

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Undergraduate programmes in Law

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Certificate of Higher Education in Common Law

Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law

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Quality of learning

The law programmes in this prospectus have been developed by academics at the University of London law schools, ensuring the world-class quality of the degree.

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Learn at your convenience

Choose from different entry points depending on your qualifications - including fast-track routes for graduates.



Employability

Enhance your employability by developing skills such as problem solving, critical thinking and self-discipline, all of which are valued by top law firms and employers worldwide.

Join the World Class

After graduation, you become part of our global network of influential alumni, including distinguished barristers, solicitors, leaders in industry and Nobel prize winners.

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Professor Wendy Thomson Vice-Chancellor, University of London

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Your prestigious University of London qualification

About your qualification

When you graduate with a degree, diploma or certificate from the University of London you will receive two important documents – your Final Diploma (the parchment you receive on graduation) and a Diploma Supplement.

About your qualification

- Indicates that you were registered with the University of London and awarded a University of London degree, diploma or certificate.
- States that University of London law schools developed the syllabus and provided assessment.
- Features the University of London crest and the Vice-Chancellor's signature.

The Diploma Supplement

- Describes the nature, level and content of the programme you successfully completed.
- Includes the transcript of courses taken, marks achieved and overall classification.
- States the names and roles of the University of London law schools and the method of study.

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Full academic year (two semesters), up to four modules: Apply by: 1 October* Register by: 1 November

Half academic year (one semester), up to two modules: Apply by: 1 April* Register by: 1 May

Examinations: May/June and October

Certificate of Higher Education in Common Law (CertHE Common Law):

CertHE students and those who wish to receive support for the LLB from a Recognised Teaching Centre should contact the teaching centre, which may require you to make an earlier application (see pages 20–21).

*Dates apply to LLB and Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law only.

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Welcome to our global Law qualifications



Why study with us?

In a world where degrees and degree providers are proliferating, the University of London LLB offers the security of an internationally recognised qualification.

The University of London was the first university to offer a degree in English law, in the 1890s. The high reputation of our LLB has been maintained because our students are marked to the same high standards whether they are campus-based or studying by distance and flexible learning. Upon graduation, you will join a distinguished group of lawyers, solicitors, barristers and judges from around the world who have obtained their law degree through the University of London.

Seeking to become a legal practitioner is not the only reason for studying for a legal qualification. You might already be working in a law-related field – in the police force or social work, for example – and want to enhance your legal knowledge and professional standing. Your career path might lie in the commercial or financial professions, where legal qualifications are highly valued not only for a specific knowledge of law but also because of the transferable skills that come from the study of law, such as creating reasoned arguments and problem solving.

Whatever your reasons for study, applying yourself to studies in law will provide a stimulating and challenging path.

A University of London degree

Undergraduate degrees of the University of London are awarded with Honours. The award certificate will indicate the level of the academic performance (Honours) achieved by classifying the award. The classification of the degree will be based on the ratified marks from the completed assessments. The standard classification system for bachelor's degrees with Honours is:

- First Class
- Upper Second Class
- Lower Second Class
- Third Class

A Pass Degree or Ordinary Degree is a degree without Honours. Specific rules for the classification of awards are given in the Programme Regulations, under Schemes of Award.





Simon Askey

Dean, Undergraduate Laws

'Most people choose to study law thinking that they'll become a lawyer but the skills you'll gain studying law – researcher – communicator – logical problem solver – are a springboard for many professions in commerce and industry.

A law degree is a wellrespected undergraduate qualification and studying law is an opportunity to explore everything from economics in Contract and Commercial law, politics and policies in Public and Public international law and sociology and psychology in Criminal and Family law.'

The Laws Consortium

The law schools or departments of the following Colleges of the University of London provide the academic direction for the University of London Undergraduate Laws qualifications. Collectively, they are known as the Laws Consortium.



Birkbeck

Founded in 1823, Birkbeck is unique in its special mission to enable mature students to gain higher education qualifications via part-time study. **bbk.ac.uk**



King's College London

Established in 1829, King's College London has been responsible for some of the discoveries that have shaped the modern world. **kcl.ac.uk**



LSE

Since 1895, LSE (The London School of Economics and Political Science) has been regarded as an international centre of academic excellence and innovation in the social sciences. **Ise.ac.uk**



Queen Mary University of London

Queen Mary is one of the largest Colleges of the University. Now heralded for its quality research efforts, it began life in 1887 as the People's Palace, a philanthropic endeavour to provide East Londoners with education. **qmul.ac.uk**



SOAS

SOAS is the world's largest centre for the study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Founded in 1916, it has built an reputation for its regional expertise and the calibre of its crossdisciplinary social sciences, arts and humanities programmes. **soas.ac.uk**



UCL

Founded in 1826, UCL was the first university in England to admit students of any race, class or religion, and the first to welcome women on equal terms with men. **ucl.ac.uk**

Studying with Undergraduate Laws

An internationally recognised qualification

If you want to achieve an internationally recognised qualification in law, where you can study at a pace that suits you, then you need look no further than the University of London.

Undergraduate Laws is committed to:

- Offering expert guidance. Our study materials are informed by current research and scholarship and engage with contemporary legal issues.
- Providing a wealth of resources. With our Online Library and Laws Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), you will have a resourcerich learning environment to develop your legal research skills.
- **Promoting independent learning.** Through the guidance provided in your study materials we will support you in developing your capacity to manage your own learning.

By studying with us you will:

- Acquire knowledge and understanding of the foundation subjects of common law.
- Learn to analyse and critically evaluate legal and relevant non-legal primary and secondary materials.



- Learn how to stand back and consider the 'bigger picture', and develop an awareness of the context of law.
- Develop transferable skills of research, problem solving and communication.

For further information about what to expect when undertaking a law module, please visit our website: **london.ac.uk/llb**

Two LLB routes

For those studying at undergraduate level for the first time:

Standard Entry LLB

• Complete 12 modules in a minimum of three years and a maximum of six.

For those who already have a threeyear undergraduate degree:

Graduate Entry LLB

• Complete nine modules in a minimum of two years and a maximum of six.

Flexible study

The academic year for the LLB, Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law and Certificate of Higher Education in Common Law (CertHE Common Law) begins on 1 November each year and ends on 31 October.

There are two opportunities to **apply** each academic year (CertHE Common Law students should check with their teaching centre). The deadlines are:

• 1 October and 1 April

There are two opportunities to **register** each academic year (CertHE Common Law students should check with their teaching centre). The deadlines are:

1 November and 1 May

There are two **examination** opportunities each academic year:

May/June and October

Students have flexibility to split their examinations over two sessions in the academic year (subject to a maximum of two examinations in an October session).

- If you register by 1 November, you can sit examinations in a maximum of four modules in your first year of study.
- If you register by 1 May, you can sit examinations in a maximum of two modules in October.

Introduction to the awards

Award	No. of	Study	Description
	modules	period	
Certificate of Higher Education in Common Law	4	1–5 years	An award in its own right. Alternatively, on passing three modules, including <i>Legal system</i> <i>and method</i> , you may transfer to the Standard Entry LLB.
Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law	4	1–5 years	Provides a grounding in the principal features of the English legal system pertaining to commercial law.
Standard Entry LLB	12	3–6 years	The degree suitable for those who meet the general entrance requirements.
Graduate Entry LLB	9	2–6 years	The degree suitable for those who already have an undergraduate degree.
Exit awards: BA in Law; Diploma of Higher Education in Law; Certificate of Higher Education in Law	_	-	Students who are unable to continue their studies may be able to exit with an award that reflects their achievements and efforts. You cannot apply for direct entry into these programmes.

Progressing through your LLB studies

In the first year, all Standard Entry LLB students must study and pass *Legal system and method*, and Graduate Entry students must study and pass the online course *Introduction to English law*.

Your progression route is determined by the profession that you wish to enter into after completing your degree (see page 18).

Assessment

For all modules, except the dissertation, assessment is primarily by three-hour examinations. These are held in May/June and October at local centres in over 180 different countries as well as in London.

All examination scripts are marked by University of London approved academics.

Recognition of the degree

University of London degrees are acknowledged worldwide for their quality and academic rigour.

If you hope to enter a legal profession, you should check the local requirements for legal practice. It is your responsibility to find out the extent to which they recognise the University of London LLB.

Visit our website

Undergraduate Laws provides a range of open access resources, including reading lists and module guide excerpts, which you are welcome to consult. Please visit: **Iondon.ac.uk/IIb**

You may also find the University of London's Introduction to English Common Law short open course useful: london.ac.uk/ways-study/distancelearning/moocs#what-is-available



How you study



Your Student Portal

You are required to have access to the internet so that you can use resources that are only available online. Your Student Portal is a secure website where you can access your personal details, pay your fees, track the delivery of your study materials and receive news from the University of London. You are expected to log in on a regular basis to manage your student account and access your resources.

Your study materials

Your study materials are designed to support your learning and are central to your studies. You also have the option to attend a local Recognised Teaching Centre for additional support.

You will receive module guides that take you systematically through the module topics, complete with learning activities (with feedback) and guidance on assessment.

Laws VLE

The VLE is integral to your study experience, providing:

- Electronic versions of the module guides To provide you with flexibility in how and where you study.
- Past examination papers and Chief Examiner reports To help you develop your examination technique and your understanding of the format of your examinations.
- Audio and video lectures For some modules, additional audio/visual resources are uploaded throughout the year to complement your studies.
- Lecture Plus

Listen to a recorded lecture from a University of London approved tutor, discuss the lecture with fellow students and view feedback from the tutor about the discussion.

Pre-exam updates

Highlight any significant changes to the law, key cases or legislation since the publication of the module guide. These are published annually in February.

• Module reading Essential readings in the module guides are provided via the VLE.

- Module blog posts Provide information on current legal issues: lawsblog.london.ac.uk
- Student discussion forums An opportunity to debate and interact with other students.
- Latest announcements Provide up-to-date information about your programme.

Online Library

All registered students have access to the Online Library from the Student Portal or it can be accessed directly at: **onlinelibrary.london.ac.uk**

Among the many excellent resources, it provides free access to:

• the professional legal databases – LexisLibrary, Westlaw, JustisOne

- cases and up-to-date statutes
- key academic law journals
- multidisciplinary databases in business and the social sciences.

Stay connected

The Laws newsletter is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening within Undergraduate Laws. Updates on key events and developments are regularly emailed to students.

You can also connect with your fellow students and Undergraduate Laws through Facebook: facebook.com/ulplondon



Mariam Dawoord

Pakistan

'The distance learning programme through University of London gives you more exposure to different ways of learning. The subject guides and the lectures are great. It is really important to make sure you access all of the good resources that are available.'



London study support

Undergraduate Laws organises an annual London Revision Event as well as other occasional study support events. Each event covers a number of modules and is taught by University of London approved tutors and offers support to students preparing for examinations. These events are also an excellent opportunity for students to meet other students, to concentrate on important areas of study and to discuss legal developments.

More information can be found on our website: **Iondon.ac.uk/IIb**

Recognised Teaching Centres

In order to benefit from face-to-face interaction with academics and other students, many students choose to pay for teaching support at a local independent institution. So that you can rely on the standards of the teaching, support and administration that you will receive, we have created a network of institutions that offer study support to University of London students within our Teaching Centre Recognition Framework. These institutions are known as Recognised Teaching Centres. We cannot advise you on which teaching centre is best for you; ultimately, you must choose one that meets your own needs.

For details about Recognised Teaching Centres please visit: bit.ly/recognised-centres

Further information

For further information on resources and study materials please see: bit.ly/uol_study_materials or contact: sid.london.ac.uk



LLB structures



Standard Entry LLB

- As a Standard Entry student you must register for *Legal system and method* in your first year of study.
- You must be registered for a minimum of one module and a maximum of four modules in your first year of study. The maximum number of modules you may be registered for in any subsequent year is four, and exceptionally five in your final year of study.

Graduate Entry LLB

- If you have already completed a first degree, you may be eligible for the Graduate Entry LLB. This means that you will only have to study nine modules rather than 12 to complete the LLB. Eligibility for Graduate Entry is at the discretion of the University.
- As a Graduate Entry student you must pass the online course *Introduction to English law* in your first year of study.
- You must be registered for a minimum of one module and a maximum of four modules in your first year of study. The maximum

number of modules you may be registered for in any subsequent year is four, and exceptionally five in your final year of study.

Further information

There are both compulsory and optional modules that will make up your LLB degree and cover a wide range of topics, from Contract law to Jurisprudence and legal theory.

To find out more about the LLB structure, please visit: **bit.ly/llb-structure**

Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law

Programme overview

The Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law is a flexible programme aimed at those who wish to gain some knowledge and expertise in English commercial law to enhance their existing qualifications. It is a qualification in its own right, designed to offer specialisation in aspects relevant to commercial law and practice for students who are eligible for admission to the LLB but who do not wish to register for the full degree, or require a bridging qualification for entry into postgraduate study.

This qualification is for you if:

- You have the ability, motivation and self-discipline to study at degree level but do not want to commit to a full LLB programme.
- You would like to enhance key skills of communication, information literacy, analysis and argument.
- You want the flexibility to pace your studies to fit in with your other commitments.
- You want to develop specialist subject knowledge in the area of commercial law.



Please note: that the programme is not a Graduate Diploma in Law and does not offer a Graduate Entry pathway onto the LLB. If you are a graduate seeking an LLB degree, please consult page 19 of this prospectus.

Features of the Graduate Diploma

• Flexibility in the time you can take to complete it, in the available examination opportunities and in the choice of modules.

• The modules you take are rigorously examined to the same standards applied to both internal and external students studying for the LLB.

• Specially developed course materials and online resources, including an online library and online learning environment, giving you the ability to study independently. • You may choose to register with a Recognised Teaching Centre to benefit from supplementary support.

Flexible study options

You have the flexibility to pace your studies to fit in with your other commitments as you have up to five years to complete this diploma. You are also able to split examinations over two examination sessions in the academic year (subject to a maximum of two examinations in the October session).

Further information

To find out more about the Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law structure, please visit: **bit.ly/commercial-structure**

Certificate of Higher Education in Common Law

Programme overview

The CertHE Common Law is a qualification in its own right that also provides an entry route to degree study. The modules studied in the CertHE Common Law are the same as the Level 4 modules of the LLB and may be studied either full time or part time. Students must have registered through, and be studying at, a teaching centre recognised by the University (please see page 14).

This qualification is for you if:

- You have the ability, motivation and self-discipline to study at degree level but do not have the qualifications usually required to enter a degree programme.
- You have a personal or professional interest in studying law and would like an easily managed programme of study.
- You intend to undertake a degree programme but would like to gain a recognised qualification after one year.

Features of the CertHE Common Law

- You can achieve a law qualification in some of the core legal subjects without committing to the full LLB programme.
- You can complete the programme in a minimum of one year and a maximum of five years.
- The programme is rigorously examined by approved academics.
- You can transfer to the LLB programme after successful completion of three modules, including *Legal system and method*.
- You must register with a Recognised Teaching Centre so that you can benefit from the tuition support.

Teaching centre support

In order to be recognised by the University of London, teaching centres must have satisfied certain quality criteria. However, they remain independent of the University of London and responsible for the quality of academic support they provide.

How to apply for the CertHE Common Law

Applications for the CertHE Common Law can be submitted only via a Recognised Teaching Centre. Full details of the CertHE Common Law, including entrance criteria, syllabuses and application forms, should be obtained from the teaching centre at which you intend to enrol.

Further information

To find out more about the CertHE Common Law structure, please visit: **bit.ly/common-structure**

Entry into the Legal Profession



Practising law in England and Wales

Changes to the vocational stage of training for both solicitors and barristers are being introduced for the 2020/21 academic year.

The following websites should be consulted for updates:

- Solicitors Regulation Authority sra.org.uk/students
- The Law Society lawsociety.org. uk/careers/becoming-a-solicitor
- Bar Standards Board barstandardsboard.org.uk/ training-qualification.html

From 2020/21 the academic stage of training, previously satisfied by completing a Qualifying Law Degree (QLD), will no longer be the same for both intending solicitors and barristers. Instead, the academic stage requirements will depend on the profession you wish to enter.

Intending Barristers

All intending barristers will need to meet the following criteria to satisfy the requirements of the academic stage of training:

- Complete their entire programme of study within six years (the six year period will commence from the registration date (1 November or 1 May) preceding their first examination attempt)
- Pass examinations in the foundations of legal knowledge: Criminal law, Equity and Trusts, EU law, Contract law, Tort law, Property law, Public law
- Make no more than three examination attempts at any module
- Have demonstrated the attainment of various skills, including legal research and IT skills
- Additionally, Graduate Entry LLB students must pass the online course *Introduction to English Law* in their first year of study.

Transitional arrangements for intending Solicitors

Anyone who has started, completed or accepted an offer for a Qualifying Law Degree by the time the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) is introduced in autumn 2021 falls into the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) transitionary arrangements. After completion of the LLB they can choose between the LPC route and the SQE route to complete as the vocational stage of training. The SQE Route requires a degree in any subject. The LPC route requires satisfactory completion of the academic stage set out in the section above for intending barristers.

Satisfactory completion of the academic stage of legal training does not guarantee automatic admission to the next stage of training (vocational); acceptance will be dependent on your classification and results.

Practising law outside England and Wales

If you intend to practise law in a country other than England and Wales, you must confirm with the relevant professional authorities that they recognise the University of London LLB as fulfilling (in whole or in part) the academic stage requirements of legal training.

We recommend that you receive this confirmation in writing. The requirements set down by the professional authorities can be subject to change at any time during your studies. It is important, therefore, that you continue to check for any updates or changes to the requirements that affect you.

Entrance requirements

LLB

To be eligible to register for the LLB you must:

- normally[†] be aged 17 or above on or before the date of programme registration and
- meet our General Entrance Requirements **and**
- meet our English language requirements. We may require a test of proficiency in English.

⁺Applications will be considered from applicants who do not meet the normal minimum age requirement for admission. Each application will be considered on an individual basis, and the decision taken at the discretion of the University of London.

LLB (Graduate Entry Route) and Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law

To be eligible to register you must:

- hold an undergraduate degree from an awarding institution acceptable to the University of London and
- meet our English language requirements. We may require a test of proficiency in English.

For more information on entry requirements visit: bit.ly/commercial-entry

CertHE Common Law

To be eligible to register for the CertHE Common Law you must:

- be aged 18 or above on or before the date of programme registration **and**
- be admitted to a course of instruction at a teaching centre that has been recognised for this purpose by the University of London

For more information on entry requirements visit: **bit.ly/common-entry**

Useful links

For full details on how to meet our entrance requirements, including further information on our General Entrance Requirements and English language requirements, visit: **london.ac.uk/applications**



Sonali Wanigabaduge

Sri Lanka

'I am a strong believer in rights-awareness, protection of human rights. and enacting effective legislation – thus being a lawyer certainly helps in going about the process. My main focus is to establish myself as a human rights lawyer in Sri Lanka. I opted to study the LLB through the University of London, as I was confident of the University's name in upholding its international reputation of academic distinction.

Application and registration process



Getting started

For the bachelors degree, you must apply online at: **london.ac.uk/llb**

For the Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law and the CertHE Common Law, please see the relevant progamme pages on our webisite.

If you intend to study at a Recognised Teaching Centre then you are advised to contact them before submitting your application.

Please read the 'Guidance notes for applications' before you complete your application.

Stage 1

Submit your online application form and application fee by 1 October or 1 April. Please note the application fee is non-refundable.

Stage 2

Submit your documentary evidence. This can be done online when submitting your application or at a later stage. Please see: london.ac.uk/applications/howapply/supplying-evidence

Please do not send original documents.

Stage 3

We will contact you by **email** with one of the following:

Offer Letter: if you meet our entrance requirements and we have seen all required documentation then we will send you an Offer Letter.

Request for further information: we might require further documentation/ information before we can confirm that you meet our entrance requirements.

We have referred your application to the Admissions Panel: if you do not automatically meet our entrance requirements then we will refer your application to the Admissions Panel for individual consideration. The Admissions Panel will consider qualifications that are not published under the Qualifications for Entrance Schedule, incomplete qualifications and substantial relevant work experience. If we cannot accept you with your current qualifications and experience then we will advise you on what qualifications you could take in order to meet our entrance requirements in the future.

Stage 4

Complete the online registration by 1 November or 1 May. We explain how to do this in the Offer Letter.

Stage 5

Start your studies. Once you register you will be given access to the VLE. We will also send you additional study materials to your correspondence address.

Hong Kong Applicants living in Hong Kong can apply directly through:

The University of Hong Kong School of Professional and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE) University of London (Admissions Office) 3/F, Admiralty Centre 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong

Useful information for applicants

Submit your application even if you are waiting to sit an examination or to receive examination results. We can begin to process your application without all the evidence, although we will not be able to give you a final decision until all the necessary documentation has been received.

If you are unsure of whether or not you meet our entrance requirements then we might be able to advise you on this before you submit your online application. However, due to our increased workload we are unable to provide this advice between 1 September and 30 October of each year.

Offers are valid for three years.



Chan Jing Luu

Malaysia

'One of reasons I chose this programme was the quality of the education provided by the University of London. The syllabus is written by leading academics, so that is the main attraction.

In order to succeed in the programme, you are not only expected to work hard, but you also have to become more independent.'

Further information

Fees

The total fee payable to the University of London for 2020–2021 will be published on our website once confirmed. On average, fees incur a five per cent year-on-year increase. For the latest information on programme fees, please visit: **Iondon.ac.uk/fees**

Please note: student fees shown on our website are net of any local VAT, Goods and Services Tax (GST) or any other sales tax payable by the student in their country of residence. Where the University is required to add VAT, GST or any other sales tax at the local statutory rate, this will be added to the fees shown during the payment process. For students resident in the UK, our fees are exempt from VAT.

Other costs

In addition to the fees payable to the University, you should also budget for the cost of:

- purchasing textbooks
- any tuition you choose to take
- tuition you are required to take for the CertHE Common Law
- the fee levied by your local examination centre.

Financial assistance

Undergraduate UK students may be able to apply for a part-time tuition fee loan to cover the cost of registration and examination entry fees.

For full details on eligibility criteria please visit: **gov.uk/student-finance** Alternatively, some employers in both the public and private sectors may be willing to consider offering financial assistance to their employees.

Students with disabilities and/or access requirements

The University of London welcomes applications from disabled students and/or those who have access requirements.

If you are disabled and/or have access requirements, we will make every reasonable effort to meet your needs. This may include making access arrangements for examinations such as a separate room or special aids. If you would like to tell us about your disability and/or request access arrangements, please complete the relevant section of the application form, or contact the Inclusive Practice Manager at: **special.arrangements** @london.ac.uk

Armed Forces

Students who are members or ex-members of the UK Armed Forces should note that the University of London has been approved by the Ministry of Defence in support of the Enhanced Learning Credits (ELC) Scheme (ELC Provider Reference Number 1284). The Scheme provides financial support to eligible Service Personnel who wish to enhance their educational or vocational achievements. The ELC Administration Service website can be found at: www.enhancedlearningcredits.com



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