

# Programme Specification

1.	<b>Awarding institution/body</b>	The College of Law
2.	<b>Teaching institution</b>	The College of Law
3.	<b>Programme accredited by</b>	The College of Law
4.	<b>Level</b>	Honours, in the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications
5.	<b>Final Award</b>	LL.B (Honours)
6.	<b>Component Programmes</b>	Graduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course
7.	<b>Date of production/revision</b>	September 2007

## 8. Educational aims of the programme

The LL.B programme is designed for those who have satisfied the entry requirements for admission to the Graduate Diploma in Law and intend to qualify as barristers or solicitors, or to obtain employment which involves the delivery of legal services.

It consists of two component programmes.

The first is comprised of the Graduate Diploma in Law. The educational aims of the component are to enable students to acquire and apply the intellectual and conceptual foundations required for professional standard legal practice, and for completion of the academic stage of qualification as a solicitor or barrister.

The second is comprised of either the Legal Practice Course or the Bar Vocational Course. The educational aims of the component are to enable students to acquire and apply the procedural, organisational and ethical competencies required for professional standard legal practice, and for completion of the vocational stage of qualification as a solicitor or barrister.

For further details of the educational aims of the component programmes see the Programme Specifications for each programme.

- 9. Programme outcomes –** *The programme enables students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, qualities, skills and other attributes in the following areas:*

**Knowledge and understanding**

**A. Knowledge and understanding of:**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**Teaching/learning methods and strategies:**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**Assessment:**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**Skills and other attributes**

**B Cognitive (thinking) skills**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**Teaching/learning methods and strategies:**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**Assessment:**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

## Skills and other attributes

**C Practical legal skills**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**Teaching/learning methods and strategies:**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**Assessment**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**D Transferable skills**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**Teaching/learning methods and strategies**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

**Assessment:**

Component 1 see Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law

Component 2 see Programme Specification for either Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course

The following reference points were used in designing the programme:

- requirements of the Joint Academic Stage Board
- law subject benchmark statement set by the Quality Assurance Agency in respect of the law degree
- The Law Society's written standards for the Legal Practice Course
- The Bar Vocational Course Requirements and Guidance

**10. Programme structures and features**

**Component I The Graduate Diploma in Law**

The programme is offered in full-time (1 year), part-time (2 years) and distance-learning (2 years) study modes. The full-time course comprises 36 study weeks in one year. The part-time and distance-learning course comprise 36 study weeks spread over 2 years. The academic years are divided into three terms.

Course content is as follows. See Programme Specification for Graduate Diploma in Law for further details.

Induction and Legal Method	For the part-time and distance learning courses these subjects are studied in year 1
Contract	
Tort	
Public Law	
Criminal Law	For the part-time and distance learning courses these subjects are studied in year 2
EC law	
Equity and Trusts	
Land Law	
Dissertation	

**10. Programme Structures and Features (contd)**

**Component 2 Legal Practice Course**

The programme is offered in full-time (1 year) and part-time (2 years) study modes. In part-time mode, students may pursue the programme by way of weekday study (1 weekday each week), evening study (2 evenings each week), or weekend study (one weekend every three to four weeks). The full-time course comprises 36 study weeks over the year. In part-time modes the course has a duration of 72 weeks spread over the 2 year period.

Course content in outline is as follows. See Programme Specification for the Legal Practice Course for further details.

Induction and Foundation Course	<p><i>N.B. In part-time modes, Business Law &amp; Practice and one elective are studied in year 1 and Property Law &amp; Practice and the remaining two electives are studied in year 2. The core and pervasive areas are studied across the two years according to the subject matter and context being delivered at the time.</i></p>
<p>Core Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills of Advocacy, Interviewing &amp; Advising, Practical Legal Research and Writing &amp; Drafting</li> <li>• European Union Law</li> <li>• Introduction to Principles of Taxation, Trusts &amp; Tax Planning</li> <li>• Probate &amp; Administration of Estates</li> </ul>	
<p>Compulsory Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Law &amp; Practice</li> <li>• Litigation &amp; Advocacy</li> <li>• Property Law &amp; Practice</li> </ul>	
<p>Pervasive Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Conduct, Client Care &amp; Accounts</li> <li>• Financial Services</li> <li>• Human Rights</li> </ul>	
<p>Elective Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must study three subjects from a range of thirteen</li> </ul>	

**10. Programme Structures and Features (contd)**

**Component 2 The Bar Vocational Course**

The programme is offered in full-time (1 year) and part-time (2 years) study modes. In part-time mode, students pursue the programme by way of weekend study (one weekend every three weeks). The full-time course comprises 34 study weeks over the year including two consolidation weeks. In part-time mode the course has a maximum of 32 study weekends spread over the 2 year period.

The course content in outline is as follows. See the Programme Specification for the Bar Vocational Course for further details.

Induction/Foundation
<p>Knowledge and Skills Areas (in Litigation Units)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Litigation and Sentencing</li> <li>• Civil Litigation</li> <li>• Evidence</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Negotiation</li> <li>• Opinion Writing</li> <li>• Conference</li> <li>• Drafting</li> <li>• Legal Research</li> <li>• Fact Management</li> </ul>
<p>Pervasive Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Ethics and Conduct</li> <li>• Human Rights</li> </ul>
<p>Option Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must study two subjects from a range of 9</li> </ul>

**Other relevant information****A. Criteria for admission to the programme**

To component one – see admission requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Law.

To component two – see admission requirements for the Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course.

\* NB only those with a UK Honours degree or equivalent of a 2:2 standard or above will be admitted to the BVC.

**B. Degree Regulations****See:**

1. Assessment Regulations for the Graduate Diploma in Law.
2. Assessment Regulations for the Legal Practice Course or Bar Vocational Course.
3. Regulations governing the award of the LL.B.

**C. Particular support for learning**

See College Policy on Students with Special Needs, and for more detail consult component programme handbooks.

