

University of Central England in Birmingham

Legal Practice Course provider institutional profile

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General Information

Awarded the Law Society's highest grading in 2006 of six areas of "commendable practice" UCE Birmingham is the longest standing provider of training for qualification as a solicitor in the West Midlands. The LPC operates within a large School of Law offering a wide range of both undergraduate and postgraduate law courses.

Our LPC is small but of high quality, offering value for money through realistic and practical exercises in a friendly and supportive learning environment.

Described by a former student as "superb", teaching is provided by a team of experienced and enthusiastic tutors, who regularly return to practice to update their skills and who have an excellent rapport with students.

Teaching takes place in specially equipped LPC teaching rooms, along with a suite of rooms for the practice and assessment of oral skills, including a well-equipped court room. In addition students have access to a dedicated LPC resource room. Our course has a strong commitment to the continued development of its on-line virtual learning environment to support class activities and self-assessment exercises. All LPC students have access to the law library which operates extended opening hours, including over the weekend.

Our LPC aims to suit the needs of both High Street and Commercial practice with a range of elective subjects able to achieve this (electives are subject to student demand).

Our LPC has an excellent careers development programme including an effective practitioner mentoring scheme, a programme of guest speakers from the profession and strong links to the local legal community.

The LPC is further supplemented by the extensive facilities offered by the University and its student union.

The campus is within easy reach of Birmingham City Centre by road or rail. Students who require accommodation will be guaranteed a place in university accommodation.

Course Fee: 2007/8
Full Time £6,870*
Part Time £3,435* p.a.
*These fees exclude the Law Society's registration fee.

Validated Places: 120 FT
30 PT (per annum)

Enrolled Nos: 42 FT
40 PT (per annum)

Course Length:	35 weeks FT 70 weeks PT over two years (two evenings per week)
Foundation Course:	2 weeks FT 2 weeks PT* (*Some of these induction sessions will require daytime attendance)
Electives offered:	Commercial Law and Practice; Commercial Property; Employment Law; Family Law; Private Client; Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence; Welfare & Immigration. (All electives are subject to student demand)
Delivery methods:	2 hour large group sessions 2 hour small group sessions. E-learning activities through our on-line virtual learning environment.
Class Size:	Small group sessions - 20 Large group sessions - whole group
Staffing:	Tutors are, or have been, practising solicitors. Meets Law Society staff/student ratio of 1:12.5 supported by dedicated FT and PT administrators.
Disabled Access:	Good. The dedicated LPC teaching rooms are all at ground floor level. The LPC resource room is accessible by lift. The University offers IT support for visually impaired students and as well as facilities for the hearing impaired.
Catering:	Student refectories and coffee shops on campus.
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