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Course Specification

LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology

Course Code: LLLCR

2021/22

increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration. Some modules may be delivered in a different sequence to that defined within this information set but the modules offered within each level are consistent. Please note that the work placement option is not generally available to PT students.

Location(s) of Delivery

City Campus, Leeds

Entry Requirements

Admissions criteria are confirmed in your offer letter. Details of how the University recognises prior learning and supports credit transfer are located here: www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/recognition-of-prior-learning.

Admissions enquiries may be directed to: AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Course Fees

Course fees and any additional course costs are confirmed in your offer letter. Fees enquiries may be directed to Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Timetable Information

Timetables will be made available to students during induction week via:

- i) The Student Outlook Calendar
- ii) The Student Portal (MyBeckett)
- iii) The Leeds Beckett app

Any difficulties relating to timetabled sessions may be discussed with your Course Administrator.

Policies, Standards and Regulations (www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/academicregulations)

There are non-standard regulations which relate to your course.

Exemption from certain University Academic Regulations apply to this course to account for professional body provisions in relation to the number of assessment opportunities for the law foundation modules. Information can be found in the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology Course Handbook.

Key Contacts

Your Course Director	Jenni Taylor
Your Academic Advisor	Your Academic Advisor, drawn from the course team, will be assigned to you in induction week
Your Course Administrator	Can be contacted at law@leedsbeckett.ac.uk and on 0113 8129026

Sandwich or Other 'In Year' Work Placement Information

Summary	Leeds Beckett is dedicated to improving the employability of our students and one of the ways in which we do this is to support our students to gain valuable work experience through work-based placements. Students can elect to undertake a work placement year between levels 5 and 6 (Year 2 and 3 full time). The level 6 optional module placement (day-release) enables students to undertake a placement alongside their level 6 study.
Length	Placement (year-long) 48 week placement undertaken between levels 5 and 6. Placement (day-release): this module allows students to develop and enhance their transferable employability skills through the medium of their part time paid or voluntary work.
Location	Locations will vary. Students are responsible for identifying a suitable placement location, with the support of the University placement team and placement module leader.

Professional Accreditation or Recognition Associated with the Course

Professional Body

Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)

Bar Standards Board (BSB)

Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx)

Accreditation/ Recognition Summary

Solicitors Regulation Authority

Students who successfully complete the programme of study will have completed a qualifying law degree the academic stage of education and training as recognised by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA). LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology is recognised by the SRA as a qualifying law degree. The SRA Academic Stage Handbook details the requirements of accreditation. A qualifying law degree is no longer a requirement for all routes to qualification as a solicitor but remains applicable and required for those students who will undertake a postgraduate Legal Practice Course and training contract.

<https://sra.org.uk/students/academic-stage.page>

Bar Standards Board

This course is compliant with the Bar Standard Boards for the completion of the academic stage of legal training.

<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/training-qualification/bar-qualification-manual-new.html>

CILEx

Successful completion of a specified 60 credits at Level 6 (Client Care Skills, Civil Litigation and Conveyancing) and a qualifying law degree entitles the student to apply for graduate membership of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx). The student will be granted an exemption from the academic requirements for Graduate Membership.

A membership fee is applicable

https://www.cilex.org.uk/study/lawyer_qualifications/graduate_fasttrack_diploma

Course Overview

Aims

LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology presents students with the opportunity to combine a law degree with study that engages with key criminological theories and concepts relating to crime, victimisation, responses to crime and deviance. As well as developing legal analysis skills, students will interrogate principles of social research and examine the values, practices and processes of governance that underpin the treatment of lawbreakers within the criminal justice system.

The course is structured to include opportunities to study the necessary elements of a qualifying law degree as defined by the Solicitors Regulation Authority. It satisfies the academic stage of training requirements for students wishing to become a lawyer as determined by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA), Bar Standards Board (BSB) and the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx). Whilst the course provides a sound, contemporary and relevant education in law for those students who wish to become legally qualified, it also offers a grounding in the field of criminology for those wishing to take an alternative career route.

Course Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate comprehensive and coherent knowledge, understanding and application of underlying legal concepts and principles
- 2 Act independently in planning and managing study tasks with limited guidance and with an ability to identify their own resources and to retrieve information relevant to the subject matter from multiple digital sources for practical application and integration into existing knowledge
- 3 Autonomously analyse, critique and challenge contemporary issues in law
- 4 Demonstrate a conceptual understanding which enables the development and sustaining of supported reframing of knowledge to provide realistic and coherent strategic solutions to legal problems and the recognition of conflicts and tensions in the law
- 5 Demonstrate a critical awareness and understanding of the position and rule of law, both in relation to specific subjects and generally within its social, economic, commercial, political, historical, ethical and/or cultural contexts

- 6 Describe, examine and critically appraise a range of key theories and concepts, and principles of social research, as relevant to criminology, including crime, victimisation and/or responses to crime and deviance
- 7 Critically examine the values, practices and processes of governance, including human rights, that underpin the treatment of law breakers within the criminal justice system

Teaching and Learning Activities

Summary

Law modules:

Large-group sessions on the course are typically used as vehicles within which to develop knowledge with the emphasis on ensuring students' understanding of the underpinning principles of law. Large-group sessions also provide an opportunity to prepare for, or engage in, an exploration of the more complex areas of law. Some large-group sessions have interactive elements thereby enhancing the active learning experiences for the students. Small-group sessions provide an opportunity for all modules to use a range of interesting, challenging and enjoyable activities for learning and are typically characterised by a combination of research exercises and problem-solving activities. The research exercises (for which advance preparation is usually needed) help to develop the student's ability to study independently and to work to a schedule. Contemporary case studies and primary sources are vehicles by which students learn the skills of identifying the factual issues, identifying and understanding legal issues and principles and being able to apply those principles to the facts of the scenario. These skills involve students in understanding and applying the law which involves deep and participative learning

The activities by which the research and problem questions are explored provide variety whilst also allowing for the development of additional essential skills, including critical analysis, critical thinking and reflection. Presentations, in a variety of forms and both group and individual, provide vehicles for exploration of understanding and for developing essential confidence. The students' experiences of real-life scenario problems are further enhanced by requiring the students to advise the parties. This takes their learning a stage further by developing skills in communication and an appreciation and understanding of the practical and human issues which may affect the outcome of a dispute or issue.

Criminology modules are delivered by the School of Social Sciences and so there are some differences in teaching and learning approach. A blended approach to teaching and learning will also be utilised for Criminology modules. There will be opportunity to engage with your tutor during live taught sessions.

Your Modules

In order to be recognised as qualifying law degree (QLD), the requirements of the Joint Academic Stage Board (JASB) must be complied with.

In particular, a student must:

- cover 180 credits in the Foundations of Legal Knowledge.
- gain at least 240 credits in legal subjects.

The areas of knowledge currently classed as the Foundations of Legal Knowledge by the relevant legal education regulators that must account for not less than 180 credits of the degree programme are:

1. Public Law, including Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Human Rights;
2. Law of the European Union;
3. Criminal Law;
4. Obligations including Contract, Restitution and Tort;
5. Property Law;
6. Equity and the Law of Trusts.

The Foundations of Legal Knowledge are studied across the following law foundation modules at level 4 (100 credits): The Law of Contract; Criminal Law; English Legal System, Method and Skills; Public Law; and Tort Law, and the following law foundation modules at level 5 (80 credits): Applied Criminal Law; Equity and Trusts Law; Property Law; and Law of the European Union.

This information is correct for students progressing through the programme within standard timescales. Students who are required to undertake repeat study may be taught alternate modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes. Details of module delivery will be provided in your timetable.

Level 4 Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
English Legal System, Methods and Skills (20 credits)	Y	Criminal Law (20 credits)	Y
Public Law (20 credits)	Y	Tort Law (20 credits)	Y
The Law of Contract (20 credits)	Y	Career Development (20 credits)	Y

At level 5, students will study one core criminology module per semester.

Level 5 Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Applied Criminal Law (20 credits)	Y	Equity and Trusts (20 credits)	Y
Property Law (20 credits)	Y	The Law of the European Union (20 credits)	Y
Victimology	Y	Police, Cultures and Society	Y

At level 6, students will study one core criminology module per semester. In addition, students will study either 80 credits of law optional modules OR 60 credits of law optional modules and one additional 20 credit criminology module. A list of the indicative level 6 optional modules for both law and criminology is set out below.

Option modules as listed are indicative of a typical year. There may be some variance in the availability of option modules and the semester they are delivered in.

Level 6 Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Violent and Sexual Offending (20 credits)	Y	Criminal Justice Policy (20 credits)	Y
Indicative optional modules (20 credits) Child Law Client Care Skills Conveyancing Company Law Competition Law Criminal Evidence Domestic Violence and Criminal Justice Exploring Men's Imprisonment Employment Law Genocide & Crimes Against Humanity Intellectual Property Law Law Clinic	N	Indicative optional modules (20 credits) Civil Litigation International Human Rights Law Law Clinic Law in Literature and the Arts Media and Entertainment Law UK Anti-Terrorism Law & Policy Placement (day-release)	N

Terrorism, Policing and Security Placement (day-release)			
		Two semester optional modules: Dissertation (40 credits) Company Law extended study (40 credits) Employment Law extended study (40 credits)	

Assessment Balance and Scheduled Learning and Teaching Activities by Level

The assessment balance and overall workload associated with this course are calculated from core modules and a sample of option module choices undertaken by a typical student. They have been reviewed and confirmed as representative by the Course Director.

A standard module equates to 200 notional learning hours, which may be comprised of teaching, learning and assessment, placement activities and independent study. Sandwich placement years spent out of the University are not be included in the calculation unless they are credit bearing and attributed to a level of the course. Modules may have more than one component of assessment.

Assessment

Level 4 is assessed by coursework predominantly, with some multiple- choice examinations and practical assessment.

Level 5 is assessed by a broadly even mix of coursework and examinations including multiple-choice examinations for law core modules and assessed by coursework for criminology modules.

Level 6 core modules are assessed by coursework. The overall assessment balance will depend on the option modules you select. Dependent on a student’s own optional module choices some examination and practical assessments may be undertaken.

Workload

The number of hours of workload generally equates to 1200 per level for an honours degree, corresponding to the national standard of 10 notional hours of learning for each UK HE credit point.

Overall Workload	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Teaching, Learning and Assessment	297 hours	265 hours	237 hours
Independent Study	903 hours	955 hours	963 hours
Placement			Optional, minimum 80 hours

Learning Support

If you have a question or a problem relating to your course, your Course Administrator is there to help you. Course Administrators work closely with academic staff and can make referrals to teaching staff or to specialist professional services as appropriate. They can give you a confirmation of attendance letter, and a transcript. You may also like to contact your Course Rep or the Students' Union Advice team for additional support with course-related questions.

If you have any questions about life at our University in general, call into or contact the Student Advice Hub on either campus. This team, consisting of recent graduates and permanent staff, are available to support you throughout your time here. They will make sure you have access to and are aware of the support, specialist services, and opportunities our University provides. There is a Student Advice Hub on the ground floor of the Rose Bowl at City Campus and one in Campus Central at Headingley. You can also find the team in the Gateway in the Leslie Silver Building at City Campus. Email enquiries may be directed to studentadvicehub@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Within MyBeckett you will see two tabs (Support and Opportunities) where you can find online information and resources for yourselves. The Support tab gives you access to details of services available to give you academic and personal support. These include Library Services, the Students' Union, Money advice, Disability advice and support, Wellbeing, International Student Services and Accommodation. There is also an A-Z of Support Services, and access to online appointments/registration.

The Opportunities tab is the place to explore the options you have for jobs, work placements, volunteering, and a wide range of other opportunities. For example, you can find out here how to get help with your CV, prepare for an interview, get a part-time job or voluntary role, take part in an international project, or join societies closer to home.