

Law LLB

UCAS Code: M100 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2024/2025

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Law shapes our society and influences every aspect of our lives. It defines our obligations and legal requirements, serves to regulate and define relationships and provides a means of redress when problems arise. This degree gives you a theoretical and philosophical grounding in Law, as well as the ability to engage in its practical study and application.

To succeed in Law, you will need to be able to think logically, enjoy solving problems, have a good eye for detail, be able to argue your point, and test the views and opinions of others. The law we explore together is intellectually stimulating and rewarding, and a natural choice for those who are actively curious about current affairs, rules, principles, society, morality, ethics, the role of the state and value of the individual.

The Law LLB sets out to give you the opportunity to study law in a contemporary, contextual and reflective setting. Our aim is to go beyond a perception of law as a set of rules to be learned and to encourage you to evaluate and critique current law and practice, to understand their theoretical foundations, to develop a thorough understanding of their social and ethical context and, in the context of professional ethics and client care, to analyse and reflect upon the role and identity of the professional in contemporary society.

The LLB degree can be taken over 3 or 4 years. If taken over 4 years, the third year would be spent in an appropriate legal work experience setting in light of the requirements set down to undertake the Solicitors Qualify Exams.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2024/2025 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of your tuition fees, you need approximately £10 to cover the cost of transport to fieldtrips, and in your second and third years, you need approximately £150 per year to purchase core textbooks.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.



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Law LLB Curriculum

Year One

Public Law

This course introduces and examines the rules, conventions and principles that govern the workings of institutions of the United Kingdom, such as Parliament and the Cabinet and the rules that govern the relationship between citizens and public administration.

Contracts

This course introduces the rules that govern binding agreements between natural and legal persons that are essential to the workings of our communities and societies more generally. The course will cover topic such as formation of contracts, capacity to conclude contracts, breach of contract and remedies for breach.

Torts

This course covers the rules that govern our civil liabilities to others. Taken in combination with Contract Law, it covers a set of rules that are essential to the workings of our communities because they determine and allocate individual and group responsibility for acts that may infringe the rights of others. In short, the law that governs civil wrongs and our duty to others.

Legal Theory

This course introduces students to competing theoretical perspectives on the nature and functions of law in society and why it should or must be followed and when it can be disobeyed. For example, positivist, natural law and interpretivist perspectives are examined.

Legal Methods and System

This course introduces students to the legal system, legal procedures and the key principle of the system such as binding precedent and judicial interpretation. It also covers legal study skills such as reading the law, identifying, and accessing the law, and legal referencing.

Legal Praxis

This course requires students to develop and apply a number of practical legal skills such as advocating, drafting, client interviewing, negotiation and mediation. The legal professions and routes into the legal professions are examined as well as principles of ethics and professional conduct.

Year Two

Criminal Law

It will explain the general principles of criminal law and explore the legal requirements of main criminal offences. It will look at basis of criminal responsibility, modes of participation, capacity, inchoate offences as well as explores a wide range of specific offences from theft, robbery, non-fatal offences to homicide.

Land Law

This course examines the various interests that can exist in land. It explores principles governing the creation, ownership, use, transfer and extinction of these interests.

Equity and Trusts

This course examines the principles governing legal and equitable interests in property and an interplay between equity and the common law. It explores the principles governing the creation of legally binding trusts and its extinction, as well as duties of trustees, and remedies available in Equity for breaches of trust terms.

European Union Law

The course examines the nature of the EU as a constitutional system of conferred powers, the key principles and doctrines of EU Law and the rules governing the relationship between the UK and the EU following the UK leaving the EU.

Public International Law

The course examines the rules that govern the birth, recognition, continuity, obligations, jurisdiction, and sovereign rights of states recognised as part of the International legal order. The distinction between customary and treaty-based rules and are considered, and the challenges of enforcement are explored.

Advanced Lawyers Skills

This course builds on the skills courses introduced in the first Year of study and incorporates cases and legal disputes from the other courses studied in Year 2 in order to develop and apply their problem solving and legal procedure skills. The course also focuses on preparing students for the Law Clinic elective in Year Three.

Year Three

Compulsory courses:

Human Rights Law

The course examines the development, nature, and enforcement of international Human Rights law. It examines international institutions having jurisdiction to interpret, protect and enforce human right and some of the key rights that are protected.

Company and Commercial Law

This course is about the internal workings of companies and how they operate in the marketplace. It will examine the formation and legal obligations of companies, company mergers and acquisitions and shareholder rights.

Dissertation

This course requires students to plan, undertake the research and complete a major

piece of written work under supervision. Students can choose their area of particular interest and develop advanced knowledge and expertise of their chosen topic.

Students select 4 from the list of electives below:

- Media Law
- Cyber Law
- Family Law
- Refugee and Migration Law
- Law of Evidence
- Employment Law
- International Trade Law
- Environmental Law
- Law Clinic
- Functional Law SQE Preparatory Elective
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Counter-Terrorism, Security and the Law
- Landlord and Tenant Law
- Law of Succession

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, seminars, and tutorials. You will also have the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week.

In your first year of study, there are 12 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 10 teaching hours in your second and third years. On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as studying in groups to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your studies, you will have a number of assessments each year, including written exams, essays, reports and portfolios. You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail.



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