

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Name, title and level of final qualification(s)	<p>LLM Law with Pathways</p> <p><i>Direct entry admissions pathways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LLM Law General - LLM Law with Human Rights - LLM Law with International Intellectual Property - LLM Law with Constitutional Politics, Law and Theory - LLM Law with Commercial Law - LLM Law with International Law and Development - LLM Law with Law and Political Economy - LLM Law with Environmental Law, Governance and Policy - LLM Law with Law and New Technologies <p>(Level 7)</p>
Name and title of interim exit qualification(s)	<p>PG Dip Law General</p> <p>PG Dip Law with Human Rights</p> <p>PG Dip Law with International Intellectual Property</p> <p>PG Dip Law with Constitutional Politics, Law and Theory</p> <p>PG Dip Law with Commercial Law</p> <p>PG Diploma Law with International Law and Development</p> <p>PG Diploma Law with Law and Political Economy</p> <p>PG Diploma Law with Environmental Law, Governance and Policy</p> <p>PG Diploma Law with Law and New Technologies</p> <p>PG Cert Law</p>
Awarding Body	University of London
Teaching Institution(s)	Birkbeck, University of London
Home School/other teaching departments	<p>Birkbeck Law School</p> <p>Law and political economy is hosted by law but there is a cross school collaboration with Birkbeck Business School and School of Social Sciences</p>
Location of delivery	<p>Central London</p> <p>(Note the LLM Law General pathway only is offered as part of the Birkbeck Flexible Masters arrangement and so may be taken in-person in Central London, online or by flexible study with some modules taken online and some in-person)</p>
Language of delivery and assessment	English
Mode of study, length of study and normal start month	<p>Full-time (1 year)</p> <p>Part-time (2 years)</p> <p>September/January*</p> <p>(*Note: January starts available for following pathways only: LLM Law General, LLM Law with Human Rights, LLM Law with Constitutional Politics, Law and Theory, LLM Law with International Law and Development)</p>

Professional, statutory or regulatory body	N/A
QAA subject benchmark group(s) Higher Education Credit Framework for England	N/A
Birkbeck Course Code	TMLLGNIIP_C Law General (on-campus, Oct start) TMLLGNMX_C Law General (flexible, October start) TMLLGNON_C Law General (online, October start) TMLLPATJ_C Law General (January start) TMLCOLAW_C Law with Commercial Law (on-campus, Oct start) TMLCOPLT_C Law with Constitutional Politics, Law and Theory (on-campus, Oct start) TMLCOPLJ_C Law with Constitutional Politics, Law and Theory (on-campus, Jan start) TMLENLGP_C Law with Environmental Law, Governance and Policy (on-campus, October start) TMLLAWD_C Law with International Law and Development (on-campus, Oct start) TMLLAWJ_C Law with International Law and Development (on-campus, Jan start) TMLLAWHR_C Law with Human Rights (on-campus, Oct start) TMLLAWHJ_C Law with Human Rights(on-campus, Jan start) TMLLAWNT_C Law with Law and New Technologies (on-campus, Oct start) TMLLWIPR_C Law with International Intellectual Property (on-campus, Oct start) TMLLWPOL_C Law with Law and Political Economy (on-campus, Oct start)
HECoS Code	100485
Start date of programme	Autumn 2010
Date of programme approval	Summer 2010
Date of last programme amendment approval	July 2023
Valid for academic year and cohorts	2023-24
Date of last revision to document	27/07/23

Admissions requirements

- A second-class honours degree or above in law, the humanities or social sciences; other honours degrees will be considered.
- Degrees from overseas institutions must be equivalent to a UK second-class degree.
- Other relevant qualifications and appropriate professional training and experience are welcome and will be taken into account.
- Excellent English language skills are essential.

Course aims

The LLM Law with Pathways provides a distinct opportunity to students upon enrolment to choose from the 9 pathways on offer the one that attends to their professional and academic interests. Taught by academics in Law, Criminology and the Institute for Crime and Justice Policy Research, and depending on the pathway chosen, this programme provides insight into cutting-edge debates and knowledge in Constitutional Politics and Law, Intellectual Property, Human Rights, Commercial Law, Environmental Law, Law and Political Economy, International Law and Development, Law and New Technologies. The teaching is grounded with legal, critical, policy, social sciences, and humanities-oriented perspectives and is flexible (taught online and in person).

Students on this programme are drawn from a range of backgrounds, including those with pre-existing knowledge or experience of law, and those with a desire to pursue a specialist in this area. It caters to those who would like to advance in their existing career or to carve out a new career path.

Those enrolled on the programme will be introduced to theoretical debates and perspectives that underpin understandings of the relationship between law, politics, economy, environment, art and the creative industries, technology, and justice and will be supported to pursue their own independent research on a relevant area of their choice. This is generally achieved through the completion of two or three compulsory modules and three or two options of a student's choice (depending on the pathway). Students on the LLM General pathway have one compulsory option, Research methods and Project creating in this way their own bespoke LLM. Research Methods and Project is a compulsory module in all the pathways. Subject to agreement students could take a module from the wider College which can be tailored towards students' individual research interests.

Distinctive Features:

The structure of teaching is designed for students who need to balance study with paid work, family or other commitments but desire to study in an environment led by academic staff with extensive research expertise and publications in the field of study. Key features include:

- Classes are standardly taught between 6pm and 9pm, Monday –Thursday.
- The programme is designed so full-time students can arrange their timetable to study two/three evenings a week. Part-time students can arrange their timetable to study one/two evening(s) per week.
- Students can choose from a wide range of optional modules across various topics, led by staff teaching their research specialisms.
- Students can attend specialist research seminars, such as the Law Department's seminars, which feature international scholars speaking to current issues and path-breaking interdisciplinary research.
- Students can attend the Law's Annual Lecture, Writer in Residence and Artist in Residence.
- You will be taught by staff who are part of a proud tradition of critical scholarship in law who address issues of law through power and inequality and are led by principles of social, economic, political, environmental and racial justice.

- You can look forward to a stimulating learning environment, learning alongside students with diverse backgrounds and professional experiences.

Course structure - LLM Law with Pathways:

1. LLM Law General

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 1 year					
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
7		Options (5 x 30 credits) see list below	150		T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Year 2					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)		Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)		Option	T1, 2 or 3
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
LLM Law General Indicative options (terms TBC)					
7	LADD016S7	Advanced Intellectual Property Law	30	Option	T1
7	LALW079S7	Commons, Public Space and the Law	30	Option	
7	LADD067S7	Constitutional Law in Practice: Regional Perspectives	30	Option	T1
7	LADD040S7	Economic Approach to Law	30	Option	T3
7	LALW078S7	Environmental Problems and the Law	30	Option	T2
7	LALA096S7	Equality and the Law	30	Option	T2
7	LADD029S7	Healthcare and Human Rights	30	Option	T3
7	LALW080S7	International Business and the Environment	30	Option	
7	LALW017S7	International Trade Law	30	Option	
7	LADD066S7	Introduction to the History, Theory and Politics of Constitutional Law	30	Option	T2
7	LALA193S7	Land, Law and Dispossession	30	Option	
7	LADD071S7	Law, Post-Colonialism and Political Economy	30	Option	T1
7	LADD072S7	Law, Post-Development and the Critique of Political Economy	30	Option	T2
7	LALW087S7	Law, Solidarity and Alternative Economies	30	Option	T1
7	LALW081S7	Law, Nature, and Planetary Justice	30	Option	T2
7	LALW014S7	Negotiation, Interpretation and Explorations in Law, Arts & Human Rights	30	Option	T1
7	LADD055S7	Social Justice	30	Option	
7	LALW037S7	Tackling Climate Change: Legal Responses	30	Option	
7	LADD019S7	The World Trade Organization and the Environment	30	Option	
Subject to agreement students may take one 30-credit option module from the wider College which can be tailored towards students' individual research interests.					

2. LLM Law with Constitutional Politics, Law and Theory

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 1 year					
7	LADD067S7	Constitutional Law in Practice: Regional Perspectives	30	Comp	T1
7	LADD066S7	Introduction to the History, Theory and Politics of Constitutional Law	30	Comp	T2
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
7		Options (3 x 30 credits) see list below	90		T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
7	LADD067S7	Constitutional Law in Practice: Regional Perspectives	30	Comp	T1
7	LADD066S7	Introduction to the History, Theory and Politics of Constitutional Law	30	Comp	T2
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Year 2					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
LLM Law with Constitutional Politics, Law and theory Indicative options (terms TBC)					
7	LALW078S7	Environmental Problems and the Law	30	Option	T3
7	LALA096S7	Equality and the Law	30	Option	T2
7	LALW010S7	Race, Law and Literature	30	Option	
7	LALA097S7	Critical Migration Law	30	Option	

3. LLM Law with Commercial Law

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 1 year					
7	LALW102S7	Commercial Law and Market Regulation	30	Comp	T1
7	LALW103S7	Issues in Commercial Law	30	Comp	T2
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
7		Options (3 x 30 credits) see list below	90		T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
7	LALW102S7	Commercial Law and Market Regulation	30	Comp	T1
7	LALW103S7	Issues in Commercial Law	30	Comp	T2
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Year 2					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
LLM Law with Commercial Law Indicative options (terms TBC)					
7	LADD016S7	Advanced Intellectual Property Law	30	Option	T1
7	LADD040S7	Economic Approach to Law	30	Option	T3
7	LALW080S7	International Business and the Environment	30	Option	
7	LALW063S7	Law of the Digital Economy	30	Option	T2

7	LALW062S7	Property and Technology	30	Option	T2
	LADD019S7	The World Trade Organization and the Environment	30	Option	

4. LLM Law with Human Rights

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 1 year					
7	LADD028S7	Issues in International Law and Human Rights	30	Comp	T1
7	LADD005S7	The History and Philosophy of Human Rights	30	Comp	T2
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
7		Options (3 x 30 credits) see list below	90		T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
7	LADD028S7	Issues in International Law and Human Rights	30	Comp	T1
7	LADD005S7	The History and Philosophy of Human Rights	30	Comp	T2
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Year 2					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
LLM Law with Human Rights Indicative options (terms TBC)					
7	LADD029S7	Healthcare and Human Right	30	Option	T3
7	LADD056S7	International Rights of Minorities	30	Option	T1
7	LALW014S7	Negotiation, Interpretation and Explorations in Law, Arts & Human Rights	30	Option	T1
7	LADD013S7	Taking a Case to the European Court of Human Rights	30	Option	T1

5. LLM Law with International Law and Development

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 1 year					
7	LADD071S7	Law, Post-Colonialism and Political Economy	30	Comp	T1
7	LADD072S7	Law, Post-Development and the Critique of Political Economy	30	Comp	T2
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
7		Options (3 x 30 credits) see list below	90		T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
7	LADD071S7	Law, Post-Colonialism and Political Economy	30	Comp	T1
7	LADD072S7	Law, Post-Development and the Critique of Political Economy	30	Comp	T2
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Year 2					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3

7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
LLM Law with International Law and Development Indicative options (terms TBC)					
7	LALW087S7	Law, Solidarity and Alternative Economies	30	Option	T1
7	LALA193S7	Land, Law and Dispossession	30	Option	
7	LADD055S7	Social Justice	30	Option	
7	LALW081S7	Law, Nature, and Planetary Justice	30	Option	T2

6. LLM Law with Environmental Law, Governance and Policy

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 1 year					
7	LALW043S7	Environmental Law and Justice	30	Comp	T1
7	LALW078S7	Environmental Problems and the Law	30	Comp	T2
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
7		Options (3 x 30 credits) see list below	90		T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
7	LALW043S7	Environmental Law and Justice	30	Comp	T1
7	LALW078S7	Environmental Problems and the Law	30	Comp	T2
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Year 2					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
LLM Law with Environmental Law, Governance and Policy Indicative options (terms TBC)					
7	SSPO121S7	Geopolitics, Population and Environment	30	Option	T1
7	LALW080S7	International Business and the Environment	30	Option	
7	LALW081S7	Law, Nature, and Planetary Justice	30	Option	T2

7. LLM Law with International Intellectual Property

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 1 year					
7	LALW104S7	International Intellectual Property	30	Comp	T1
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
7		Options (4 x 30 credits) see list below	120		T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
7	LALW104S7	International Intellectual Property	30	Comp	T1
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Comp	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Year 2					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3

LLM Law with Intellectual Property indicative options (terms TBC)					
7	LADD016S7	Advanced Intellectual Property Law	30	Option	T1
7	LALW105S7	Copyright, Privacy and Publicity	30	Option	
7	LALW106S7	Intellectual Property and Global Health	30	Option	T2
7	LALW107S7	International Masterclass in Intellectual Property Law	30	Option	
7	LALW108S7	Patents and Trade Marks	30	Option	
7	LALW109S7	Regulating the Creative Economy (30	Option	T1

8. LLM Law with Law and Political Economy

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 1 year					
7	LALW064S7	Perspectives on Political Economy	30	Comp	T1
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
7		Options (4 x 30 credits) see list below	120		T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
7	LALW064S7	Perspectives on Political Economy	30	Comp	T1
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Year 2					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
LLM Law with Law and Political Economy indicative options (terms TBC)					
7	LADD040S7	Economic Approach to Law	30	Option	T3
7	LALA149S7	Global Perspectives on Crime and Crime Control	30	Option	T1
7	LALW017S7	International Trade Law	30	Option	
	LALW081S7	Law, Nature, and Planetary Justice	30	Option	T2
	LACN007S7	White-Collar and Corporate Crime	30	Option	

9. LLM Law with Law and New Technologies

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 1 year					
7	LALW059S7	Critical Approaches to Technology	30	Comp	T1
	LALW060S7	Regulating Technology	30	Comp	T2
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
7		Options (3 x 30 credits) see list below	90		T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 2 years					
Year 1					
7	LALW059S7	Critical Approaches to Technology	30	Comp	T1
7	LALW060S7	Regulating Technology	30	Comp	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3

Year 2					
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7		Option (1 x 30 credits)	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
7	LALW120S7	Research Methods and Project	30	Comp	T3
LLM Law with Law and New Technologies indicative options (terms TBC)					
7	LALW015S7	Digital Surveillance	30	Option	
7	LALW061S7	Labour, law and technology	30	Option	T2
7	LALW063S7	Law of the Digital Economy	30	Option	T2
7	LALW087S7	Law, Solidarity and Alternative Economies	30	Option	T1
7	LALW081S7	Law, Nature, and Planetary Justice	30	Option	T2
7	LALW062S7	Property and Technology	30	Option	T2

Core: Module must be taken and passed by student

Compulsory: Module must be taken but can be considered for compensated credit (see CAS regulations paragraph 24)

Option: Student can choose to take this module

How you will learn

Your learning and teaching is organised to help you meet the learning outcomes (below) of the course. As a student, we expect you to be an active learner and to take responsibility for your learning, engaging with all of the material and sessions arranged for you.

Each course is divided into modules. You will find information on the virtual learning site (Moodle, see Academic Support below) about each of your modules, what to expect, the work you need to prepare, links to reading lists, information about how and when you will be assessed.

Your learning for this course will be organised around the activities outlined below.

Teaching on this course is a combination of lectures (pre-recorded) and seminars. Lectures are designed to provide you with an outline or overview of the topic, to engage you with the material and direct you to other resources. They are a springboard for your own learning. Seminars are group sessions where you will be asked to contribute to discussion or group work around the topic, with material set in advance for which you need to prepare.

How we will assess you

The course will use a variety of assessment methods. Assessment is used to enhance your learning rather than simply to test it. For most of the modules associated with this course, your assessment will be through the following types of assessment.

Short written exercises, essays which will develop in length and expected complexity as you progress through your studies, quizzes and multiple-choice questionnaires, practical assessments (of your work in a lab/studio), case studies, problems to solve.

Learning outcomes (what you can expect to achieve)

'Learning outcomes' indicate what you should be able to know or do at the end of your course. Providing them helps you to understand what your teachers will expect and also the learning requirements upon which you will be assessed.

At the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Understand and explain key legal mechanisms and frameworks for achieving justice;
- Understand the intersection between your pathway specific aims and other societal challenges, as well as the interaction between your pathway specific area and other areas of law;

- Transfer their understanding of complex problems and regulatory responses to different contexts;
- Critically evaluate legal, regulatory and policy proposals concerning your pathway specific challenges;
- Engage with contemporary legal and policy discussions regarding your pathway specific challenges;
- Draw on relevant literature and law to independently generate and communicate written or oral discussions on the themes of the programme.

Careers and further study

You will find Law graduates in the following kinds of roles:

Local government, NGOs, Government Policy Researchers, Law firms

Birkbeck's LLM with pathway graduates will complete with a set of valuable attributes, for example:

- The ability to work as part of a team
- High-level oral and written communication skills in English
- Research skills
- Skills in evaluating and assessing types of information
- The ability to present yourself and an argument

Birkbeck offers a range of careers support to its students. You can find out more on [the careers pages of our website](#).

Academic regulations and course management

Birkbeck's academic regulations are contained in its [Common Award Scheme Regulations](#) and Policies published by year of application on the Birkbeck website.

You will have access to a course handbook on Moodle and this will outline how your course is managed, including who to contact if you have any questions about your module or course.

Support for your study

Your learning at Birkbeck is supported by your teaching team and other resources and people in the College there to help you with your study. Birkbeck uses a virtual learning environment called Moodle and each course has a dedicated Moodle page and there are further Moodle sites for each of your modules. This will include your course handbook.

Birkbeck will introduce you to the Library and IT support, how to access materials online, including using Moodle, and provide you with an orientation which includes an online Moodle module to guide you through all of the support available. You will also be allocated a personal tutor and provided with information about learning support offered within your School and by the College.

[Please check our website for more information about student support services](#). This covers the whole of your time as a student with us including learning support and support for your wellbeing.

Quality and standards at Birkbeck

Birkbeck's courses are subject to our quality assurance procedures. This means that new courses must follow our design principles and meet the requirements of our academic

regulations. Each new course or module is subject to a course approval process where the proposal is scrutinised by subject specialists, quality professionals and external representatives to ensure that it will offer an excellent student experience and meet the expectation of regulatory and other professional bodies.

You will be invited to participate in an online survey for each module you take. We take these surveys seriously and they are considered by the course team to develop both modules and the overall courses. Please take the time to complete any surveys you are sent as a student.

We conduct an annual process of reviewing our portfolio of courses which analyses student achievement, equality data and includes an action plan for each department to identify ongoing enhancements to our education, including changes made as a result of student feedback.

Our periodic review process is a regular check (usually every four years) on the courses by department with a specialist team including students.

Each course will have an external examiner associated with it who produces an annual report and any recommendations. Students can read the most recent external examiner reports on the course Moodle pages. Our courses are all subject to Birkbeck Baseline Standards for our Moodle module information. This supports the accessibility of our education including expectations of what information is provided online for students.

The information in this programme specification has been approved by the College's Academic Board and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information it contains.

Programme specifications are reviewed periodically. If any changes are made to courses, including core and/or compulsory modules, the relevant department is required to provide a revised programme specification. Students will be notified of any changes via Moodle.

Further information about specifications and an archive of programme specifications for the College's courses is [available online](#).

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