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.
Information provided here was confirmed on 25/09/2026

General information

Programme code
LLPLP

Target award
If you complete this course successfully you will be eligible for the award of:
LLM Professional Legal Practice

Delivery mode
✓ On campus
☐ Distance learning

Where you will study
The majority of teaching will be at City campus but on occasion may be at Headingley campus.

Awarding body
Leeds Beckett University

Regulator
Office for Students

Level of qualification
Level 7 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:
18 months full-time

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

This Law masters engages students in pursuing and acquiring a dynamic and practical understanding of the application of legal principles in readiness for working in legal practice, and/or for those already working in legal practice to further develop and consolidate their legal knowledge, legal skills and research capabilities. A key aim of this course is to support aspiring solicitors to prepare for working in legal practice and to undertake the externally set SQE1 and SQE2 (Solicitors Qualifying Examination), for which there is a separate fee payable to the SRA (Solicitors Regulation Authority). Those wishing to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales must pass SQE1 and SQE2 and complete a period of qualifying work experience (QWE). The SRA regulates the qualification of solicitors and full details can be found on the SRA website. For the avoidance of doubt, Leeds Beckett does not award the SQE1 or SQE2 as part of this, or any other, programme – the SQE comprises externally set assessments overseen by the SRA.

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 assessment tasks over the course of their studies. At each stage they will be supported to become independent learners in the discipline of professional legal practice and have the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge and competencies required for ultimate qualification as a solicitor. In doing so, the LLM prepares students for work-based learning, it allows them to understand and explore concepts of professionalism and the demands of professional practice. Students who successfully complete the LLM will have a range of skills and attributes on graduation as a solid foundation upon which to build their professional legal career.

Teaching and learning activities

As level 7 students, support is provided during the course to develop the students' capacity to be sophisticated, independent, critical thinkers, able to apply their knowledge with originality within advanced academic and professional contexts.

Learning and teaching activities may include recorded material, lectures, seminars and real life practical work. Learning tasks and assessments are aligned to the SRA's approach to assessment under SQE1 (single best answer multiple choice questions) and SQE2 (practice-based legal skills). In addition, module materials provide a framework for experiential and practice-based learning. Seminar preparation and 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 in different situations to practically apply knowledge and theory to a legal working environment and the conduct of realistic practice-based transactions.

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 7

Compulsory modules (part 1 – 120 credits)

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Criminal Law and Practice	15	2
Dispute resolution	15	2
Business Law and Practice (inc taxation)	15	1
Legal Services, Ethics and Professional Conduct	10	Year Long
Property Law Practice (inc taxation)	15	1
Solicitors Accounts	5	2
Wills and Administration of Estates (inc taxation)	10	1
Introduction to SQE2	5	Year Long
Number of credits of compulsory modules	90	

Compulsory modules (part 2 – 60 credits)

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Legal Skills	30	3
Practice-Based Research Project	30	3
Number of credits of compulsory modules	60	

Option modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period

Commercial Law and Practice	15	1
Employment Law and Practice	15	2
Family Law and Practice	15	1
Private Acquisitions	15	2
Number of credits of option modules a student should choose	30	

Assessment and feedback

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

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The course is assessed by a combination of written coursework, written legal skills assessment, oral legal skills assessments and examinations consisting of short answer questions and/or MCQs (multiple choice questions).

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 7**
Teaching, learning and assessment	360 hours
Independent study	1440 hours