

Academic Year 2025/26

Degree of Bachelor of Laws with Honours

UCAS Code: **M101 Bachelor of Laws**
1451U Bachelor of Laws (With Placement Year)
1506U Bachelor of Laws (European Legal Studies)
1125U Bachelor of Laws (International Legal Studies)

Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) *All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) *Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
- (iv) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) *A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
- (vi) *For stage 3 the degree programme is validated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board as a Qualifying Law Degree in England and Wales giving exemption from the first (academic) part of professional training. For that reason, all Stage 1 and four 2 modules are designated compulsory modules. For stage 1 and 2 the degree programme is validated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority as a Qualifying Law Degree in England and Wales giving exemption from the first (academic) part of professional training as a solicitor. The degree programme contains the seven foundations of legal knowledge required for all students who wish to be called to the Bar and practise as a barrister in England and Wales for the purposes of the Bar Standards Board. For that reason, all Stage 1 and four 2 modules are designated compulsory modules.*
- (vii) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

1. Stage 1

- (a) Unless otherwise stated modules are not core.
- (b) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Type | Mode |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------------|------|
| LAW1210 | Legal Institutions and Method | 20 | 20 | | 4 | Compulsory | |
| LAW1220 | Constitutional Law | 20 | 20 | | 4 | Compulsory | |
| LAW1221 | Contract Law | 20 | 20 | | 4 | Compulsory | |
| LAW1230 | Law and Ethics | 20 | | 20 | 4 | Compulsory | |
| LAW1240 | Administrative Law and Human Rights | 20 | | 20 | 4 | Compulsory | |
| LAW1262 | The UK and EU Law | 20 | | 20 | 4 | Compulsory | |

NOTE - Students who achieve below 70 in the University English Language Assessment are encouraged to take INU6054 (English for Law, Part A) & INU6064 (English for Law, Part B) on a NOT FOR CREDIT basis (in addition to the 120 credits listed above).

2. Stage 2

- (a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Type | Mode |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------------|------|
| LAW2222 | Land Law | 20 | 20 | | 5 | Compulsory | |
| LAW2260 | Criminal Law | 20 | 20 | | 5 | Compulsory | |
| LAW2261 | General Principles of Tort | 20 | 20 | | 5 | Compulsory | |
| LAW2263 | Equity and Trusts | 20 | | 20 | 5 | Compulsory | |

- (b) In semester 2 only all candidates shall take 40 credits of optional modules normally selected from the list set out below.

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Type | Mode |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|------|
| LAW2265 | Advanced Legal Skills | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3013 | Criminology and Criminal Justice | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3017 | Public International Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3024 | Medicine, Law and Bioethics | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3032 | Legal Theory | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3035 | Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3036 | Family Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |

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| LAW3038 | Law and History | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
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| LAW3054 | Sports Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3253 | Private Law Remedies | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |

3. Exchange Year Abroad

Candidates may apply to the Board of Studies to attend a two-semester programme of study approved by the Board of Studies at a partner institution abroad. Travel and study abroad will be guided by institutional policy and governmental guidance at the time. Candidates are to be enrolled in the following module in the intercalating year:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Type | Mode |
|---------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|------|
| LAW2100 | European and International Legal Studies for Year Abroad Students | 120 | 60 | 60 | 6 | | |

Candidates who have completed the exchange year abroad at a European partner institution shall be eligible to be considered for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Laws (European Legal Studies). Students who have completed the exchange year abroad at a non-EU/EEA partner institution shall be eligible to be considered for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Laws (International Legal Studies). For the avoidance of doubt, all other candidates shall be eligible to be considered for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

The Board of Examiners (BoE) will certify that candidates have completed the Exchange Year Abroad upon receipt of academic transcripts from Partner Universities where the transcripts demonstrate that the candidate has produced a passing performance of the overall year. In this instance candidates will be deemed to have passed LAW2100. A failing performance in particular modules can be outweighed by a strong performance in other modules. The BoE might be willing to exercise its discretion and certify completion of the exchange year abroad, notwithstanding academic failure to attain an average of 40 across the exchange year abroad, where there are relevant and significant personal extenuating circumstances brought to the attention of the Board. Marks and credits attained during the Exchange Year Abroad will not directly input into aggregate or average marks of a student's degree performance for the purposes of determining overall degree classification. Nonetheless, account may, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners, be taken of relevant assessments in the Exchange Year Abroad in awarding the degree class upon completion of the relevant programme.

Failure to complete the Exchange Year Abroad, and thus resulting in a Fail in LAW2100, will result in candidates being transferred from either the ILS programme or the ELS programme back to the M101 LLB programme for the remainder of their degree studies.

Students may not undertake both an exchange year abroad and a placement year simultaneously.

4. Placement Year

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a year in a placement with an approved organisation. Permission to undertake a placement is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director and the Careers Service. Students who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 may not complete a placement year.

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| NCL3000 | Careers Service Placement Year Module | 120 | 60 | 60 | | 6 | | |

Placement opportunities will be guided by governmental and institutional policy at the time.

Students may not undertake both an exchange year abroad and a placement year simultaneously.

5. Stage 3

(a) All candidates shall take 120 credits of optional modules normally selected from the list set out below. A candidate's selection shall, in all cases, be subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director.

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| BUS2000 | Human Resource Management | 20 | 10 | 10 | 5 | | |
| EIN2011 | Business Enterprise | 20 | 20 | | 5 | | |
| LAW3010 | Company Law | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| LAW3013 | Criminology and Criminal Justice | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3015 | Environmental Law | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| LAW3016 | Evidence | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| LAW3017 | Public International Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3024 | Medicine, Law and Bioethics | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3029 | Law and Literature | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| LAW3031 | The Law of Succession | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| LAW3032 | Legal Theory | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3034 | Fundamentals of Human Rights Law | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| LAW3035 | Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3036 | Family Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3038 | Law and History | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3041 | Law and Gender | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| LAW3047 | Commercial Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3052 | Mediation and Commercial Dispute Resolution | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| LAW3054 | Sports Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3055 | Global Intellectual Property Law and Policy | 20 | 20 | | 6 | | |
| LAW3098 | Dissertation in Law | 40 | 20 | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3253 | Private Law Remedies | 20 | | 20 | 6 | | |

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| LAW3254 | Animal Rights Law | 20 | 20 | 6 | | |
| LAW3255 | Public Theology & Law | 20 | | 20 | 6 | |
| NCL3007 | Career Development for final year students | 20 | 10 | 10 | 6 | |

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

- (b) Candidates may, subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director, take non-Law modules with a total value of 40 credits in Stage 3 of the Bachelor of Laws degree programme in place of modules with a LAW code.

6. Assessment methods

- (a) The following methods of assessment may be used in the Bachelor of Laws degree programme: written examination papers; assessed essays or other written work; assessed oral and other exercises; assessed group written and oral work and other assessed group exercises; dissertation assessment.
- (b) The particular assessment methods used for each module shall be as explained in the module outline.

7. Degree classification

- (a) The assessment for each module taken at Stage 2 and Stage 3 shall be taken into account in determining Honours performance and shall account within the relevant Stage for the proportion which that module's credit value bears to the total credit value for that Stage. In exercising discretion under the University's Undergraduate Examination Conventions, the Board of Examiners may take account of relevant assessments in the year abroad.
- (b) For all undergraduate cohorts commencing studies in 2013/14 (and in subsequent years) the assessment for Stage 2 shall account for 33 per cent of the total assessment and the assessment for Stage 3 shall account for 67 per cent of the total assessment in determining Honours performance.

8. Exemption

In reference to regulation V.C.26.d concerning the Principles of Compensation, only 20 of the 40 credits permitted for compensated modules may be drawn from the nine Foundations of Legal Knowledge modules (LAW1210, LAW1220, LAW1221, LAW1230, LAW1240, LAW1262, LAW2222, LAW2261, LAW2262 and LAW2263). Furthermore, compensation in these cases will only be granted where there is a valid PEC, in order to comply with professional accreditation requirements.

These conditions are an amendment to the University Principles of Compensation (V.C.26.d) to meet the requirements of accrediting bodies. Please note that students who intend to apply to the Bar, who desire a career involving specific areas of legal expertise, or who wish

to enter a legal career outside of the UK, may need to make specific enquiries with employers or accrediting bodies to determine if compensation would be accepted.