

Course Specification

Course Summary Information				
1	Course Title		LLB (Hons) Law with Foundation Year	
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0683F	M111
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University	
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)			
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) Bar Standards Board (BSB)	

6	Course Description
	<p>Looking for a law foundation degree in Birmingham? Our LLB (Hons) Law with a Foundation Year course has lower entry requirements and can lead to a full undergraduate qualification.</p> <p>The course is a four year course with the option of undertaking an additional year on a yearlong placement. This course has been specifically designed to allow students who do not meet the BCU entry requirements for our standard LLB course to undertake additional level 3 study designed to ensure they are successful on their chosen degree course.</p> <p>What's Covered in the Course?</p> <p>The foundation year is designed to equip students with a range of academic skills in addition to legal knowledge and practice to successfully progress through the LLB course or one of its associated LLB pathways. During the duration of the foundation year students will be introduced to the law and the role that it plays in society, the methods employed for effective legal learning, as well as experience our approach to clinical legal education in a simulated law environment.</p> <p>Teaching for the foundation is conducted in small classes and there is a high degree of interactivity with a tutor as well as peers and engagement is encouraged. There will be opportunities in each module to receive formative feedback to enhance learning as well as a wide variety of assessment.</p> <p>After successful completion of the foundation year students' progress to study undergraduate level LLB foundations of legal knowledge together with a choice of optional modules.</p> <p>Learning is facilitated through engagement with real and authentic problems and challenges to give students the opportunity to apply and synthesise the theoretical and practical aspects of the discipline of law to reach effective, practice-led solutions. Key employability skills are embedded within the learning and teaching, and we provide additional careers development opportunities through a course of guest speakers, pro bono and placement opportunities which offer a practical experience of the world of work. Our highly acclaimed, nationally recognised, Mooting Society, our Student Legal Society and Student Debating Society also provide extra-curricular opportunities to practise, develop and enhance the transferable skills developed whilst on this course.</p>

	The LLB (Hons) course provides a knowledge-led and practice-based education in English Law, delivered by a team of academics which includes internationally recognised researchers and respected former professional practitioners. Not only is it relevant for those aiming for a career in professional practice but also those seeking to gain essential transferable skills necessary for an alternative career.
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	LLB (Hons) Law	6	480
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Foundation Certificate Law	3	120
	Certificate of Higher Education Law	4	240
	Diploma of Higher Education in Law	5	360
	Bachelor of Laws	6	420

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Foundation areas of English Knowledge taught at undergraduate level on the LLB are not normally subject to compensation. The Solicitors Regulation Authority does offer very limited compensation rules for such modules under very strict requirements, however the Bar Standards Board does not accept the compensation of any core foundation areas of English legal knowledge.

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study
	Full-time	City Centre	4 years
	Sandwich	City Centre	5 years

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ , or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website .

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	To display excellence in the acquisition of knowledge and understanding of the English Legal System and the substantive rules of English law within it's political, historical, global and economic context; its relationship with ethical and moral issues and the ways in which lawyers can effect social change through the application of legal principles.
2	To analyse, critically evaluate and produce a synthesis of well-established and innovative legal rules, doctrine, policy, principles and concepts; to apply this to a diverse range of practical and theoretical issues and problems, within a practice-led learning environment; recognising and making evaluative judgements about the appropriateness of different methods of problem solving, in order to make a reasoned choice from relevant alternatives.
3	To demonstrate a knowledge-applied approach, showing an ability to make proficient use of information and materials from a variety of sources, including knowledge of the legal conventions relevant to English and EU Law, in the critical evaluation and solution of legal issues and problems.
4	To develop key employability skills, to include assimilating knowledge; framing appropriate questions; marshalling coherent and rational argument and relating theory and practice in order to draw independent conclusions through the ability to strategically plan for one's own learning method and structured response to meaningful feedback.
5	To use the English language with precision, orally and in writing, in relation to legal issues, in order to make effective oral and written presentations which are coherent and comprehensible to others and meet expectations in the workplace.
6	To develop a range of other pervasive skills, including: making relevant use of numerical and statistical information derived from primary and secondary sources when constructing an argument, conducting electronic research and appropriate use of the internet to locate relevant information, producing work which is presented and formatted using standard software packages, working co-operatively, ethically and professionally with others.

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In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW5070	Alternative Dispute Resolution	20
LAW5077	Company Law	20
LAW5071	Employment Law	20
LAW5076	Medical Law and Ethics	20
LAW5072	Federalism and the US Constitution	20
LAW5073	The Individual and the US Constitution	20
LAW5078	Citizens' Advice Placement	20

Students can opt to study the equivalent of 60 BCU credits abroad for the duration of semester two.

Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 80 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW6063	Equity and the Law of Trusts	20
LAW6064	Law of the European Union	20
	To select:	
LAW6065	EITHER Integrated Law Research Project	40
LAW6074	OR American Legal Practice	40
LAW6075	OR International Human Rights Project	40
LAW6076	OR Legal Advice and Representation Unit	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
LAW6069	Evidence, Proof and Argument	20
LAW6070	Family Law	20
LAW6072	Intellectual Property Law	20
LAW6068	American Criminal Procedure and Evidence	20
LAW6073	America and International Legal Issues	20

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Level 3

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core LAW3001 Introduction to Law BUS3002 Developing Academic Skills for Success BUS3003 Developing Interpersonal Skills for Success	Core LAW3002 Legal Skills and Attributes LAW3003 Learning the Law BUS3006 Foundation Practice Project

Level 4

Core LAW4020 Criminal Law 1: Fundamental Concepts & Crimes Against Persons LAW4018 Torts 1: Fundamental Concepts, Trespass to the Person and Negligence LAW4017 Law of Contract 1: Fundamental Concepts and Creating Contracts	Core LAW4021 Criminal Law 2: Process, Property Crimes & Problem Solving LAW4019 Torts 2: Property, Reputation and Privacy LAW4022 Contract Law 2: Breach, Remedies & Advocacy
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Level 5

Core LAW5066 Constitutional and Administrative Law LAW5065 Land Law LAW5067 Professional Skills and Practice	Core
Optional	Optional LAW5070 Alternative Dispute Resolution LAW5077 Company Law LAW5071 Employment Law LAW5076 Medical Law & Ethics LAW5072 Federalism & the US Constitution LAW5073 The Individual & the US Constitution

	LAW5078 Citizens' Advice Placement
	Optional Study Abroad

Level 6

Core LAW6063 Equity and the Law of Trusts LAW6064 Law of the European Union	Core
Optional	Optional LAW6069 Evidence, Proof & Argument LAW6070 Family Law LAW6072 Intellectual Property Law *LAW6068 American Criminal Procedure & Evidence *LAW6073 America and International Legal Issues *You may choose only one American option
Optional You must choose only one of the following three yearlong 40 credit modules LAW6065 Integrated Research Project or LAW6074 American Legal Practice or LAW6075 The United Nations: Law and Practice or LAW6076 Legal Advice and Representation Unit	

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 3

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	288
Directed Learning	288
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	53%
Exam	17%
In-Person	30%

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	216
Private Study	768
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	53%
Exam	47%

In-Person	0
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Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	216
Private Study	768
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	67%
Exam	25%
In-Person	8%

Level 6

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	124
Directed Learning	264
Private Study	813
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	24%
Exam	44%
In-Person	32%