



### SECTION 1: KEY PROGRAMME DETAILS

<b>LLM Bar Professional Training Studies (LLM BPTC)</b>	
<b>LLM Bar Professional Training Studies (LLM BPTC)</b>	LLM Bar Professional Training Studies
<b>Default Award Title (Exit Award)</b>	n/a
<b>Interim Award Titles (Exit Awards)</b>	PG Certificate Bar Professional Training (Knowledge) PG Certificate Bar Professional Training (Skills) PG Diploma Bar Professional Training Course
<b>Awarding Institution</b>	UWE, Bristol
<b>Teaching Institutions</b>	UWE, Bristol
<b>Partner Institutions</b>	n/a
<b>Delivery Locations</b>	UWE, Bristol
<b>Study Abroad / Exchange / Credit Recognition</b>	n/a
<b>Faculty Responsible for Programme</b>	Faculty of Business and Law
<b>Department Responsible for Programme</b>	Department of Law
<b>Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) Links</b>	BSB accreditation pending
<b>Apprenticeship</b>	No
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	FT (attendance), PT (attendance),  No sandwich route.
<b>Entry Requirements</b>	The University's Standard Entry Requirements apply with the following additions/exceptions:  <b>IELTS 7.5</b> <b>Law Degree (incorporating Foundation of Legal Knowledge) (min 2:2) or PSRB accepted equivalent</b> <b>Pass at Bar Course Aptitude Test (PSRB Requirement)</b>  <b>Prospective students may APL, equivalent to any of the Interim Awards</b>

<b>LLM Bar Professional Training Studies (LLM BPTC)</b>	
<b>For Implementation From</b>	<b>September 2020</b>
<b>Programme Codes</b>	<b>Primary Award: M99A12 M99A12 (FT) M99B42 (PT)</b>

<b>PART B: FOR STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICES COMPLETION ONLY</b>	
<b>First UVP Approval Date</b>	<b>CAP 15 December 2016</b>
<b>Date of Last Revalidation (through Programme Enhancement Review)</b>	
<b>Next Programme Enhancement Review Date</b>	<b>September 2023</b>

**SECTION 2: PROGRAMME OVERVIEW, AIMS and LEARNING OUTCOMES****PART A: PROGRAMME OVERVIEW, AIMS and LEARNING OUTCOMES****1. (Programme) Overview (c. 400 words)**

The programme will be undertaken by students intending to pursue a career in law and in particular, to qualify as a barrister and be called to the Bar.

The Programme aims to equip graduates with the legal knowledge and skills to succeed with a career in legal practice, by undertaking a programme which has a professional focus (with professional body validation of the modules leading to Interim Awards). The Programme provides progression for a student from their academic legal studies to their vocational stage of training, it provides students with a foundation for legal practice, equipping them with the legal knowledge, skills and commercial understanding to succeed in a career as a barrister; while also preparing them for work-based learning

The Programme offers practice orientated learning with a Teaching & Learning Strategy which focuses on student centered learning. Students prepare for legal practice, both through undertaking the programme, but also by engaging in a range of extracurricular activities. The programme benefits from strong links with the local Bar and Western Circuit

The compulsory modules are delivered in an integrated programme, that seeks to develop acquisition of knowledge in the subjects of Civil Litigation and Evidence and Criminal Litigation and Evidence both through specific knowledge modules which lead to centralised assessments, but also through the application of that knowledge in the skills modules

In addition to the compulsory modules required by the professional body, students may undertake additional optional modules to further progress them for practice. These further develop student's knowledge and their ability to be reflective practitioners, to both support their progression towards license to practice as a Barrister, and also to develop the necessary skills to be effective reflective practitioners (required both to succeed in practice and also to comply with the Professional Body Regulator's Continuing Professional Development requirements).

Further, students are provided with maximum flexibility in relation to the 60-credit dissertation and may choose instead of a one 60 credit dissertation a combination of 15, 30 and 45 credit projects.

We provide a professional course that demands students to demonstrate professional attributes in their preparation, attendance and participation in class. It is a rigorous professional post graduate course and therefore the teaching and support needs to be of a high quality to ensure that the students can perform to their fullest potential. The Bar Standards Board requires high standards of the students and of the teaching staff providing the course

**2. Educational Aims (c. 4-6 aims)**

The overarching aims of the Programme are:

- to prepare students of the Inns of Court for pupillage at the Bar of England and Wales
- to enable students of the Inns from overseas jurisdictions to acquire the skills required for pupillage at the Bar of England and Wales, thereby assisting them to undertake further training or practice in their home jurisdiction.

The Specific objectives of the Programme are:

- to bridge the gap between the academic study of law and the practice of law
- to provide the foundation for the development of excellence in advocacy
- to inculcate a professional and ethical approach to practice as a barrister
- to prepare students for the further training to be given in pupillage

**PART A: PROGRAMME OVERVIEW, AIMS and LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- to equip students to perform competently in matters in which they are likely to be briefed during pupillage
- to lay the foundation for future practice, whether in chambers or as an employed barrister, and
- to encourage students to take responsibility for their own professional development

**3. Programme Learning Outcomes (c. 6-8 outcomes)****Programme (Learning) Outcomes (POs)**

No.	PO Text
	On successful completion of the programme students will be able to:
PO1	Apply legal knowledge in the interests of the client
PO2	Evaluate a set of facts in order to advise on a course of action and to draft relevant documentation
PO3	Analyse and evaluate factual situations and arguments to identify those matters which are likely to be important for the purposes of giving legal advice or reaching final outcome.
PO4	Evidence comprehensive knowledge of ethical standards
PO5	Demonstrate professional behavior and ethical conduct
PO6	Apply legal research skills in various contexts
PO7	Persuade by means of fluent and articulate advocacy in a variety of legal contexts
PO8	Create cogent and persuasive submissions in court
PO9	Theorise and reflect on current developments and advanced theories in law and practice

**4. Programme (Learning) Outcomes (POs) Mapping**

<i>Programme Outcomes:</i>	Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Sentencing	Civil Litigation and Evidence	Civil Advocacy	Drafting, Opinion Writing and Legal Research	Criminal Advocacy	Conferencing	Professional Ethics	Clinical Negligence	Commercial Law	Criminal Law	Employment Law	Family Law	Refugee and Asylum Law	Bar Professional Development	Bar Professional Practice	Continuing Professional Development Portfolio	Research and Practice Portfolio
P01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
P02				X		X		X	X			x	X				
P03	x	x															
P04							x										
P05	X	X	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	X	X
P06			X	x		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
P07			x		x					x	x	x					
P08			x		x					x	x	x					
P09														X	X	X	X

## PART B: PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

### 1. Structure (Full-time)

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from entry through to Graduation for a typical **full-time student** including:

- level and credit requirements
- interim award titles
- compulsory and optional modules

#### Interim awards:

**PG Certificate Bar Professional Training (Knowledge)**  
(60 credits comprising \* modules)

or

**PG Certificate Bar Professional Training (Skills).**  
(60 credits comprising \*\* modules)

Or

**PD Diploma Bar Professional Training**  
(120 credits comprising all Compulsory modules)

#### Compulsory modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credit
* = Part 1			
** = Part 2			
* UJXTSW-25-M	Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Sentencing	7	25
* UJXTST-35-M	Civil Litigation and Evidence	7	35
** UJXTSL-10-M	Civil Advocacy	7	10
** UJXTTE-15-M	Drafting, Opinion Writing and Legal Research	7	15
** UJXUSN -20-M	Criminal Advocacy	7	20
** UJXTSV-10-M	Conferencing	7	10
** UJXTSX-5-M	Professional Ethics	7	5

#### Completion of the Full Award, LLM Bar Professional Training Studies

The program offers flexible options for students to attain the remaining 60 credits to enable students to graduate with an LLM in Bar Professional Training studies. On completion of the interim award, students will be offered a choice of undertaking:

- A full 60 credit Dissertation (Research and Practice Portfolio) or
- A 45 credit Dissertation (Continuing Professional Development Portfolio) combined with a 15-credit project (Bar Professional Development) or 15 credit taught option module; or
- A 30 credit Project (Bar Professional Practice) together with a combination of either two taught option modules or one taught option module and a 15 credit Bar Professional Development Project.

UJGT7A-60-M	Research and Practice Portfolio	7	60
UJGUPV-45-M	Continuing Professional Development Portfolio	7	45
UJXTTD-30-M	Bar Professional Practice	7	30
UJXTRE-15-M	Bar Professional Development	7	15

#### Optional modules

*(The student may take up to 30 credits of options. Option list will vary subject to availability and will be limited to 4 at the discretion of the program lead. The option list will be determined no later than July prior to September enrolment)*

Module Code	Module title	Level	Credit
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UJXTSN-15-M	Clinical Negligence	7	15
UJXTSU-15-M	Commercial Law	7	15
UJXTSY-15-M	Criminal Law	7	15
UJXTTA-15-M	Employment Law	7	15
UJXTSQ-15-M	Family Law	7	15
UJXTTB-15-M	Refugee and Asylum Law	7	15
UJXTSM-15-M	International Trade	7	15

## 2. Structure (part-time)

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from entry through to Graduation for a typical **part-time student** including:

- level and credit requirements
- interim award titles
- compulsory and optional modules

### Interim Award

**PG Certificate Bar Professional Training (Knowledge)**  
(60 credits comprising \* modules)

or

**PG Certificate Bar Professional Training (Skills).**  
(60 credits comprising \*\* modules)

Or

**PD Diploma Bar Professional Training**  
(120 credits comprising all Compulsory modules)

### Year: 1

#### Compulsory modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credit
* = Part 1 ** = Part 2			
* UJXTSW-25-M	Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Sentencing	7	25
** UJXUSN -20-M	Criminal Advocacy	7	20
** UJXTSV-10-M	Conferencing	7	10
** UJXTSX-5-M	Professional Ethics	7	5

### Year: 2

#### Compulsory modules

Module Title	Level	Credit	Credit
* = Part 1 ** = Part 2			
* UJXTST-35-M	Civil Litigation and Evidence	7	35
** UJXTSL-10-M	Civil Advocacy	7	10
** UJXTTE-15-M	Drafting, Opinion Writing and Legal Research	7	15

### Completion of the Full Award, LLM Bar Professional Training Studies

The program offers flexible options for students to attain the remaining 60 credits to enable students to graduate with an LLM in Bar Professional Training studies. On completion of the interim award, students will be offered a choice of undertaking:

- A full 60 credit Dissertation (Research and Practice Portfolio) or
- A 45 credit Dissertation (Continuing Professional Development Portfolio) combined with a 15-credit project (Bar Professional Development) or 15 credit taught option module; or
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UJGT7A-60-M	Research and Practice Portfolio	7	60
UJGUPV-45-M	Continuing Professional Development Portfolio	7	45
UJXTTD-30-M	Bar Professional Practice	7	30
UJXTRE-15-M	Bar Professional Development	7	15

### Optional modules (Undertaken in year 2)

*(The student may take up to 30 credits of options. Option list will vary subject to availability and will be limited to 4 at the discretion of the program lead. The option list will be determined no later than July prior to year 2 September enrolment)*

**(Students may take up to 30 credits of options.....**

Module Code	Module title	Level	Credit
UJXTSN-15-M	Clinical Negligence	7	15
UJXTSU-15-M	Commercial Law	7	15
UJXTSY-15-M	Criminal Law	7	15
UJXTTA-15-M	Employment Law	7	15
UJXTSQ-15-M	Family Law	7	15
UJXTTB-15-M	Refugee and Asylum Law	7	15
UJXTSM-15-M	International Trade	7	15

### **PART C: HIGHER EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT RECORD (HEAR) SYNOPSIS**

Students acquire the key knowledge and skills sets to equip them for a Professional Law career.

Over the course of their studies, students will transition from being a student in law to a professional lawyer who will graduate with highly developed skills of critical thinking, research and persuasion (both orally and in writing) and who will have a developed a moral compass to navigate the ethical code of practice.

There are numerous opportunities for students to participate in career enhancing activities including chambers sponsored mootings and advocacy competitions, practitioner led advocacy sessions and pro-bono work.

### **PART D: EXTERNAL REFERENCE POINTS AND BENCHMARKS**

There are no QAA postgraduate law benchmarks.

The program is aligned to the QAA level descriptors and Characteristics for a Master's program namely it inculcates students with an in depth and advanced knowledge of the subject and profession to include a critical awareness of current issues and developments in the knowledge modules, the skills necessary for a successful career in professional law, knowledge of professional responsibility, integrity and ethics and the ability to develop as a reflective practitioner. Additionally, students will be able to apply research and critical perspectives to a professional law context. Further, students will graduate from this program possessing the skills and experience necessary for a Professional Law practice.

The programme is regulated by the PSRB which has oversight of the curriculum design, content and assessment outcomes. The PSRB monitors the program through receipt of Annual Reflective Reports submitted and through monitoring panel visits, the reports of which are published online. Additionally, external examiners who visit the program to observe teaching and to attend Examination Boards are



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appointed and report to the PSRB. Data is collated by the PSRB and reports published offering data comparisons across the institutions in terms of matters such as student progress.

Two modules are assessed by way of centrally set assessments. These are authored by a team acting under the auspices of the PSRB.

Program requirements in terms of entry criteria (to include English Language proficiency and successful completion of an aptitude test) attendance regulations and assessment regulations are set by the PSRB.

The program additionally has strong partnership links and connections with the local and regional legal profession; who are actively involved in programme delivery and careers support activities.

Design and delivery of the Programme benefits from

- BSB commendations and recommendations

- Feedback from external examiners

- Feedback from the Local Bar and Judiciary (master classes and competitions)

- Feedback from Western Circuit trainers on competency of graduates

## **PART E: REGULATIONS**

Approved variant to University Academic Regulations and Procedures