

## **Legal Practice Course & Exempting Degree provider institutional profile**

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This profile is divided into two sections:

1. Information about the Legal Practice Course
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### **1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE**

#### **General information**

The Legal Practice Course (LPC) at the University of Huddersfield is offered in both the full-time mode (over one year) and the part-time mode (over two years). The full-time mode is delivered on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 1:15-8:15 p.m. each day. The part-time mode is delivered on Mondays from 1:15-8:15 p.m. in the first year, and at the same times on Tuesdays in the second year. Students on each mode may also have an extra occasional half-day of teaching midweek for their elective subjects. The flexible course structure on both modes assists students who wish to seek work experience or paid work alongside their studies.

The course is delivered by a team of professionally qualified tutors with extensive experience of corporate, commercial and private client legal practice. As such, it caters for the widest possible range of career aspirations.

<b>Course fee*</b>	Full time – £6,750 for the Stage 1 fee; £750 for each Stage 2 elective subject (Total £9,000) Part time – £3,250 per year of study for the Stage 1 fee; £750 for each elective subject (Total £9,000) These figures include the cost of course manuals. It is possible to pay the fees by instalments. * These figures refer to the academic year commencing in September 2014.
<b>Validated places</b>	Full time – 40 Part time – 50
<b>Course length</b>	Full time – one academic year (two afternoons and two evenings per week) Part time – two years (one afternoon and one evening per week)
<b>Foundation course</b>	Full time – three weeks Part time – three induction days and two weeks at the start of the first year
<b>Electives offered</b>	Commercial Law & Practice; Family Law & Practice; Employment Law & Practice; Insolvency Law & Practice; Commercial Property; Private Client – Advising the Elderly; Immigration Law & Practice
<b>Delivery methods</b>	Two-hour large group sessions (LGSs) and small group sessions (SGSs) The course makes extensive use of an LPC intranet site on the Unilearn Virtual Learning Environment. Full-time students are taught alongside part-time year 1 students on Mondays, and part-time year 2 students on Tuesdays.
<b>Class size</b>	LGSs – whole group (maximum of 40)

SGSs – approximately 12-16

**Staffing**

In accordance with SRA requirements

**Careers Support**

In line with the professional focus, the LPC offers a range of opportunities to gain practical experience.

Our Partners in Law scheme provides students with networking, mentoring and training opportunities via regional and internationally renowned legal firms. Members of the scheme, including solicitors who are themselves University of Huddersfield graduates, provide guidance on securing vacation placements and training contracts, as well as advice on the realities of a life in the profession.

Our pioneering Legal Advice Clinic ([www.hud.ac.uk/uhbs/lawclinic](http://www.hud.ac.uk/uhbs/lawclinic)) allows students to provide hand-on advice to their local community in a supported environment. It is the first Legal Advice Clinic of its kind in the UK, being student-led and situated permanently off-campus. Our students provide real advice to real people and through this process, develop their own practical, reflective and autonomous skills.

**Disabled access**

Students with disabilities can be accommodated.

**Catering**

Facilities on campus

**Website**

<http://www.hud.ac.uk/courses/full-time/postgraduate/legal-practice-course-lpc-pgdip/>

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## **2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE MASTER OF LAW & PRACTICE EXEMPTING DEGREE**

### **General information**

Traditionally, students wanting to qualify as a solicitor have had to study a three year Law degree (“LLB”), followed by a separate one-year Legal Practice Course (“LPC”). The LPC can generally cost anything from £9,000 to £15,000 – which needs to be paid upfront and in person. By contrast, the University of Huddersfield’s Master of Law and Practice (“MLP”) Exempting Degree integrates the traditional LLB and LPC into one, four-year course that entitles graduates to proceed directly to a training contract with a legal firm. All four years are charged at the standard undergraduate deferred rate, saving the need to fund a separate LPC course upfront and personally.

The course is delivered full-time over four years.

**Course fee\*** All four years are charged at the standard undergraduate deferred rate, currently £8,250 per year for students commencing undergraduate studies in September 2014. This does *not* include the cost of textbooks and course manuals.

**Validated places** Full time – 140

**Course length** Four years full-time

### **Course structure**

#### Year 1

Constitutional and Administrative Law; Contract Law; EU Law; Professional Skills and Legal Method

#### Year 2

Core modules: Administration of Justice and Human Rights; Tort; Criminal Law

Option modules: any two from Company Law; Commercial Law; Evidence; Mooting; English Legal History

Following Year 2 you may choose to follow the academic route to graduate with an LLB at the end of Year 3 or, subject to satisfactory performance, progress on the professional route. The structure for each route is as follows.

#### Year 3 (Academic Route)

Core modules: Land Law; Equity and Trusts

Option modules: any three from Family Law; Intellectual Property and Competition Law; Immigration and Asylum Law; Mooting; Employment Law; Medical Law

#### Year 3 (Professional Route)

Land Law; Equity and Trusts; Civil and Criminal Litigation Practice; Wills Probate and the Law of the Elderly Client

#### Year 4 (Professional Route)

Core modules: Property Law and Practice; Business Law and Practice

Electives: any three from Immigration Law and Practice; Commercial Law; Family Law; Employment Law and Practice; Insolvency Law and Practice

<b>Foundation course</b>	There is a fresher's week at the start of year 1 and a three-day induction period at the start of years 3 and 4 on the professional route.
<b>Electives offered</b>	See course structure for year 4.
<b>Delivery methods</b>	<p>The academic modules on years 1 to 3 are delivered by traditional methods of lectures and tutorials/ seminars.</p> <p>The professional modules in years three and four are delivered by two-hour large group sessions (LGSs) and small group sessions (SGSs). The course makes extensive use of an intranet site on the Unilearn Virtual Learning Environment.</p>
<b>Class size</b>	<p>Lectures – 140 Tutorials/seminars - 20</p> <p>LGSs – maximum of 40 SGSs – approximately 12-16</p>
<b>Entry requirements</b>	<p>The minimum entry requirements include one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAA at A Level</li> <li>• DDD in National Diploma</li> <li>• 360 UCAS tariff points</li> </ul>
<b>Staffing</b>	In accordance with SRA requirements
<b>Careers Support</b>	<p>In line with the professional focus, the MLP offers a range of opportunities to gain practical experience.</p> <p>Our Partners in Law scheme provides students with networking, mentoring and training opportunities via regional and internationally renowned legal firms. Members of the scheme, including solicitors who are themselves University of Huddersfield graduates, provide guidance on securing vacation placements and training contracts, as well as advice on the realities of a life in the profession.</p> <p>Our pioneering Legal Advice Clinic (<a href="http://www.hud.ac.uk/uhbs/lawclinic">www.hud.ac.uk/uhbs/lawclinic</a>) allows students to provide hand-on advice to their local community in a supported environment. It is the first Legal Advice Clinic of its kind in the UK, being student-led and situated permanently off-campus. Our students provide real advice to real people and through this process, develop their own practical, reflective and autonomous skills.</p> <p>Our students are also supported in entering national competitions for core areas including mooting and client interviewing.</p>
<b>Disabled access</b>	Students with disabilities can be accommodated.
<b>Catering</b>	Facilities on campus
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.hud.ac.uk/courses/2015-16/full-time/undergraduate/law-exempting-master-of-law-and-practice-mlp-incorporating-llb-hons/">http://www.hud.ac.uk/courses/2015-16/full-time/undergraduate/law-exempting-master-of-law-and-practice-mlp-incorporating-llb-hons/</a>
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