

BPP Law School

Legal Practice Course (LPC) profile September 2009

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Introduction from the SRA

The SRA's requirements allow providers considerable freedom to design and focus their courses to meet the needs of particular student cohorts and particular types of legal practice. Providers have a corresponding responsibility to provide clear and useful information to those making choices about where to study and which particular course to follow. To enable potential students to make informed choices, the SRA requires all providers to supply a standard set of information about their provision.

General information

[BPP Law School](#) is a leading provider of professional legal education with four specially designed and well equipped law schools in [Leeds](#), [London](#) (Holborn, and Waterloo,) and [Manchester](#).

More than 5,500 students choose to study with us every year, taking advantage of our professional approach towards preparing future solicitors and barristers for practice.

BPP Law School is part of [BPP College of Professional Studies](#) and is owned by [BPP Holdings plc](#), established more than 30 years ago and one of the largest professional education providers in Europe. In September 2007, BPP College made history by becoming **the first publicly-owned private company in the UK to obtain degree awarding powers**.

We have a strong reputation in the [legal community](#) and work with a wide variety of [law firms](#) based throughout England and Wales.

We deliver a professional, disciplined, student-centred service that encourages professional attitudes in our students to equip them for the transition from student to professional life. We believe that success in the provision of education can only be built on a commitment to, and a consistent delivery of, quality in all aspects of our programmes. This is reflected in the standard of our teaching, the quality of our services and facilities and the professionalism of our staff.

Types of LPC

BPP offers one [LPC](#) which is delivered in five different [modes](#) as follows:

1. The BPP accelerated full-time LPC incorporating stages 1 and 2 (for students going to train at 5 firms – Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Herbert Smith, Lovells, Norton Rose and Slaughter and May)
2. The BPP combined full-time LPC incorporating stages 1 and 2

3. The BPP part-time stage 1 LPC and stage 2 LPC delivered in three alternative ways:

- Evening (2 evenings per week)
- Weekend (2 days every 3rd or 4th weekend)
- Day (half a day each week).

Further details can be found in our [Essential Programme Guide](#).

Key features of the different LPC programmes

The programme is designed and structured with no particular emphasis or weighting compared with our current programme as between the [Core Practice Areas](#) and/or [Course Skills](#), although the materials are designed with a commercial focus on all modes of delivery.

If you study the LPC [full-time](#), stages 1 and 2 will be combined and covered in a year (September to June). If you follow the [part-time](#) programme, stage 1 will be covered in the first year (September to June) and stage 2 can be completed the following year, or at a time convenient for you. The part-time programme can be completed in as little as 16 months.

Maximum number of students in the different types of teaching and learning sessions

The [programme](#) is delivered via a combination of lectures, small group sessions (SGSs) and online resources. The SGSs will normally be taught in groups of no more than 18.

Maximum number of students BPP will recruit onto each programme

Venue	Number
London (Holborn & Waterloo) full-time	1853
London (Holborn) part-time	288
Manchester full-time	360
Manchester part-time	108
London (Waterloo) part-time	54
Leeds full-time and part-time	432

Entry requirements

To apply for the LPC you must meet the following minimum [admissions](#) requirements:

- Qualifying law degree (minimum lower second class honours), or
- Qualifying non-law degree (minimum lower second class honours) and GDL or CPE, or

- Similar qualifications such as ILEX/FILEX

Policy on stages 1 and 2

Students who have successfully completed stage 1 with another provider may study either one, two or three [electives](#) from stage 2 at BPP.

Academic qualification that will be awarded to successful students

Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (LPC)

Learning resources available to support the programme, including library and IT provision

Our [law schools](#) are designed to simulate a business-like environment and are equipped with the latest e-learning technology. This includes Smart Boards and our virtual learning environment which offers a variety of resources and revision aids such as interactive modules, podcasts, videos and multiple choice tests.

Our specialist law libraries have long opening hours and our laptop loan scheme allows you to take advantage of wireless networking throughout our law schools. You can log in to our online law library, one of the UK's largest and most advanced, 24 hours a day.

A generous student to computer ratio ensures you are not waiting for equipment to become available and our mock courtrooms reflect the rigours of attending court for our future solicitors.

Percentage of teaching staff who are qualified as solicitors or barristers

All teaching staff are either fully qualified solicitors or barristers, the majority being solicitors.

Percentage of teaching staff with higher level teaching qualification

All teaching staff are trained in accordance with current best practice higher education standards and maintain close links with practice. A variety of tutors have higher level teaching qualifications including Masters in Education and the PGCE.

Teaching staff profile

BPP Law School is committed to providing the [highest standard of legal education](#) to all our students. Our tutors are a dynamic mix of academics and practitioners from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you plan to work for a City or commercial firm, a high street practice or the public sector; whether you have already obtained a training contract or pupillage or are looking for help to do so, we offer you a practice-focused programme with the flexibility to explore different areas of law.

Fees

We offer a wide range of [funding and scholarships](#) to provide assistance with [fees](#).

Pastoral support, including dedicated careers guidance staff

At BPP we have successfully established a comprehensive system of support to cater for our students' pastoral needs. We are aware of the pressures our students are under in their progression towards a legal career and aim to lighten that load by providing a system of care and support in the following areas:

[Careers](#)

[Pro bono](#)

[Personal tutor service](#)

Contact details

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