



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

1. General information

Awarding body / institution	Leeds Trinity University
Teaching institution	Leeds Trinity University
'Parent' School	School of Business and Law
Professional accreditation body <i>(if applicable)</i>	N/A
Final award <i>(eg. BA Hons)</i>	LLM Legal Practice
Title of programme(s)	LLM Legal Practice
Subsidiary award(s) <i>(if any)</i>	PGCert Legal Practice PGDip Legal Practice
Honours type <i>(Single / Joint / Combined)</i>	N/A
Duration and mode(s) of study	Full time 12 months
Month/year of approval of programme	March 2026
Start date <i>(this version) (month and year)</i>	September 2026
Periodic review next due <i>(academic year)</i>	
HECoS subject code(s)	100485 Law 100%
UCAS course code & route code <i>(available from Admissions)</i>	N/A
SITS codes <i>(Course / Pathway / Route)</i> <i>(available from Student Administration)</i>	LMLTULGPRC LEGLPRC
Delivery venue(s)	Horsforth Campus..... No City Campus.....Yes Partner Institutions (please specify which approved partners, where relevant) College of Legal Practice (online)

2. Aims of the programme

Rationale and general aims, including what is special about this programme
(from the student's and a marketing perspective)

The LLM Legal Practice provides you with an opportunity to prepare for the SQE examinations in a supportive environment and study for a recognised postgraduate qualification at the same time. Alongside SQE 1 preparation you will gain critical, research-based insights into the legal

profession to help you make informed choices about your future career. Alongside SQE 2 preparation you will be able to study 2 further modules giving you an insight into the practice of popular legal specialisms. A Dissertation will complete your studies and enable you to explore an area of law and legal practice of your choice.

You will study on campus supported by LTU staff and online supported by the College of Legal Practice teaching team and online delivery platform Canvas. You will receive an induction that is specific to your course and covers ways of working for onsite and online study, your opportunities to feed back about the programme and how you will be supported throughout your studies.

Throughout the programme, you will be registered as an LTU student and our processes and policies will apply. You will be allocated a personal tutor from LTU staff who will support you during your studies.

3. Student learning outcomes of the programme

Learning outcomes in terms of:

- knowledge and understanding (K)
- intellectual / cognitive / 'thinking' skills (I)
- practical skills specific to the subject (P)
- employability skills (postgraduate) (E) or attributes and skills (undergraduate) (AS)

The 'K1', etc codes are used in section 7b) and module descriptors to refer to each of these learning outcomes.

On successful completion of the programme, students will have *demonstrated*

- K1 coherent and detailed knowledge of the legal subjects required for the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE)
- K2 coherent and detailed knowledge of 2 further legal practice areas
- K3 understanding of the opportunities and challenges of modern legal practice
- K4 understanding of the legal professions in England and Wales in its historic, social, political and economic context
- K5 understanding of their own place within the legal professions of England and Wales
- K6 detailed understanding of an area of law or approach to law through an independent research project
- I1 accurate application of the law to complex legal problems ;
- I2 critical evaluation of chosen legal topics and different approaches to solving legal problems;
- I3 consideration of ethics and values and their role in maintaining professional standards and sustainability in the professions;
- I4 the ability to communicate clearly with other professionals and lay people about complex legal issues in writing and orally;
- I5 detailed reflection on their professional journey and an understanding of the limits of their knowledge and the consequent influence on their analysis or action
- P1 mastery of the practical legal skills required by the SQE 2 examination
- P2 the ability to run a case file in a legal practice area
- P3 advanced research skills in law

Employability skills (postgraduate and other programmes)

- E1 **Self-management** – the ability to plan and manage time; readiness to accept responsibility and improve their own performance based on feedback/reflective learning; the ability to take initiative and be proactive, flexible and resilient;
- E2 **Teamworking** – the ability to co-operate with others on a shared task and to recognise and take on appropriate team roles; leading, contributing to discussions and negotiating; contributing to discussions; awareness of interdependence with others;
- E3 **Business and sector awareness** – an understanding of the key drivers for business success, including the importance of customer/client satisfaction and innovation; understanding of the market/sector in which an organisation operates; the ability to recognise the external context and pressures on an organisation, including concepts such as value for money, profitability and sustainability;
- E4 **Problem-solving** – a capacity for critical reasoning, analysis and synthesis; a capacity for applying knowledge in practice; an ability to retrieve, analyse and evaluate information from different sources;
- E5 **Communication** – the ability to present information clearly and appropriately, both orally and in writing, and to tailor messages to specific audiences and purposes;
- E6 **Application of numeracy** – a general awareness of mathematics and its application in practical contexts; the ability to carry out arithmetic operations and understand data, to read and interpret graphs and tables and to manage a budget;
- E7 **Application of information technology** – the ability to identify the appropriate IT package for a given task; familiarity with word-processing, spreadsheets and file management; the ability to use the internet and email effectively.
- E8 **Entrepreneurship/enterprise** – the ability to demonstrate an innovative approach and creativity, to generate ideas and to identify and take opportunities;
- E9 **Social, cultural & civic awareness** – embracement of an ethos of community and civic responsibility; an appreciation of diversity and ethical issues; an understanding of cultures and customs in the wider community.

See also the learning outcomes for subsidiary awards set out in section 4 below.

3a External benchmarks

Statement of congruence with the relevant published subject benchmark statements

(including appropriate references to any PSRB, employer or legislative requirements)

All Leeds Trinity University programmes are congruent with the Frameworks for HE Qualifications (FHEQ) and, where appropriate, the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) (formerly National Qualification and Credit Framework (NQF)).

The LLM Legal Practice is aligned with the SQE assessment specification as published from time to time by the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

4. Learning outcomes for subsidiary awards

<p>Guidance</p> <p>The assessment strategy is designed so that each of these outcomes is addressed by more than one module at Level 7.</p>	<p>Learning outcomes for the award of <u>Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice</u>:</p> <p>On successful completion of 120 credits at Level 7, students will have demonstrated:</p> <p>K1 coherent and detailed knowledge of the legal subjects required for the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE)</p> <p>K2 coherent and detailed knowledge of 2 further legal practice areas</p> <p>K3 understanding of the opportunities and challenges of modern legal practice</p> <p>K4 understanding of the legal professions in England and Wales in its historic, social, political and economic context</p> <p>K5 understanding of their own place within the legal professions of England and Wales</p> <p>I1 accurate application of the law to complex legal problems ;</p> <p>I2 critical evaluation of different approaches to solving legal problems;</p> <p>I3 consideration of ethics and values and their role in maintaining professional standards and sustainability in the professions;</p> <p>I4 the ability to communicate clearly with other professionals and lay people about complex legal issues in writing and orally;</p> <p>I5 detailed reflection on their professional journey and an understanding of the limits of their knowledge and the consequent influence on their analysis or action</p> <p>P1 mastery of the practical legal skills required by the SQE 2 examination</p> <p>P2 the ability to run a case file in a legal practice area</p> <p>and will have had specific opportunities to display transferable skills relevant to employment related to the discipline.</p>
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5. Content

<p>Summary of content by theme (providing a 'vertical' view through the programme)</p>
<p>During the LLM Legal Practice you will study 2 modules offered by our partners the College of Legal Practice which are designed to prepare you for the SQE examination.</p> <p>The first of these modules prepares you for SQE 1 and is called Solicitors Legal Knowledge. In this module you will study the Foundations of Legal Knowledge and gain confidence in applying that knowledge through Multiple Choice Tests. The module runs alongside the Module 'The Legal Professions in England and Wales' which offers the opportunity to reflect critically on the professions and your place within them. The module is designed to support your SQE 1 preparation by providing a more critical and supportive space to explore opportunities and challenges across a variety of issues that often arise in the legal professions.</p> <p>While Term 1 focuses on underpinning knowledge, Term 2 is more skills based and focuses on SQE 2 preparation. The SQE 2 modules Solicitors Legal Skills provides the basis of this and you can then choose 2 optional modules to develop the knowledge and skills to undertake the tasks</p>

often required from junior lawyers in those areas of legal practice. These modules allow you to develop knowledge of practical legal subjects beyond the narrow focus of the SQE.

6. Structure

LLM Legal Practice)

Duration: 12 months full time

Total credit rating: 180 credits (90 ECTS)

Level 7 – with effect from September 2026

Core: Students are required to take:

LAW7043	Solicitors Legal Knowledge+ ++	Term 1	30 credits
LAW7053	The Legal Professions in England and Wales+ ++	Term 1	30 credits
LAW7063	Solicitors Legal Skills+	Term 2	30 credits
LAW7016	Dissertation+	Term 3	60 credits

Options: Students are required to choose 30 credits from the following

LAW7155	Property Practice+	Term 2	15 credits
LAW7165	Employment Practice+	Term 2	15 credits
LAW7175	Family Practice+	Term 2	15 credits
LAW7185	Immigration Practice+	Term 2	15 credits
LAW7085	Company Law and Practice+	Term2	15 credits

Indicate as applicable:

+ The indicated module(s) are not available to visiting students.

++ Integrated Assessment Modules

* There is a prerequisite for enrolment on this module – see section 10.

7. Learning, teaching and assessment

7a) Statement of the strategy for learning, teaching and academic experience for the programme

Concise reference should be made to the LTAE Strategy 2022-26.

Please also refer to the ways in which research is embedded and how graduate skills/attributes are developed throughout the programme.

The Learning, Teaching and Assessment strategy for this programme is driven by the requirements of the SQE. The SQE 1 requires knowledge across several legal subjects (the Foundations of Legal Knowledge) which draws on both substantive and procedural aspects required in legal practice. This knowledge is tested through best answer multiple choice tests. SQE 2 requires the demonstration of core legal skills including client interviewing, drafting and legal research across a narrower set of practice areas. The LLM Legal Practice therefore focuses on developing the required knowledge and skills in a supportive environment and in addition provide you with the opportunity to develop practical knowledge and skills in the context of 2 additional practice areas that are relevant to the local and regional labour market.

The teaching on the the 2 SQE modules (30 credits each in Term 1 and Term 2) is delivered predominantly online through the College of Legal Practice and is entirely focused on practicing

what you need to do for the SQE. In Term 1 we have added additional on campus workshops to the SQE module to ensure you have the support you need. These workshops are designed to help you develop effective and healthy study skills, learn how to tackle Multiple Choice tests and solve any problems you may be encountering during your studies.

Alongside the SQE module in the first term you will study 'The Legal Professions in England and Wales', a module which turns a critical and analytical lens on the professions you wish to join and allows you to explore the challenges and opportunities and your place within those professions. The teaching takes place using an overview lecture and then a 2-hour workshop session. In term 2 you can choose 2 additional practice areas, and these modules will simulate the practical legal skills required to effectively run a case file in that given area. Teaching takes place in weekly 2-hour workshops.

Assessment on the SQE modules mirrors the SQE itself to ensure you have sufficient practice and build confidence. For the SQE module in Term 1 the Multiple-Choice examination you will undertake through the College of Legal Practice is worth 75% of the mark with 25% coming from an integrated assessment that covers both Term 1 modules. This assessment takes a form of a professional conversation drawing on the critical analysis of the professions from one module and your reflections on studying for the SQE. The other assessment in term one is a critical essay. In term 2 the SQE 2 skills assessments account for 100% of the SQE module and the practice area options are assessed by a portfolio type assessment which mirrors a case file. Commercial Law and Practice is assessed by exam.

7b) Programme learning outcomes covered

	Assessed learning outcomes of the programme													Skills development										
	K1	K2	K3	K4	K5	K6	I1	I2	I3	I4	I5	P1	P2	P3	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	
<i>Adjust LO codes as necessary. ↓</i>																								
Lighter or hatched shading indicates modules that are not core, ie. not all students on this programme will undertake these.	<i>SQE knowledge</i>	<i>Additional knowledge</i>	<i>Modern legal practice</i>	<i>Legal profession</i>	<i>Understanding own place</i>	<i>examination of legal topic</i>	<i>Accurate application</i>	<i>Critical evaluation</i>	<i>Ethics and values</i>	<i>communication</i>	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>SE2 Skills</i>	<i>Case Management</i>	<i>Advanced Legal Research</i>	Self-management	Teamworking	Business & sector awareness	Problem-solving	Communication	Application of numeracy	Application of IT	Entrepreneurship / enterprise	Social, cultural & civic awareness	
LAW 7043 Solicitors Legal Knowledge																								
LAW7063 Solicitors Legal Skills																								
LAW7053 The Legal Professions in England and Wales																								
LAW7165 Employment Practice																								
LAW7175 Family Practice																								
LAW7185 Immigration Practice																								
LAW7155 Property Practice																								
LAW7085 Company Law and Practice																								
LAW7016 Dissertation																								

8. Entry requirements

Do the University's standard entry requirements apply (as outlined within the University's Admissions Policy)?	Yes
Detail of any deviation from and/or addition to the University's standard entry requirements (if applicable)	Lower second class honours or equivalent in Law from any jurisdiction. Where Law has been studied as a joint honours programme a minimum of 50% of the credits studied must be from Law

9. Progression, classification and award requirements

Details of requirements for student progression between levels and receipt of the award(s) (A certain level of attainment which <u>must</u> be achieved in a specific module; any modules exempted from condonement, any deviation from the standard institutional stipulations for award classification, e.g. exclusion of Level 4 module marks from Foundation Degree classification)
The following regulations apply, together with the General Taught Academic Regulations): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Postgraduate Taught Academic Regulations• Postgraduate Diploma Programme Regulations• Master's Degree Programme Regulations

10. Prerequisites and additional information

Details of modules students <u>must</u> study and achieve credit for before enrolling on a module at a higher level, or attaining their final programme award
N/A

11. Additional support needs

Arrangements made to accommodate students with additional support needs and any unavoidable restrictions on their participation in the programme/scheme
Students with disabilities or other support needs are welcome and are expected to be able to participate fully in this programme. Arrangements will be made, via the normal University support systems, to accommodate students with additional support needs wherever possible, with reasonable adjustments made to accommodate individual needs.