

# Programme Specification

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## Programme Details

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<b>Programme Title</b>	Master of Laws (LLM in Legal Practice)
<b>FHEQ Level</b>	7
<b>Credits</b>	180 (A minimum requirement of 150 credits at FHEQ level 7 and the remaining credits at FHEQ level 6)

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## Programme Outline

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**Programme Description** This is a professional practice programme designed to develop transactional competencies in given areas of practice and the business skills required to function effectively as a newly qualified practitioner.

Learning will be structured and will replicate work-based transactional tasks to develop the aspiring solicitor's ability to operate independently in the performance of those tasks and responsibilities in transactional work which are commonly delegated to the newly qualified solicitor.

The approach is to:

1. Develop a functional understanding of legal, technical, commercial, and documentary issues in the context of common transactions in specific specialist areas of legal practice;
  2. Develop Practitioner skills (including legal business skills);
  3. Promote professional attitudes.
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**Entry Requirements** An honours degree (in any discipline) or equivalent, or prior experience which demonstrates the ability to study at Masters level.

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**Programme Learning Outcomes** By successfully completing this programme the learner will be able to:

1. Apply technical and procedural knowledge in the context of professional legal practice;
2. Select and apply appropriate techniques applicable to chosen areas of professional practice
3. Systematically analyse issues arising within the chosen areas of professional practice and devise practical and innovative solutions that meet the needs and interests of the client;
4. Critically evaluate the use of established techniques within the chosen areas of professional practice to achieve practical solutions;

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5. Draw sound conclusions in the absence of complete data and information, and communicate conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences; and
  6. Demonstrate autonomy in solving practical problems and in planning and implementing tasks in transactional legal work commonly delegated to the newly qualified solicitor.
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**External Benchmarks** The learning outcomes reflect the requirements of the following benchmark statements:

1. The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework for obtaining a Master's degree.
2. The Solicitors Regulation Authority's Statement of Solicitor Competence at threshold level three.
3. The QAA Law Subject Benchmark Statement 2019.

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**Modules** This programme comprises the following compulsory modules:

1. Solicitors Legal Knowledge (30 credits, 300 notional learning hours (NLH))
2. Solicitors Legal Skills (30 credits, 300 NLH)
3. Capstone module (60 credits, 600 NLH)

Plus 60 credits from any of the following 30 credit (300 NLH) modules:

1. Commercial Law
2. Dispute Resolution
3. Acquisitions and Finance
4. Employment Law
5. Personal Injury
6. Commercial Property
7. Family Law
8. Intellectual Property
9. O-Shaped: People & Business Skills

On employer-specific routes only, the following 20 credit (200 NLH) modules may also be available:

1. Private Acquisitions
2. Corporate Finance
3. Dispute Resolution

Solicitors Legal Knowledge is at FHEQ level 6.  
All other modules are at FHEQ level 7.

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**Programme sequence and step-off awards** The LLM in Legal Practice follows a specified study pathway.  
The credits awarded on successful completion of any accredited module may count towards one of the following 'step-off' awards:

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Postgraduate Certificate: this can be awarded on earning 60 credits, of which at least 40 must be at FHEQ level 7.</li> <li>2. A Postgraduate Diploma: this can be awarded on earning 120 credits, of which at least 90 must be at FHEQ level 7.</li> </ol>
<b>Maximum credit to be given for previous studies</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 20 credits towards the Postgraduate Diploma</li> <li>2. 60 credits towards the LLM</li> </ol>
<b>Articulation with other institutions</b>	Not applicable
<b>Resources</b>	<p>For the Capstone module, learners have access to CoLP subscription resources but can also use independently researched resources as desired.</p> <p>Learning resources for all other modules are provided through the learning platform (Canvas).</p>
<b>Subscription resources</b>	See above.