

## Course Specification

1	<b>Final award title(s)</b>	LLM Civil Litigation & Dispute Resolution	<b>Course Code(s)</b>	4305 – FT 4306 - PT
2	<b>Intermediate award title(s)</b>	PG Certificate Civil Litigation & Dispute Resolution		
3	<b>Awarding Institution</b>	London South Bank University		
4	<b>School</b>	School of Law & Social Sciences		
5	<b>Department(s)</b>	Law		
6	<b>Delivery site(s) for course(s)</b>	Southwark Campus		
7	<b>Mode(s) of delivery</b>	FT/PT		
8	<b>Approval dates:</b>	Course(s) validated		
		Course specification last updated and signed off		20/7/17
		Version number		2
9	<b>Professional, Statutory &amp; Regulatory Body accreditation</b>	Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx)		
10	<b>Reference points:</b>	Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSBU Mission Statement</li> <li>• LSBU Core Skills Policy</li> <li>• LSBU Academic Regulations</li> </ul>	
		External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framework for Higher Education Qualifications</li> <li>• QAA Programme Specification Guidelines/Benchmarks</li> </ul>	

## 11 Distinctive features of course

- The courses offers an embedded professional qualification as a Graduate Member of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx) and practical professional experience giving face to face legal advice in the LSBU Legal Advice Clinic.
- A focus on Alternative Dispute Resolution as well as traditional civil litigation processes.
- Innovative teaching aimed at creating able, confident and reflective legal professional practitioners. The use of in-class exercises, group work and on-line activities combined with clinical legal practice enables students to become part of a professional learning community in which students are seen as partners in the learning process.
- We offer a variety of assessments such as coursework, exams, oral presentations and professional practice portfolios that develop and test legal professional skills and knowledge.
- An emphasis on practical legal problem solving and the development of professional skills, set in the context of legal clinical practice for real clients living in the local community.
- Strong links with the legal profession and local practitioners
- Blended learning with extensive online learning resources for all modules.

## 12 Course Aims

The LLM Civil Litigation & Dispute Resolution aims to:

1. Develop students' theoretical knowledge of the principles that ground the civil justice system through critical studies of justice and dispute resolution processes;
2. Develop students' knowledge and understanding of the relevant professional ethics, legal rules and procedures and professional practices that apply to the field of civil litigation and dispute resolution and the associated professional skills;
3. Develop students' knowledge of current issues within civil litigation and dispute resolution theory and practice via lectures/workshops and clinical practice;
4. Develop students' ability, confidence and experience as legal professional practitioners through working in the LSBU Legal Advice Clinic with real clients drawn from the local community;
5. Provide students with the necessary academic and professional skills to enable them to develop as able, confident, independent and reflective learners, researchers and legal professional practitioners; and
6. Enhance student employability and entitle students to become Graduate Members of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx).

## 13 Course Outcomes

### A Students will have knowledge and understanding of:

- A1 Civil Justice & Dispute Resolution Theory
- A2 Civil Litigation
- A3 Giving Legal Advice
- A4 Advocacy
- A5 Legal Professional Ethics
- A6 Mediation & Negotiation
- A7 A key area of legal practice such as Employment Law, Family Law or Criminal Litigation
- A8 A Civil Litigation or Dispute Resolution topic of the student's choosing (being a topic not otherwise studied or taught in depth on the programme)

#### Teaching and learning strategies

- A1-A7 are studied through large group lecture-style classes, clinical experience, directed reading, independent research and supporting small group classes in workshop/seminar format supported by online learning materials.
- A8 is learnt by self-directed study with guidance from an assigned supervisor/tutor following induction sessions focussing on the task and research techniques.

#### Assessment

- A1-7 by a variety of coursework assignments, exams, oral presentations and professional practice portfolios.
- A8 the LLM Dissertation.

### B Students will develop their intellectual skills so that they are able to:

- B1 Independently solve complex civil litigation and dispute resolution problems by analysing complex and unpredictable fact situations and identifying, locating, selecting and applying law, procedure and practice and theory from primary and secondary sources
- B2 Independently analyse and critically evaluate conflicting interpretations of civil litigation law, procedure and practice and dispute resolution strategies and practice
- B3 Independently analyse and critically evaluate civil litigation and dispute resolution law, procedure and practice, applying appropriate theoretical perspectives, in a variety of contexts including social, economic, political and ethical contexts
- B4 Argue cogently about civil litigation and dispute resolution problems and issues, evaluating conflicting judicial, professional and academic authorities, evaluating the available evidence and offering reasoned opinions supported by evidence and/or authority

#### Teaching and learning strategies

By directed independent research and study, as for A above, with an emphasis on small group work and clinical professional practice, specifically through modelling skilled practice and selecting activities and exercises to promote engagement with the skills, rendering the techniques explicit and requiring rigour in argument and explanation.

Providing feedback upon clinical professional practice and in-course assignments and the dissertation.

Assessment

A combination of a variety of coursework assignments, exams, oral presentations, clinical professional practice portfolios and the dissertation.

### **C Students will acquire and develop practical skills so that they are able to:**

- C1** Conduct effective civil litigation and dispute resolution research
- C2** Read and understand complex technical civil litigation and dispute resolution materials
- C3** Orally communicate complex civil litigation and dispute resolution concepts and reasoning, making appropriate and effective use of professional and academic language
- C4** Communicate complex civil litigation and dispute resolution concepts and reasoning in writing, making appropriate and effective use of professional and academic language and presenting their written work in a clear manner, using appropriate layout, style and referencing of sources
- C5** Employ effective advice, negotiation, mediation and advocacy techniques

### **(IT Skills)**

- C6** Produce word-processed documents,
- C7** Conduct on-line research

Teaching and learning strategies

- C1-7 through classes conducted in the legal advice clinic.
- C1-4 through the process of preparing, discussing with supervisor and presenting the dissertation.
- C2-4 through practice and feedback upon Coursework assignments and the dissertation.
- C2&3 through practice in preparation for and participation in small group sessions, with feedback, from peers and tutor.
- C6-7 Promote IT literacy training available through LIS/LRC.
- C6 Require in-course assignments and dissertation to be word-processed.
- C6 Personal tutors encourage contact through email and project/dissertation supervisors require that drafts and agendas are submitted to them by email prior to an appointment.
- C7 Dissertation.

### **Assessment**

By coursework, exams, oral presentations clinical professional practice portfolios and the dissertation.

**D Students will acquire and develop transferrable skills so that they are able to:**

- D1** Independently identify research questions and formulate an appropriate and effective research strategy to assist the analysis and critical evaluation of problems and issues, using both paper and electronic media,
- D2** Independently plan, review and undertake extended study with minimal guidance,
- D3** Independently plan and manage competing study and assessment priorities,
- D4** Independently reflect and act upon their study and training needs.

Teaching and learning strategies

- D1-4 Principally via the Dissertation. Involving independent research and preparation, meetings with supervisor for guidance, review of and feedback on progress and, ultimately, presentation of final written report/dissertation.
- D1-4 Highlighting, where possible, the transferable nature of skills derived from the study of the first discipline

Assessment

- D1-4 Submission of the LLM Dissertation.

**14 Entry requirements**

In order to be considered for entry to the course(s) applicants will be required to have the following qualifications:

Honours Degree in Law or related subject: Class 2:2 minimum, or  
(Post) Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies + CPE

## 15 Course structure(s)

**Full Time (day and evening)** - 12 months (Taught stage: September-June; Dissertation: July-September)

**Part Time (day and evening)** – 24 months (Taught stage: September-June Yrs 1 & 2. Dissertation: July-September in Yr2).

<b>LLM CIVIL LITIGATION &amp; DISPUTE RESOLUTION FULL TIME PROGRAMME STRUCTURE</b>	
<b>SEMESTER 1 (3 Core Modules)</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 (Students select 3 modules)</b>
Civil Justice (Core)	Advocacy (Clinical)
Civil Litigation Practice (CILEx) (Core)	Mediation & Negotiation
Legal Advice (Clinical) (Core)	Comparative Law - Legal Traditions of the World
	* Employment Law Practice (CILEx)
	* Family Law Practice (CILEx)
** Criminal Litigation Practice (CILEx)	** Legal Advice (Clinical) (Core)
Dissertation (Core) from June – September <sup>1</sup>	

**\* Students must have studied Employment Law and/or Family Law on their LLB to be eligible to take these modules for the purpose of qualifying for Membership of CILEx**

**\*\* Students who are not eligible to study either Employment Law Practice or Family Law Practice for the purpose of qualifying for Membership of CILEx may take Criminal Litigation Practice in Semester 1 and Legal Advice (Clinical) in Semester 2**

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<sup>1</sup> From 2017-2018 onwards and before that from June to **September**

**LLM CIVIL LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
PART TIME PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

<b>YEAR 1</b> Two core modules in the first semester and two optional modules in the second semester		<b>YEAR 2</b> One module – core or optional- in the first semester and one module- core or optional- in the second semester.*	
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
Civil Justice (Core)	One of: Advocacy (Clinical) Mediation & Negotiation, Comparative Law - Legal Traditions of the World, * Employment Law Practice (CILEx) or * Family Law Practice (CILEx)	Legal Advice (Clinical) (Core)	One of: Advocacy (Clinical), Mediation & Negotiation, Comparative Law - Legal Traditions of the World, * Employment Law Practice (CILEx) or * Family Law Practice (CILEx)
Civil Litigation Practice (CILEx) (Core)			One of: Advocacy (Clinical), Mediation & Negotiation, Comparative Law - Legal Traditions of the World, * Employment Law Practice (CILEx) or * Family Law Practice (CILEx)
		** Criminal Litigation Practice (CILEx)(option)	** Legal Advice (Clinical) (Core)
Dissertation (Core) June-September <sup>2</sup>			

**\* Students must have studied Employment Law and/or Family Law on their LLB to be eligible to take these modules for the purpose of qualifying for Membership of CILEx**

**\*\* in the second year, if students undertake Criminal Litigation Practice in the first semester, they MUST undertake Legal Advice (Clinical ) in the second.**

## 16 Course Modules

Reference Code	Module Title	Level	Credit value
	Civil Justice (Core)	7	20
	Civil Litigation Practice (Core)	7	20
	Legal Advice (Clinical) (Core)	7	20
	Advocacy (Clinical)	7	20
	Criminal Litigation Practice	7	20
	Employment Law Practice	7	20

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	Family Law Practice	7	20
	Mediation & Negotiation	7	20
	Comparative Law - Legal Traditions of the World		
	Dissertation (Core)	7	60



## Appendix A: Curriculum Map for the LLM Civil Litigation & Dispute Resolution

This map provides a design aid to help course teams identify where course outcomes are being developed, taught and assessed within the course. It also provides a checklist for quality assurance purposes and may be used in validation, accreditation and external examining processes. Making the learning outcomes explicit will also help students to monitor their own learning and development as the course progresses. For each module, course outcomes are shown as; D-Developed, T-Taught and A-Assessed.

Title	Civil Justice	Civil Litigation Practice	Legal Advice (Clinical)	Advocacy (Clinical)	Mediation & Negotiation	Employment Law Practice	Family Law Practice	Criminal Litigation Practice	Dissertation
Level Code	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
A1	A				A				A
A2	A	A	A	A	D	A	A		A
A3		D	A	D		D	D	D	D
A4		D	D	A	D	D	D	A	D
A5		A	A	A	D	A	A	A	D
A6	A	A	A		A	D	D		D
A7				A		A	A	A	D
A8									A
B1		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
B2	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
B3	A				D	D	D		A
B4	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A
C1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
C2	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
C3	D	D	A	A	A	D	D	A	D
C4	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A
C5		D	A	A	A	A	A	A	
C6	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
C7	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dispute Resolution Theory</b>	<b>Civil Litigation Practice</b>	<b>Legal Advice (Clinical)</b>	<b>Advocacy (Clinical)</b>	<b>Mediation &amp; Negotiation</b>	<b>Employment Litigation Practice</b>	<b>Family Litigation Practice</b>	<b>Criminal Litigation Practice</b>	<b>Dissertation</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Code</b>									
<b>D1</b>	A	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A
<b>D2</b>	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A
<b>D3</b>	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
<b>D4</b>	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A