

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Course Aim and Title	LLB Law with Criminology
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	M1M2
Professional Body Accreditation	Successful completion of the course leads to the award of a qualifying law degree, recognized by The Bar Standards Board.
Relevant QAA Benchmark Statements	LAW (Nov 2019)
Additional Versions of this Course	LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology (with Foundation Year)
Date Specification Last Updated	October 2021

Course Aims and Learning Outcomes

This course is designed to give you the opportunity to:

- Acquire a comprehensive understanding of the law and its place in the criminal justice system, and through study of criminology modules alongside your LLB studies, an appreciation of the causes of crime and the wider social context in which systems of criminal justice operate.
- Meet the requirements of the Bar Standards Board in respect of the academic stage of training and provide a solid foundation of legal knowledge for students who are considering careers in the legal profession.
- In addition to this you will be supported to develop your employability and professional skills in justice and leadership as part of UEL's Mental Wealth curriculum. This will prepare you for a wider range of careers in justice and the public sector, social enterprise, charities, advocacy and community groups.
- LLB degrees at UEL 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.

- You will be encouraged to 'learn by doing' by taking the chance to gain work experience and take an active role in student clubs and societies.

During the first two years of study your modules are set (core) to ensure that you complete all of the key foundation subjects in law and criminal justice. You take four modules from law and two from criminology each year. In your final year of study you have greater flexibility to choose from a range of option modules in both law and criminology, alongside the LLB required modules, which helps you to tailor your final degree to your future career. Examples of option modules in law include Human Rights & Equality, Family Law, Client Practice, and in Criminology include Cybercrime, Youth Gangs & Subculture and Psychological Criminology.

What you will learn:

Knowledge

- awareness of principles and values of law and justice, and of ethics
- knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts, values, principles and rules of public and private laws within an institutional, social, national and global context
- the ability to study in depth and contextualize substantive areas of law and criminology

Thinking skills

- intellectual independence including ability to ask and answer cogent questions about law and legal systems, identify gaps in their own knowledge and acquire new knowledge, and engage in critical analysis and evaluation
- self-management, including an ability to reflect on their own learning, make effective use of feedback, a willingness to acknowledge and correct errors and an ability to work collaboratively
- ability to conduct self-directed research including accurate identification of issue(s) which require researching, retrieval and evaluation of accurate, current and relevant information from a range of appropriate sources including primary legal and criminological sources

Subject-Based Practical skills

- ability to recognise ambiguity and deal with uncertainty in law
- ability to produce a synthesis of relevant doctrinal and policy issues, presentation of a reasoned choice between alternative solutions and critical judgement of the merits of particular arguments
- ability to apply knowledge and understanding to offer evidenced conclusions, addressing complex actual or hypothetical problems

Skills for life and work (general skills)

- ability to communicate both orally and in writing, in relation to legal matters, including an ability to listen and respond to written and oral stimuli including questions and instructions
- engagement with their own personal and professional development, and academic integrity

- self-management, including an ability to reflect on their own learning

Learning and Teaching

Knowledge is developed through

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Guided reading
- Knowledge-based activities with feedback
- Online discussions and activities

Thinking skills are developed through

- Critical appraisals
- Moots
- Case studies
- Role-plays
- Reflective activities with feedback
- Online discussions and activities

Practical skills are developed through

- Interactions with online materials and fora
- IT activities with feedback
- Research skills-based activities with feedback

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

- Time management and deadlines
- Self-reflection and study time management
- The demands of the study medium and online dexterity
- Planning activities with feedback
- Project work

Assessment

Knowledge is assessed by

- Presentations
- Coursework
- Essays

- Examinations

Thinking skills are assessed by

- Coursework
- Examinations
- Groupwork
- Project work

Practical skills are assessed by

- Oral presentations
- Case preparation
- Role play activities
- Case studies
- Practical reports
- Portfolio completion

Skills for life and work (general skills) are assessed by

- Project work
- Group work
- IT proficiency
- Research work

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

Students on the LLB Law with Criminology can volunteer at UEL's Legal Advice Centre and acquire further training from Supervising Solicitors in this advice work.

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. UEL's Careers Zone prepares students for career success and provides an integrated Career Passport for you to develop and record your employment and skills achievements, access networking, training and employment activities as a student and graduate. An employment liaison officer oversees the administration of the year out placements and assists in helping students secure a placement, but ultimately it is the student's responsibility to 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
4	CR4011	Developing Skills for Justice (Mental Wealth)	20	Core	
4	LA4010	English Legal System	20	Core	
4	LA4012	Legal Skills	20	Core	
4	LA4014	Public Law One	20	Core	
4	LA4015	Contract Law	20	Core	
4	CR4014	Contemporary Issues in Criminology	20	Core	
5	CR5010	Essential Skills for Justice (Mental Wealth)	20	Core	
5	LA5014	Equity and Trusts	20	Core	
5	LA5015	Tort Law	20	Core	

5	LA5016	Introduction to Land Law	20	Core	
5	LA5012	Public Law Two	20	Core	
5	CR5011	Policing and Society	20	Core	
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6	CR6038	Mental Wealth – Leadership Skills for Justice (2)	20	Core	
6	LA6092	Criminal Law	20	Core	
6	LA6091	EU Law	20	Core	
6		Criminology/ Law Option	20	Option	
6		Law Option	20	Option	
6		Criminology Option	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) Law with Criminology degree can be undertaken on either a full-time or parttime 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. The compulsory law modules provide students with the core foundational knowledge required to pursue more advanced legal studies.

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 5 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:

Work placements (if undertaken) are self or employer funded (depending on arrangement). Students may need to pay local travel costs (e.g. for field trips) and membership fees for professional societies.