

# LAW MINI LECTURES



## Business, Law, or Social Sciences at BCU: what makes our degrees unique?

What makes studying a business, law, or social sciences degree at Birmingham City University unique? In this presentation, students explore the range of degree programmes and specialist pathways available within these subject areas. More importantly, they will learn about the fantastic opportunities at BCU to enhance their employability, develop transferable skills and support their career prospects.

#### What is law?

What do we mean when we say that something is the law? One answer is that a law is a type of rule but clearly there are many rules which are not law: rules of etiquette, school or club rules and moral rules. During this session, students explore the concept of law, how it has developed and whether it should be intertwined with moral values.

#### Careers in law

Students have often heard of solicitors and barristers, but what about the many other legal professions? In this session, students discover the various careers in the legal sector, from the usual to the more unusual. They will also understand how a law degree could help them secure the job they're looking for.

#### **Business law**

Students will discover the world of Business law, delving into a range of topics including contract law, corporate law, intellectual property law and employment law. It also addresses the importance of legal compliance in business operations, including the implications of non-compliance.

### Smart legal contracts: our future business law

Contracts written by a human being in natural language are being replaced by technology-enabled smart contracts that are written in computer codes. Smart legal contracts carry the features of being automatically self-executed, providing permanent records with real-time information, and reducing cumbersome documentation using high processing power. They are fast becoming our new normal in the business world.

#### Criminal law and intoxication

Exploring the legal implications of intoxication in criminal cases, this talk delves into the complexities of criminal law as it relates to intoxication, including issues surrounding intent, consent, and mental capacity. It also provides insights into the legal implications of being intoxicated while committing a crime and the implications for victims.