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# COURSE SPECIFICATION

## LLM LAW

**Quality Assurance, Academic Standards and Quality and Partnerships**

**Department of Student and Academic Administration**

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<b>Course Title</b>	<b>LLM LAW</b>
Final Award	LLM
Exit Awards	Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma
Course Code / UCAS code (if applicable)	P1725FTC/C1752PTC
Mode of study	Full time/Part time
Mode of delivery	Campus
Normal length of course	1 Year/3 Years
Cohort(s) to which this course specification applies	From September 2020 intake onwards
Awarding Body	University of Portsmouth
Teaching Institution	University of Portsmouth
Faculty	<a href="#">Faculty of Business and Law</a>
School/Department/Subject Group	School of Law
School/Department/Subject Group webpage	<a href="#">School of Law</a>
Course webpage including entry criteria	<a href="#">LLM Law</a>
Professional and/or Statutory Regulatory Body accreditations	None
<a href="#">Quality Assurance Agency Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) Level</a>	Level 7

This course specification provides a summary of the main features of the course, identifies the aims and learning outcomes of the course, the teaching, learning and assessment methods used by teaching staff, and the reference points used to inform the curriculum.

This information is therefore useful to potential students to help them choose the right course of study, to current students on the course and to staff teaching and administering the course.

Further detailed information on the individual modules within the course may be found in the relevant module descriptors and the Course Handbook provided to students on enrolment.

Please refer to the [Course and Module Catalogue](#) for further information on the course structure and modules.

## Educational aims of the course

- To provide an advanced and stimulating educational experience that enables law graduates, non-law graduates and legal professionals to develop their specialist legal interests at postgraduate level.
- To enhance the scholarship of students by equipping them with a range of conceptual and analytical skills.
- To equip students with a sound knowledge of aspects of law and the conceptual depth to be able to transfer and apply this knowledge to a variety of problems and circumstances.
- To provide students with relevant skills and knowledge to undertake research in an area of law of particular interest.
- To ensure that the research and professional expertise of staff informs the curriculum.
- To assist in the personal development of students.

## Course Learning Outcomes and Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategies

The [Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education \(QAA\)](#) sets out a national framework of qualification levels, and the associated standards of achievement are found in their [Framework for Higher Education Qualifications](#) document.

The Course Learning Outcomes for this course are outlined in the tables below.

### A. Knowledge and understanding of:

LO number	Learning outcome	Learning and Teaching methods	Assessment methods
A1	Knowledge and understanding of legal principles, research methodologies and legal arguments developed at an advanced level	Knowledge and understanding of these areas is conveyed via a combination of lectures, seminars, group work and individual study.	Assessment methods include coursework, examinations, presentations, reports and case studies. Specialist knowledge in a particular area is assessed via the dissertation or professional practitioner project.
A2	A critical awareness of current issues and debates in chosen areas of law		
A3	A particular area of law at an advanced level principally through research and independent study		

### B. Cognitive (Intellectual or Thinking) skills, able to:

LO number	Learning outcome	Learning and Teaching methods	Assessment methods
B1	Act independently in selecting, formulating, planning and undertaking learning tasks		
B2	Locate, extract and analyse legal, quantitative and other relevant data using appropriate sources		
B3			

LO number	Learning outcome	Learning and Teaching methods	Assessment methods
	Critically analyse and interpret relevant data and synthesise it to produce a coherent piece of work	through participation in lectures, seminars, group work and individual research. The dissertation or professional practitioner project will develop research and analytical skills.	module facilitates assessment of students' skills in research and critical analysis. In some modules, coursework includes presentation and live simulation. Formative assessment is offered in all modules.
B4	Reflect on own learning and seek and make use of feedback		

**C. Practical (Professional or Subject) skills, able to:**

LO number	Learning outcome	Learning and Teaching methods	Assessment methods
C1	Identify and retrieve relevant law and apply it effectively to problem situations	Students will be provided with an introduction to the Library, including training in use of Lexis and Westlaw. Optional training in Legal Study Skills (including research methods) is also offered.	These skills are primarily assessed via the dissertation or professional practitioner project, but they are also examined via the project modules including the Work Based Learning project.
C2	Update subject knowledge using relevant resources		
C3	Present knowledge, argument or advice both in writing and orally in a clear and comprehensible manner		
C4	Read and discuss legal and other appropriate materials which are written in technical and complex language		

**D. Transferrable (Graduate and Employability) skills, able to:**

LO number	Learning outcome	Learning and Teaching methods	Assessment methods
D1	Work effectively in teams, providing leadership and supporting the success of others.	Taught modules provide interactive classroom discussions, problem solving activities, case	Coursework includes reports, case studies, group presentations and research.
D2	Communicate effectively verbally and in writing to specialist and non-specialist audiences		
D3	Manage time effectively and work under pressure to meet deadlines		

LO number	Learning outcome	Learning and Teaching methods	Assessment methods
D4	Deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively	studies, simulations, contextual presentations, group work and independent research.	

## Academic Regulations

The current University of Portsmouth [Academic Regulations](#) will apply to this course.

## Support for Student Learning

The University of Portsmouth provides a comprehensive range of support services for students throughout their course, details of which are available at the [MyPort](#) student portal.

In addition, this course also provides a dedicated Induction programme and a structured programme of personal tutoring activities which includes guest speakers, professional workshops and opportunities for one to one discussion and support.

## Evaluation and Enhancement of Standards and Quality in Learning and Teaching

The University of Portsmouth undertakes comprehensive monitoring, review and evaluation of courses within clearly assigned staff responsibilities. Student feedback is a key feature in these evaluations, as represented in our [Policy for Listening to and Responding to the Student Voice](#) where you can also find further information.

## Reference Points

The course and outcomes have been developed taking account of:

- [University of Portsmouth Curriculum Framework Specification](#)
- [University of Portsmouth Vision 2030 and Strategy 2025](#)
- [University of Portsmouth Code of Practice for Work-based and Placement Learning](#)
- [Quality Assurance Agency UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#)
- [Quality Assurance Agency Qualification Characteristic Statements](#)
- [Quality Assurance Agency Subject Benchmark Statement](#)
- [Quality Assurance Agency Framework for Higher Education Qualifications](#)
- Vocational and professional experience, scholarship and research expertise of the University of Portsmouth's academic members of staff
- National Occupational Standards

## Disclaimer

The University of Portsmouth has checked the information provided in this Course Specification and will endeavour to deliver this course in keeping with this Course Specification. However, changes to the course may sometimes be required arising from annual monitoring, student feedback, and the review and update of modules and courses.

Where this activity leads to significant changes to modules and courses there will be prior consultation with students and others, wherever possible, and the University of Portsmouth will take all reasonable steps to

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minimise disruption to students.

It is also possible that the University of Portsmouth may not be able to offer a module or course for reasons outside of its control, for example, due to the absence of a member of staff or low student registration numbers. Where this is the case, the University of Portsmouth will endeavour to inform applicants and students as soon as possible, and where appropriate, will facilitate the transfer of affected students to another suitable course.

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