

Liverpool John Moores University

Legal Practice Course provider institutional profile

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General information

LJMU is a vibrant university located at the heart of one of the UK's most exciting cities. Awarded the European Capital of Culture 2008 in recognition of its rich history and cultural standing, Liverpool continues to go from strength to strength. The School of Law at John Moores University (JMU) is at the heart of the city's cultural quarter and runs a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, including a full-time and part time Legal Practice Course (LPC).

The Law School at has extensive experience in running the LPC. We began offering the course in 1994 and many of our early graduates are now senior partners running local or national firms, or members of the judiciary. We maintain strong links with our graduates and many of them participate in our highly successful solicitor mentor scheme.

The LPC staff team also has strong links with the profession, with many tutors remaining in practice on a part-time basis. The team was described by the Law Society as being "highly committed, energetic and enthusiastic," and the course as providing "excellent academic and pastoral care". Our LPC has a unique flavour, in part as a result of the diverse experience of our staff, but also in the prevailing culture of the course. We believe in a cooperative rather than a competitive philosophy, and we actively encourage students to form study groups.

Whilst course numbers are comparatively small, students benefit from the fact that the course operates within a large and successful university. Benefits include our significant investment in teaching and learning, and library and information services, including ICT facilities. Students also benefit from the support offered by our highly committed Graduate Development Centre, where they will be advised by dedicated law careers officers with a real focus on employability. The World of Work (WoW) is a major employability programme unique to LJMU which aims to encourage students to develop the skills, knowledge and competencies they need to compete in a tough job market. A number of leading law firms are now partners in the WoW programme including Hill Dickinson, National Law Firm of the Year, Legal Business Awards 2010.

In 2012 the Law School will move into the Redmonds Building, the latest exciting development within LJMU's city centre campus. Sitting at a central crossroads in the city, the striking new £37.6m building sits as a sentinel landmark, marking the entrance to the city's knowledge quarter.

Course fee 2011/12 Full time – £8,585
Part time – £4,300 per year
Fees include all LPC manuals.

Validated places Part time – 72
Full time – 72

Enrolled numbers	Full time – 42 Part time Year 1 – 39 Part time Year 2 – 33
Course length	Stage 1 Full time – 38 weeks Stage 1 Part time – 76 weeks over two years (day-release or evening-only attendance) Stage 2 11 weeks
Induction Course	Two-day induction course for all students, which takes place in the first week of the course. Teaching of compulsory subjects begins later that week.
Electives offered	Advanced Criminal Litigation; Advanced Personal Injury Litigation; Client in the Community (a mix of Childcare, Housing, and Welfare Benefits) Commercial Property; Employment; Family; General Commercial; Legal Clinic; Private Client.

Delivery methods Mixture of one-hour large group sessions (LGGs) and ninety-minute small group sessions (SGSs) augmented with podcasts and online activities.

Class size Whole group for LGSs and 20 for SGSs

Staffing Maximum staff-student ratio of 1:20
2 course administrators

Disabled access Wheelchair access and lift available

Catering
Bistro available on site with additional vending machines.
Many local cafés and bars in the immediate vicinity.

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