LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

Course information for applicants

This information applies to the course as it will be delivered to students starting the course in 2027/28.
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General information

Programme code
LLLCR

Target award
If you complete this course successfully you will be eligible for the award of:
LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology

☐ **Delivery mode**

✓ On campus

Where you will study

The majority of teaching will be at City campus but on occasion may be at Headingley campus

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Delivery mode
✓Distance learning

Where you will study

This is a distance learning course.

For students who opt for the Distance Learning mode, teaching will be delivered online via an appropriate collaboration platform such as MS Teams.

Some non-teaching activities may require students to physically attend on campus. Such activities include:

- certain assessments;
- some employability and enrichment activities; and
- other activities as appropriate

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Professional accreditation or recognition

Summary of the accreditation or recognition

Whilst this course is not accredited by the Bar Standards Board it is compliant with the academic component of Bar training: www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/training-qualification/becoming-a-barrister/academic-component.html.

Awarding body

Leeds Beckett University

Regulator

Office for Students

Level of qualification

Level 6 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

Course duration

If you are made an offer of a place on the course, your offer letter will include the start date.

This course can be studied:
3 years full-time
4 years full-time with a placement year

Work placement

If you opt to undertake a full year placement and this is completed successfully you will have the words 'with placement year' added to the award title including for any contained awards that you are eligible for.

This course also includes an optional placement module at Level 6.

Entry requirements

Admissions criteria are available on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have previous relevant qualifications or experience, you could be exempt from certain parts of your course.
Recognition of prior learning (RPL) allows you to start your course at a point appropriate to the learning and skills that you may have developed in a professional, vocational or community setting.

Find out more here: https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning.

If you have questions about entry requirements and admissions, contact AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Course fees

Course fees and a breakdown of any additional costs is included on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have questions about fees for this course, contact Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Timetable

You will receive your full timetable for the year during induction week.

What you will study

Course aims

Engage students in pursuing and acquiring a comprehensive knowledge and dynamic understanding of the law and criminology. The curriculum and structure of the course has been designed to develop, academic, practical, digital and employability skills. Students will participate in a range of learning activities and authentic assessment tasks over the course of their studies and at each stage they will be supported to become independent learners in the two complimentary disciplines of law and criminology. As a result, students who successfully complete the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology have a range of skills and attributes on graduation that are attractive to both legal and non-legal employers.

The LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology is delivered by teaching teams across the Law School and provides students with the opportunity to select a portfolio of modules that aligns with their career aspirations and interests as they grow and take shape.

During the first year of the Course students study the compulsory modules of Public Law, Contract Law, and Criminal Law, as well as English Legal System, and Legal and Employability Skills. Criminology is blended into this law course by studying three compulsory criminology modules, one across the second year and two in the third year. There is also the option to study a criminology elective during third year.

Building on the core legal knowledge studied in the first year, during the second and third years of the Course students can choose some of their modules of study. For example, those students who wish to enter the legal profession would be advised to study Property Law and Tort Law in the second year, and Equity and Trusts, and European Law in Context in the third year, as well as other modules of interest. Students would then be in a position to move to the next stage of the qualification process for solicitors (the Solicitors Qualifying Examination www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe), for barristers (the vocational component of Bar training www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/training-qualification/becoming-a-barrister/vocational-component.html) and the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx) (www.cilex.org.uk/cilex_lawyer/about_cpq/cpq_advanced).

It is recognised that not all students wish to progress to a professional legal qualification and the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology gives those students the flexibility to study the blend of modules that interests them and/or is more relevant for their graduate future. For instance, a student who is not interested in qualifying as a solicitor or barrister can choose not to study Property Law in the second year and study Legal Tech or Commercial Law instead, they could choose not to study Equity and Trusts in the third year and study Animal Law and Media and Entertainment Law instead.

The LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology offers a range of practical, vocational electives, such as Client Care Skills in the second year, and the Law Clinic in the third year. Students can also undertake placement/work-based learning modules (over a year, a semester, or over the summer vacation), thus broadening their CVs and enhancing their prospects of securing graduate positions in the industry of their choice. The skills and experience learnt in these modules will support graduate careers in legal, and also non legal, environments.

Teaching and learning activities

The LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology aims to create a flexible and stimulating learning experience to study two complimentary disciplines of Law and Criminology. Students will study fundamental core topics in law and criminology. Around these core subjects at level 5 and 6 students will be able to choose their palette of modules and tailor their degree to their career aspirations. This, with the culture of high expectation and confidence in our student cohorts, and the Law School's enrichment programme, gives students the opportunity to develop and work towards their academic and career goals.

Students studying Law with Criminology must undertake at least 25% (60 credits) of the subsidiary subject within level 5 and 6 to be eligible for a Law with Criminology degree.

At Level 4, the emphasis is upon transition and engagement, enabling all students to understand, and meet the challenges of learning within a University as self-directed learners and supporting their success at the next levels of their course. The content at this level is pure law as foundation to then build on with criminology in subsequent years.

At Level 5, the focus is upon consolidation and deeper contextualisation. At this intermediate stage, students will become more immersed in their legal studies, and able to reflect critically both upon its nature and place within their future professional and/or academic lives. Students will be introduced to and learn to adapt to studying two disciplines and contrasting perspectives.

The emphasis at Level 6 is upon strengthening and developing independence and the further growth of students as critical thinkers, increasingly knowledgeable and reflective, both about their own academic development and about the research environment of their subject. At this level students will fully benefit from the blend of perspectives from studying two disciplines.

Learning and teaching activities include recorded lectures, large group sessions, and seminars. Learning tasks and assessments are authentic as they are heavily based around real life problem situations and require students to give legal advice. Many activities are designed to challenge students, requiring them to adapt to different situations, employ different skills and perform similar tasks to those they might be required to do in the workplace. Students are encouraged to reflect on tasks and be more mindful of what they are doing and why, and of how the skills they are learning might be used differently in different situations.

Course structure

This information is correct for students progressing through the course within standard timescales. If you have to repeat study or take time out during your course, you may be taught alternative modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes.

The option modules listed may vary. Those listed here are likely to be offered in a typical year.

Level 4

At Level 4, students study core modules. The modules are all law modules and there are no optional modules. Three modules are worth 30 credits and are studied over semester 1 and semester 2. English Legal System and Legal and Employability Skills are worth 15 credits and are each studied over one semester each.

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
English Legal System	15	1
Contract Law	30	Year-long
Criminal Law	30	Year-long
Public Law	30	Year-long
Legal and Employability Skills	15	2
Number of credits of compulsory modules	120	

Level 5

Compulsory modules

At level 5 Students study one core Criminology 30 credit module which comprises of Victimology and Policing, which covers semester 1 and semester 2. All Law modules are optional. Students who wish to pursue a legal career will be guided towards the two Recommended Electives of Property Law and Tort Law which are both 30 credits and delivered over two semesters. All other law electives are worth 15 credits*. These 15 credit electives are each delivered over one semester.

**Commercial Law is a 20 credit module which is core for another course. If students choose this module they would achieve 125 credits in level 5.*

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Victimology and Policing	30	Year-long
Number of credits of compulsory modules	30	

Option modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Recommended elective: Property Law	30	Year-long
Recommended elective: Tort Law	30	Year-long
Advocacy	15	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Child Law	15	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Client Care Skills	15	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Construction Law	15	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Family Law	15	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Legal Tech	15	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Perspectives on Law and Society	15	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
International Trade Law	15	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Commercial Law	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)

Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	90	

Placement year

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Placement (Year-long)+	20	1 and 2
Number of credits of compulsory modules	20	

+ Studied between level 5 and 6 year-long year placement.

Level 6

Compulsory modules

At Level 6 students' study two Criminology core modules. The Criminology modules are worth 20 credits each and are delivered over one semester.

All Law modules are optional. Students who wish to pursue a legal career will be guided towards the two Recommended Electives of Equity and Trusts and European Law in Context shown as Option 1 in both semesters. Students can choose from any of Options 1, 2 or 3 in both semesters for one of their module electives.

Students will either study 80 credits of law elective modules or 60 credits of law elective modules and one 20 credit criminology module.

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Crimes of Violence, Sexual Offending and Victimisation (VSOV)	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Criminal Justice Policy	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Number of credits of compulsory modules	40	

Option modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Recommended elective: Equity and Trusts	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Recommended elective: European Law in Context	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Alternative Dispute Resolution	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Animal Law	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Company Law	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Law of Evidence	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Dissertation	40	Year-long
Employment Law	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Intellectual Property Law	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
International Human Rights Law	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Law Clinic	20	1 or 2
Media and Entertainment Law	20	Either semester 1 or semester 2 (but not both)
Work-Based Learning (Placement)	20	1 or 2

Work-Based Learning (Summer Placement)	20	Studied during the summer between level 5 and level 6
Criminology elective: Domestic Abuse and Criminal Justice	20	1 or 2
Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	80	

Assessment and feedback

The balance of assessment may change depending on which option modules you choose.

Level 4

Level 4 is assessed by a broadly even mix of written assignments (coursework) and MCQ (Multiple Choice Question) assessments. There may be elements of oral assessment.

Level 5

Level 5 is assessed by written assignments (coursework),oral assessment, MCQ assessments and timed assessments. As all modules at Level 6 are elective modules, the specific mix will depend on the module selected by a student.

Placement year

The Level 5 placement is assessed by coursework and a practical assessment.

Level 6

Level 6 is assessed by written assignments (coursework),oral assessment, MCQ assessments and timed assessments. As all modules at Level 6 are elective modules, the specific mix will depend on the module selected by a student.

Workload

You can expect to spend a total of 100 hours learning per 10 credits.

Typically, a student on this course can expect to divide their time like this:

Overall workload	Level 4	Level 5	Placement year (if chosen)	Level 6
Teaching, learning and assessment	288 hours	284 hours		232 hours
Independent study	912 hours	916 hours		968 hours (without optional placement module)

				888 hours (with optional placement module)
Placement study	-	-	40 weeks at approximately 30-35 hours per week	Optional minimum of 80 hours