

The College of Law

Legal Practice Course (LPC) profile 2011

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General information

The College of Law is the UK's longest-established specialist provider of legal education and training—we've been leading developments in the field since we were established over 50 years ago.

[The College of Law](#) offers the best possible start to a legal career. We have centres in [Birmingham](#), [Bristol](#), [Chester](#), [Guildford](#), [London \(Bloomsbury and Moorgate\)](#), [Manchester](#) and [York](#) and offer more course options in more locations than any other law school. Each of our centres is a fully-resourced law school and students can be confident of the same quality of education and student support whichever centre they choose.

Over 6,000 students study with us each year and this, along with our connections with hundreds of leading law firms, confirms that we are the leading post-graduate law school in the UK.

Our courses have a clear focus on building the practical skills, commercial awareness and independent thinking needed to succeed in the modern world of law. All our courses are designed solely by experienced, qualified lawyers from practice. They are highly structured with a carefully-balanced integration of learning tools that are designed to complement one another. As well as unrivalled levels of face-to-face tuition, we employ a wide variety of interactive online learning media in order to enrich and vary the learning experience.

All this is supported by an award-winning pro bono programme and the best law careers service in UK legal education. Employability is at the heart of everything we do at The College of Law. Students benefit from excellent tutor support, state-of-the-art IT facilities and access to unrivalled online and offline learning methods and resources—and all relevant course materials, textbooks and case books are included in the course fee.

LPC study options

- 1 year full-time
- 7 month accelerated full-time
- 18 month part-time
- 2 year part-time

Each of our LPC study options covers both stage 1 and 2.

Two or four-day timetabling

Students can choose to have all their face-to-face tuition and workshops for the core practice areas concentrated into two set days a week on our full-time course.

LPC routes

The College offers a choice of three career-focused routes: corporate, commercial and private, and legal aid.

Corporate route

This route is designed to prepare students for work in a corporate law firm, where the main focus of work is business law, together with related aspects of litigation and property.

Commercial and private

This route combines broad-based legal skills and sector-specific expertise, preparing students for the huge range of practice options across the commercial and private sector, with a wide choice of electives across legal practice in England & Wales.

Legal aid

This route prepares students for practice in a community high street firm or the publicly-funded legal sector, providing legal representation for underprivileged groups or members of society.

The Business of Law

This approach is unique to the College. The Business of Law programme ensures integration of key skills and competencies into the course content, thereby helping students to relate what they've learnt in the workshop to what is expected in practice. It is based on what we know leading law firms look for and is designed to give each student an edge from the moment they go for their first interview to when they start their training contract.

Course fees:	Fees vary by study mode and centre of delivery. Please visit our website for details.
Validated places:	4750 for full-time LPC 2011/12 (all centres) 2000 for part-time LPC 2011/13 (all centres)
Entry requirements:	Please visit our website for information
Foundation course:	Full-time LPC: two weeks
Electives offered:	Acquisitions and mergers, advanced criminal practice, advanced property law and practice, banking and debt finance, commercial dispute resolution, commercial law and practice, employment law and practice, family law and practice, housing law and practice, immigration law, insurance law, personal injury and clinical negligence litigation, private client: wills, trusts and estate planning, public companies and equity finance
Class size:	Small group workshops: 20 students
Staffing:	Teaching staff/student ratio of 1:18 All our tutors are qualified lawyers. Dedicated careers consultants and support staff
Delivery Methods:	2.5 hour small group workshops, supported by i-Tutorials, demonstrations, online test and feedback exercises, and independent reading and research
Learning resources available:	Each of our centres has a comprehensive legal library, extensive IT facilities and access to all the main online legal resources. Students use our own online learning resource, ELITE, to access learning materials and other support tools.
Disabled Access:	All our centres have good wheelchair access.
Catering:	Most centres have in-house cafes or coffee shops.
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