



# Course Specification

<b>A. Course Information</b>				
<b>Final award title(s)</b>	LLM/Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Studies (and Common Professional Exam)			
<b>Intermediate exit award title(s)</b>	Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies			
<b>UCAS Code</b>		<b>Course Code(s)</b>	5191 5194 5192 5195 5193 5196	
	London South Bank University			
<b>School</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ASC <input type="checkbox"/> ACI <input type="checkbox"/> BEA <input type="checkbox"/> BUS <input type="checkbox"/> ENG <input type="checkbox"/> HSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LSS			
<b>Division</b>	Law			
<b>Course Director</b>	Tracey Aquino			
<b>Delivery site(s) for course(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southwark <input type="checkbox"/> Havering <input type="checkbox"/> Other: please specify			
<b>Mode(s) of delivery</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> other please specify			
<b>Length of course/start and finish dates</b>	<b>Mode</b>	<b>Length years</b>	<b>Start - month</b>	<b>Finish - month</b>
	Full time	1	September	July for PG Dip; September for LLM following January for LLM top-up )
	Full time with placement/ sandwich year			
	Part time	2		In final academic year of course:

				July for PG Dip;  September for LLM; following May for LLM top-up
	Part time with Placement/ sandwich year			
<b>Is this course generally suitable for students on a Tier 4 visa?</b>	Please complete the International Office questionnaire Yes Students are advised that the structure/nature of the course is suitable for those on a Tier 4 visa but other factors will be taken into account before a CAS number is allocated.			
<b>Approval dates:</b>	Course(s) validated / Subject to validation	April 2014		
	Course specification last updated and signed off	September 2020		
<b>Professional, Statutory &amp; Regulatory Body accreditation</b>	Joint Academic Stage Board Solicitors Regulation Authority Course meets requirements of academic component for Bar Standards Board			
<b>Reference points:</b>	Internal	Corporate Strategy 2015-2020 Academic Quality and Enhancement Manual School Strategy LSBU Academic Regulations		
	External	QAA Quality Code for Higher Education 2013 Framework for Higher Education Qualifications Subject Benchmark Statements (Dated) PSRB Competitions and Markets Authority SEEC Level Descriptors 2016		
<b>B. Course Aims and Features</b>				
<b>Distinctive features of course</b>	Students who successfully complete the Post Graduate Diploma are additionally awarded the Common Professional Exam qualification which is a pre-requisite for non-English law graduates who wish to enrol			

	<p>on the professional vocational courses (<del>BVC (SOON TO BE BPTC)</del>, LPC) which are requirements for those seeking to qualify as a Barrister or a Solicitor</p> <p>Students who successfully complete the Post Graduate Diploma are entitled to submit a dissertation for the award of an LLM</p> <p>Exceptionally, students who do not achieve the outcomes of the Post Graduate Diploma but who achieve the outcomes required for a pass at Level 6 are entitled to an award of a Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies and the Common Professional Examination qualification</p>
<p><b>Course Aims</b></p>	<p>The LLM/Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies (CPE) aims to provide graduates from disciplines other than English Law (LLB) with a systematic knowledge and understanding of key aspects of English Law, particularly of the core academic legal subjects, the essential legal concepts, doctrines and principles and the relevant intellectual, practical and transferable skills required to be studied by the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority for completion of the Academic stage of qualification as a Barrister or Solicitor.</p> <p>In addition, it aims to develop students' ability to analyse and evaluate legal problems and law reform proposals and to engage in independent scholarship and research, so that they may become independent and reflective legal practitioners, able to contribute to public debate on legal issues as well as offering legal services to individual clients.</p> <p>It aims to develop student's ability to analyse, reflect and act on their own study and training needs, so that they become effective life-long learners.</p> <p>The Aims and Outcomes of the Programme are informed by the following reference points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the academic stage of legal education as jointly prescribed by the <del>Joint Academic Stage Board</del> Bar Standards Board, Solicitors Regulation Authority,</li> <li>- the QAA Framework for HE Qualifications &amp; Guidance</li> <li>- the QAA Benchmark for Law, and</li> <li>- the SEEC Credit Level Descriptors</li> </ul>
<p><b>Course Learning Outcomes</b></p>	<p><b>A Students will have knowledge and understanding of:</b></p> <p><b>A1</b> English Legal System</p> <p><b>A2</b> Obligations I (Contract)</p> <p><b>A3</b> Obligations II (Tort)</p> <p><b>A4</b> Public Law</p> <p><b>A5</b> Property Law</p> <p><b>A6</b> Equity and the Law of Trusts</p>

**A7** Criminal Law

**A8** The Law of the EU

**A9** Land Law

**A10** A legal topic of the student's choosing (being a topic not otherwise studied or taught in depth on the programme)

**B Students will develop their intellectual skills such that they are able to:**

**B1** Independently solve complex legal problems by analysing complex and unpredictable fact situations and identifying, locating, selecting and applying the law from primary and secondary sources

**B2** Independently analyse and critically evaluate conflicting interpretations of primary sources of law, applying legal reasoning, the principles of statutory interpretation and the doctrine of precedent

**B3** Independently analyse and critically evaluate the law and proposals for its reform, applying appropriate theoretical perspectives, in a variety of contexts including social, economic, political and moral contexts

**B4** Argue cogently about legal problems and issues, evaluating conflicting judicial and academic authorities, evaluating the available evidence and offering reasoned opinions supported by evidence and/or authority

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

**C1** Conduct effective legal research,

**C2** Read and understand complex technical legal materials,

**C3** Orally communicate complex legal concepts and reasoning, making appropriate and effective use of professional and academic language

**C4** Communicate complex legal ideas 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

**(IT Skills)**

**C5** Produce word-processed documents,

	<p><b>C6</b> Communicate by e-mail,</p> <p><b>C7</b> Conduct on-line research.</p> <p><b>D</b> <b>Students will acquire and develop transferrable skills such that they are able to:</b></p> <p><b>D1</b> 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,</p> <p><b>D2</b> Independently plan, review and undertake extended study with minimal guidance,</p> <p><b>D3</b> Independently plan and manage competing study and assessment priorities,</p> <p><b>D4</b> Independently reflect and act upon their study and training needs.</p>
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### **C. Teaching and Learning Strategy**

A1 An intensive introduction to the English Legal System is given in the Induction to the programme and ELS pervades the other subjects.

A2-A8 are studied through large group lecture-style classes, directed reading, independent research and supporting small group classes in seminar format partly on a topic/problem assigned by the tutor in advance and partly determined by student questions/requests.

A9 is by self-directed study with guidance from an assigned supervisor/tutor following induction sessions focussing on the task and research techniques.

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

Providing feedback upon in-course assignments and the project.

C1 through classes conducted in the library by the specialist librarian.

C1-4 through the process of preparing, discussing with supervisor and presenting the project and dissertation.

C2-4 through practice and feedback upon in-course assessment and the project.

C2 & 3 through practice in preparation for and participation in small group sessions, with feedback, from peers and tutor.

C5 -7 Promote IT literacy training available through LIS/LRC.

C5 Require in-course assignments, project and dissertation 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 Project and Dissertation.

D1-4 Principally via the Project and 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

#### **D. Assessment**

A1 An initial assessment in this subject is required by the course regulations ~~JASB~~ as a pre-requisite for continued study on the programme but does not contribute to the final assessment of the award.

A1-9 by combination of in-course written assignments and timed, unseen written examination.

A10 by extended written project and the dissertation.

A combination of in-course written assignments, unseen written exam, the extended written project report and the dissertation.  
By Coursework, Project and Dissertation.

#### **E. Academic Regulations**

The University's Academic Regulations apply for this course. Any course specific protocols will be identified here.

#### **F. Entry Requirements**

In order to be considered for entry onto the LLM/Post-graduate Diploma in Legal Studies applicants must normally possess an undergraduate degree of Lower Second Class Honours or better from a UK or Irish Higher Education Institution or have been granted a Certificate of Academic Standing or a Partial Exemption Certificate from the Bar Standards Board or the Solicitors Regulation Authority. Applicants for whom English is not their first language must have achieved an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent.

The University shall confer the award of Post-graduate Diploma in Legal Studies upon a student who has successfully accumulated 120 credits on the programme (with at least 90 credits at M level/ Level 7 and no more than 30 credits at H level/Level 6) within the applicable period of registration.

The University shall confer the award of Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies upon a student who has successfully accumulated 120 credits on the programme (but has less than 90 credits at M level/Level 7 and more than 30 credits at H level/Level 6) within the applicable period of registration.

Students who have been conferred the award of Post-graduate Diploma in Legal Studies or the award of Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies are additionally entitled to the award of Common Professional Exam, provided they have passed the induction assessment in English Legal System as required by the Joint Academic Stage Board.

The University shall confer the award of LLM Legal Studies upon a student who has successfully submitted a 60 Credit LLM Dissertation following the award of Post-graduate Diploma in Legal Studies.

For students who do not complete the programme, the University shall confer the award of Post-graduate Certificate in Legal Studies upon a student who has successfully accumulated at least 60 M level/Level 7 credits on the programme or the award of Graduate Certificate in Legal Studies upon a student who has successfully accumulated at least 60 H level/Level 6 credits on the programme.

The maximum period of registration for the Post-graduate Diploma in Legal Studies and the Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies is normally three years for a full-time student and four years for a part-time student.

Students will normally submit their LLM Dissertation in the semester following the award of a Post-graduate Diploma in Legal Studies

### G. Course structure(s)

#### Full time

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Level 7	PGD_7_ELS : English Legal System	0 CAT	PGD_7_CRL : Criminal Law	15 CAT
	PGD_7_CON : Obligations 1: Contract Law PGD_7_EQT : Equity and Trusts PGD_7_LNL : Land Law PGD_7_TOR : Obligations 2: Law of Torts	15 CAT	PGD_7_EUL : The Law of the European Union PGD_7_PRJ : Project PGD_7_PUL : Public Law	
Level 7	PGD_7_DIS : Dissertation			60 CAT

**Part time**

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1	PGD_7_ELS : English Legal System	15 CA T		
	PGD_7_CON : Obligations 1: Contract Law PGD_7_TOR : Obligations 2: Law of Torts	15 CA T	PGD_7_EUL : The Law of the European Union PGD_7_PUL : Public Law	15 CA
Year 2	PGD_7_EQT : Equity and Trusts PGD_7_LNL : Land Law	15 CA T	PGD_7_CRL : Criminal Law PGD_7_PRJ : Project	15 CA
	PGD_7_DIS : Dissertation			60 CA

**Placements information**

**H. Course Modules**

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Semester	Assessment
PGD_7_CRL	Criminal Law	7	15	Coursework and exam
PGD_7_EQT	Equity & Trusts	7	15	exam
PGD_7_EUL	EU Law	7	15	Coursework and exam
PGD_7_LNL	Land Law	7	15	Coursework and exam
PGD_7_CON	Obligations 1 (Contract)	7	15	Coursework and exam
PGD_7_TOR	Obligations 2 (Tort)	7	15	exam
PGD_7_PUL	Public Law	7	15	Coursework and exam
PGD_7_ELS	The English legal System	7	15	Coursework
PGD_7_PRJ	Project	7	15	Coursework
PGD_7_DIS	Dissertation	7	60	Dissertation

**I. Timetable information**



Full time: three days each week of teaching terms: 10am-5pm  
Part time: two evenings each week of teaching terms: 6-9pm and one Saturday session for each module (10am-4pm)  
In addition there may be extra sessions at the beginning of each year for induction and for launching the course.

#### **J. Costs and financial support**

##### **Course related costs**

- Fees cover all classes and tuition; in addition, access to key books through on line database

##### **Tuition fees/financial support/accommodation and living costs**

- Information on tuition fees/financial support can be found by clicking on the following link - <http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/fees-and-funding> or
- <http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/fees-and-funding>
- Information on living costs and accommodation can be found by clicking the following link- <https://www.lsbu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding>

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## Appendix A: Curriculum Map

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.

Units			Programme outcomes																									
Level	Title	Code	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4	A 5	A 6	A 7	A 8	A 9	B1	B2	B3	B4	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	D 1	D 2	D3	D4		
	Induction ELS assessed for CPE purposes	Not a unit	TA									T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	D	D	T	T	T			D	D
M	Obs 1 (Contract)		TA	TA						TA		D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A					DA	D
M	Obs 2 (Tort)		TA		TA					TA		D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A					DA	D
M	Public Law		TA			TA				TA		D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A					DA	D
M	Land Law		TA				TA			TA		D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A					DA	D
M	Equity & Trusts		TA					TA		TA		D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A					DA	D
M	Criminal Law		TA						TA	TA		D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A					DA	D
M	EU Law		TA							TA		D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A					DA	D
M	Project										D A		D A	D A	D A	TA	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	TA	TA			DA	DA
M	Dissertation										D A		D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A	D A		DA	DA

## Appendix B: PDP: Personal Development Planning

Approach to PDP	Level 7	
1 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through the personal tutor system.	Induction programme includes input on skills development Individual tutorials with academic supervisor for project Personal tutors are allocated early in the course and keep weekly office hours	
2 Supporting the development and recognition of skills in academic modules/units.	Intellectual and transferable skills are integrated into all the core units and are addressed in the SGS programme All units identify the skills to be assessed in the unit in the unit guide	
3 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through purpose designed modules/units.	Induction Project (8 <sup>th</sup> subject) Pervasive	
4 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through research projects and dissertations work.	Project and dissertation programmes covers research skills, plagiarism and referencing Feedback is provided on in-course assessments (coursework)	
5 Supporting the development and recognition of career management skills.	Students are introduced to the range of careers support available within the University's Careers and Employability Unit A programme of talks by practitioner alumni and others is available relating to careers in law and the vocational stage On-line resources including self-assessment and developmental support are available for Career Management Skills	
6 Supporting the development and recognition of career management skills through work placements or work experience.	Not possible on the full-time mode P-T students are directed to placement schemes, mini-pupillages etc	

	Students are encouraged to attend events hosted by LSBU in conjunction with the South London Law Society and to meet local practitioners	
7 Supporting the development of skills by recognising that they can be developed through extra curricula activities.	<p>Student Law Society talks and events</p> <p>Internal and external Mooting competitions (<del>LUMS, OUP, Blackstones, ESU, NLS &amp; U Salford</del> (last two for speed meeting))</p> <p>County Court advice</p> <p>Legal Advice Clinic training</p> <p>   subject to places and availability</p>	
8 Supporting the development of the skills and attitudes as a basis for CPD.	<p>Project &amp; Dissertation are largely self-directed and aim to develop autonomy in learning</p> <p>Law Department hosts regular CPD events for local solicitors which students are encouraged to attend</p>	
9 Other approaches to PDP.	<p>Study skills materials from Student Services and the LLR.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to form study groups for mutual support and to exchange experience in a team-working context</p>	
10 The means by which self-reflection, evaluation and planned development is supported e.g electronic or paper-based learning log or diary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project proposal (paper based) requires student to submit outline</li> <li>▪ Formative feedback from tutor encourages reflection</li> <li>▪ A self-assessment instrument must be submitted with the project regarding the experience of research and preparation identifying strengths &amp; weaknesses</li> </ul> <p>Moodle VLE</p>	

## Appendix C: Terminology

<b>awarding body</b>	a UK higher education provider (typically a university) with the power to award higher education qualifications such as degrees
<b>bursary</b>	a financial award made to students to support their studies; sometimes used interchangeably with 'scholarship'
<b>collaborative provision</b>	a formal arrangement between a degree-awarding body and a partner organisation, allowing for the latter to provide higher education on behalf of the former
<b>compulsory module</b>	a module that students are required to take
<b>contact hours</b>	the time allocated to direct contact between a student and a member of staff through, for example, timetabled lectures, seminars and tutorials
<b>coursework</b>	student work that contributes towards the final result but is not assessed by written examination
<b>current students</b>	students enrolled on a course who have not yet completed their studies or been awarded their qualification
<b>delivery organisation</b>	an organisation that delivers learning opportunities on behalf of a degree-awarding body
<b>distance-learning course</b>	a course of study that does not involve face-to-face contact between students and tutors
<b>extracurricular</b>	activities undertaken by students outside their studies
<b>feedback (on assessment)</b>	advice to students following their completion of a piece of assessed or examined work
<b>formative assessment</b>	a type of assessment designed to help students learn more effectively, to progress in their studies and to prepare for summative assessment; formative assessment does not contribute to the final mark, grade or class of degree awarded to students

<b>higher education provider</b>	organisations that deliver higher education
<b>independent learning</b>	learning that occurs outside the classroom that might include preparation for scheduled sessions, follow-up work, wider reading or practice, completion of assessment tasks, or revision
<b>intensity of study</b>	the time taken to complete a part-time course compared to the equivalent full-time version: for example, half-time study would equate to 0.5 intensity of study
<b>lecture</b>	a presentation or talk on a particular topic; in general lectures involve larger groups of students than seminars and tutorials
<b>learning zone</b>	a flexible student space that supports independent and social learning
<b>material information</b>	information students need to make an informed decision, such as about what and where to study
<b>mode of study</b>	different ways of studying, such as full-time, part-time, e-learning or work-based learning
<b>modular course</b>	a course delivered using modules
<b>module</b>	a self-contained, formally structured unit of study, with a coherent and explicit set of learning outcomes and assessment criteria; some providers use the word 'course' or 'course unit' to refer to individual modules
<b>national teaching fellowship</b>	a national award for individuals who have made an outstanding impact on student learning and the teaching profession
<b>navigability (of websites)</b>	the ease with which users can obtain the information they require from a website
<b>PDP</b>	PDP describes a structured process undertaken by a learner to reflect upon their learning, performance and/or achievement and
<b>performance (examinations)</b>	a type of examination used in performance-based subjects such as drama and music
<b>professional body</b>	an organisation that oversees the activities of a particular profession and represents the interests of its members
<b>prospective student</b>	those applying or considering applying for any programme, at any level and employing any mode of study, with a higher education provider

<b>regulated course</b>	a course that is regulated by a regulatory body
<b>regulatory body</b>	an organisation recognised by government as being responsible for the regulation or approval of a particular range of issues and activities
<b>scholarship</b>	a type of bursary that recognises academic achievement and potential, and which is sometimes used interchangeably with 'bursary'
<b>semester</b>	either of the parts of an academic year that is divided into two for purposes of teaching and assessment (in contrast to division into terms)
<b>seminar</b>	seminars generally involve smaller numbers than lectures and enable students to engage in discussion of a particular topic and/or to explore it in more detail than might be covered in a lecture
<b>summative assessment</b>	formal assessment of students' work, contributing to the final result
<b>term</b>	any of the parts of an academic year that is divided into three or more for purposes of teaching and assessment (in contrast to division into semesters)
<b>total study time</b>	the total time required to study a module, unit or course, including all class contact, independent learning, revision and assessment
<b>tutorial</b>	one-to-one or small group supervision, feedback or detailed discussion on a particular topic or project
<b>work/study placement</b>	a planned period of experience outside the institution (for example, in a workplace or at another higher education institution) to help students develop particular skills, knowledge or understanding as part of their course
<b>workload</b>	see 'total study time'
<b>written examination</b>	a question or set of questions relating to a particular area of study to which candidates write answers usually (but not always) under timed conditions

