.
- Essays.
- Hypothetical problem solving.
- Oral presentations.

Thinking skills are assessed by:

- Research based coursework.
- Reflective diaries.
- Book reviews.

Practical skills are assessed by:

- Portfolio compilation.
- Practice-based exercises.
- Observation reports.

Skills for life and work (general skills) are assessed by *As stated under 'knowledge is assessed by'*.

Students with disabilities and/or particular learning needs should discuss assessments with the Course Leader to ensure they are able to fully engage with all assessment within the course.

Work or Study Placements

LLB Business Law includes an optional work-based learning module, Clinical Legal Education, which aims to enhance organisational, personal and professional development. There are also optional modules in Client Practice, Civil and Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Commercial Law, which can be used as exemptions for entry to foreign legal professions and the award of industry related accreditations in this country, as specified above.

The Law Department has formal links with a number of European Institutions (for example, in France, Germany, and the Netherlands), which means that students may be able to spend either a semester or a complete academic year studying in another country.

The course includes the possibility to undertake a research project in the final year, either as part of the stand-alone Law Project module or contextualised for Business Law or Company Law. This requires students to undertake research into a legal topic of their own choice and produce an 8,000-word dissertation. Recent projects have included work on the International Criminal Court and another on Freedom of Expression.

We encourage full time students to seek work experience during their academic course, either during the summer vacations, or to take a 'placement year' out between level 5 and level 6 of their studies. An employment liaison officer oversees the administration of the year out placements and assists in helping students secure a placement.

Course Structure

All courses are credit-rated to help you to understand the amount and level of study that is needed.

One credit is equal to 10 hours of directed study time (this includes everything you do e.g. lecture, seminar and private study).

Credits are assigned to one of 5 levels:

- 3 Equivalent in standard to GCE 'A' level and is intended to prepare students for year one of an undergraduate degree course.
- 4 Equivalent in standard to the first year of a full-time undergraduate degree course.
- 5 Equivalent in standard to the second year of a full-time undergraduate degree course.
- 6 Equivalent in standard to the third year of a full-time undergraduate degree course.
- 7 Equivalent in standard to a Masters degree.

Courses are made up of modules that are each credit weighted.

The module structure of this course:

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit Weighting	Core/Option	Available by Distance Learning? Y/N
3	LA3006	Mental Wealth: Introduction to Legal Method	20	Core*	
3	LA3003	Introduction to Key Legal Concepts	20	Core*	
3	LA3005	Legal Communications	20	Core*	
3	LA3002	Crime, Surveillance and Society	20	Core*	
3	LA3001	Academic Literacy and Research for Social Scientists	20	Core*	
3	LA3004	Key Themes and Debates in Social Sciences	20	Core*	
				*Foundation pathway only	

4	HR4010	Mental Wealth: Academic & Digital Proficiency	20	Core	
4	LA4010	English Legal System	20	Core	
4	LA4012	Legal Skills	20	Core	
4	LA4005	Contract Law	20	Core	
4	LA4014	Public Law	20	Core	
4	AC4005	Business Law	20	Core	
5	HR5040	Mental Wealth: Graduate Employment Competencies	20	Core	
5	LA5016	Land Law	20	Core	
5	LA5012	Public Law: Rights & Remedies	20	Core	
5	LA5015	Tort Law	20	Core	
5	LA5011	Criminal Law	20	Core	
5	AC5053	Financial Management	20	Option	
5	HR5045	Learning & Development	20	Option	
5	MK5023	Consumer Insight	20	Option	
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6	SG6014	Mental Wealth: Global Enterprise & Consultancy Practice	20	Core	

6	LA5014	Equity & Trusts	20	Option	
6	LA5017	EU Law	20	Option	
6	LA6071	Clinical Legal Education	20	Option	
6	LA6072	Company Law	20	Option	
6	LA6081	Corporate Governance & Ethics	20	Option	
6	LA6085	Law Project	40	Option	
6	LA6074	Client Practice	20	Option	
6	LA6075	Civil & Criminal Litigation	20	Option	
6	LA6076	Evidence	20	Option	
6	LA6077	Commercial Law	20	Option	
6	LA6078	Banking Law	20	Option	
6	LA6079	Consumer Law	20	Option	
6	AC6063	Corporate Finance	20	Option	
6	HR6020	Corporate Social Responsibility & Ethics	20	Option	
6	SG7002	Applied Business Project	20	Option	

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, in order to create the best learning experience.

Additional detail about the course module structure:

This course is part of a modular degree scheme. A typical full-time student will take six 20 credit modules per year. An honours degree student will complete six modules at level 4, six at level 5 and six at level 6.

A core module for a course is a module which a student must have passed (i.e. been awarded credit) in order to achieve the relevant named award. An optional module for a course is a module selected from a range of modules available on the course.

The overall credit-rating of this course is 360 credits. If for some reason you are unable to achieve this credit you may be entitled to an intermediate award, the level of the award will depend on the amount of credit you have accumulated. You can read the University Student Policies and Regulations on the UEL website.

Course Specific Regulations

The full-time LLB (Honours) Business Law degree can be undertaken on either a full-time or part-time basis; the former is a 3 year course and the latter can be completed in a minimum of 4 years. The degree must be completed within 6 years in order to obtain a professionally-accredited qualifying law degree. All modules are compulsory at Levels 4 and 5, providing students with the core foundational knowledge required to pursue more advanced legal studies. There is at level 6 a choice from a wide range of options.

During this course you will gain specialist knowledge of the law relating to the regulation and commercial activities of businesses large and small. Whether you're interested in a career in the legal profession, business, or the law-related areas of accountancy, financial regulation, insurance and government services, our Business Law degree could be for you.

Organizations of all sizes need employees with a broad understanding of corporate and other laws, as well as people with good corporate awareness, initiative and communication skills. This pathway will give you the legal background you need to get ahead in business, as well as equipping you with analytical, presentation, research, written and project management skills, all of which are highly transferable.

Typical Duration

It is possible to move from full-time to part-time study and vice-versa to accommodate any external factors such as financial constraints or domestic commitments. Many of our students make use of this flexibility and this may impact on the overall duration of their study period.

The expected duration of this course is 3 years full-time or 4 years part-time.

A student cannot normally continue study on a course after 4 years of study in full time mode unless exceptional circumstances apply and extenuation has been granted. The limit for completion of a course in part time mode is 7 years from first enrolment.

Further Information

More information about this course is available from:

- The UEL web site (www.uel.ac.uk)
- The course handbook
- Module study guides
- UEL Manual of General Regulations (available on the UEL website)
- UEL Quality Manual (available on the UEL website)
- School web pages

All UEL courses are subject to thorough course approval procedures before we allow them to commence. We also constantly monitor, review and enhance our courses by listening to student and employer views and the views of external examiners and advisors.

Additional costs:

N/A

Alternative Locations of Delivery

N/A