



Programme Specification

Bar Training Course [Frenchay]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: Bar Training Course [Frenchay]

Highest award: LLM Bar Training Course

Interim award: PGCert Legal Knowledge

Interim award: PGCert Legal Skills

Interim award: PGDip Bar Training Course

Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Affiliated institutions: Not applicable

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: No

Year abroad: No

Sandwich year: No

Credit recognition: No

Department responsible for the programme: FBL Dept of Law, Faculty of Business & Law

Contributing departments: Not applicable

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies:

Bar Standards Board (BSB)

Apprenticeship: Not applicable

Mode of delivery: Full-time, Part-time

Entry requirements: For the current entry requirements see the UWE public website.

The University's Standard Entry Requirements apply with the following additions/exceptions:

IELTS 7.5

Law Degree (incorporating Foundation of Legal Knowledge) (min 2:2) or PSRB accepted equivalent

Prospective students may APL, equivalent to the PG Diploma Interim Award

For implementation from: 01 September 2020

Programme code: M99A12

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: 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 a combined programme, that seeks to develop acquisition of knowledge in the subjects of Civil Litigation and Criminal Litigation 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 will undertake additional elective 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 call 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).

Students will supplement the elective modules with a 30 credit research based project based on an area of practice.

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.

Educational 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 practice in a culturally diverse society
- to prepare students for the further training to be given in pupillage
- 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.

Programme Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this programme graduates will achieve the following learning outcomes.

Programme Learning Outcomes

- 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

Part B: Programme Structure

Year 1

Full time students must take 180 credits from the modules in Year 1.

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Year 1.

The following Interim Awards are available:

PG Certificate Legal Knowledge - 60 credits comprising the following modules:

UJXTSW-25-M Criminal Litigation

UJXTST-35-M Civil Litigation

PG Certificate Legal Skills - 60 credits comprising the following modules:

UJXTSL-10-M Civil Advocacy

UJXTTE-15-M Drafting, Opinion Writing and Legal Research

UJXUSN-20-M Criminal Advocacy

UJXTSV-10-M Conferencing

UJXTSX-5-M Professional Ethics

PG Diploma Bar Training Course - 120 credits of compulsory modules excluding Bar Professional Practice UJXTTD-30-M

Year 1 Optional Modules (Full Time)

Students must take 30 credits of optional modules

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJXTSN-15-M	Clinical Negligence 2023-24	15
UJXTSU-15-M	Commercial Law 2023-24	15
UJXTSY-15-M	Criminal Law 2023-24	15
UJXTTA-15-M	Employment Law (BPTC) 2023-24	15

UJXTSQ-15-M	Family Law 2023-24	15
UJXTSM-15-M	International Trade 2023-24	15
UJXTTB-15-M	Refugee and Asylum 2023-24	15

Year 1 Compulsory Modules (Full Time)

Full time students must take 150 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Full Time)

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJXTTD-30-M	Bar Professional Practice 2023-24	30
UJXTSL-10-M	Civil Advocacy 2023-24	10
UJXTST-35-M	Civil Litigation 2023-24	35
UJXTSV-10-M	Conferencing 2023-24	10
UJXUSN-20-M	Criminal Advocacy 2023-24	20
UJXTSW-25-M	Criminal Litigation 2023-24	25
UJXTTE-15-M	Drafting, Opinion Writing and Legal Research 2023-24	15
UJXTSX-5-M	Professional Ethics 2023-24	5

Year 1 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Part time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Part Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJXTSV-10-M	Conferencing 2023-24	10
UJXUSN-20-M	Criminal Advocacy 2023-24	20
UJXTSW-25-M	Criminal Litigation 2023-24	25
UJXTSX-5-M	Professional Ethics 2023-24	5

Year 2

Part time students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 2.

Completion of the Full Award, LLM Bar Training Course requires 60crs of Compulsory Modules plus a 30 credit Project (Bar Professional Practice) together with two taught 15cr option modules.

The following Interim Awards are available:

PG Certificate Legal Knowledge - 60 credits comprising the following modules:

UJXTSW-25-M Criminal Litigation

UJXTST-35-M Civil Litigation

PG Certificate Legal Skills - 60 credits comprising the following modules:

UJXTSL-10-M Civil Advocacy

UJXTTE-15-M Drafting, Opinion Writing and Legal Research

UJXUSN-20-M Criminal Advocacy

UJXTSV-10-M Conferencing

UJXTSX-5-M Professional Ethics

PG Diploma Bar Training Course - 120 credits of compulsory modules excluding Bar Professional Practice UJXTTD-30-M

Year 2 Compulsory Modules (Part Time)

Part time students must take 90 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Part Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UJXTTD-30-M	Bar Professional Practice 2024-25	30
UJXTSL-10-M	Civil Advocacy 2024-25	10
UJXTST-35-M	Civil Litigation 2024-25	35
UJXTTE-15-M	Drafting, Opinion Writing and Legal Research 2024-25	15

Year 2 Optional Modules (part-time)

Students take 30 credits from the modules in Optional Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
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UJXTSN-15-M	Clinical Negligence 2024-25	15
UJXTSU-15-M	Commercial Law 2024-25	15
UJXTSY-15-M	Criminal Law 2024-25	15
UJXTTA-15-M	Employment Law (BPTC) 2024-25	15
UJXTSQ-15-M	Family Law 2024-25	15
UJXTSM-15-M	International Trade 2024-25	15
UJXTTB-15-M	Refugee and Asylum 2024-25	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 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

