

London Metropolitan University

Legal Practice Course provider institutional profile

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General information

The Law Department at London Metropolitan University (London Met) is the leading public sector provider of legal academic and professional courses in the South East of England. The Legal Practice Course (LPC) is offered in full, part-time day and part-time evening modes. London Met is one of only two LPC providers offering the part-time day mode in London.

The London Met Law Department is one of the largest in the UK, and was one of the first institutions authorised to run the LPC. It is located in a new purpose-built building between Aldgate and Liverpool Street in the City, close to London's legal and financial centre and with the benefit of excellent transport links. The building boasts a modern lecture theatre and mock courtroom, extensive IT and media facilities (including a wireless network for use by students) and access to comprehensive research resources. There are dedicated facilities for LPC students, including a common room and an LPC Resource Centre with computers and free printers reserved for use by LPC students.

Part time evening students can choose to study at London Met's new teaching facility at Canary Wharf.

The LPC team has extensive experience of teaching and legal practice, and provides students with a supportive and friendly learning environment. In May 2008 the SRA awarded London Met 5 of the 6 highest grades of "commendable practice" in the categories they assess and the second highest grading in the sixth category. This grading reflects London Met's strengths in careers and library provision, approachable, dedicated staff and diverse student mix. Students on the LPC are provided with career support, which includes assistance with securing a training contract. Graduates from the LPC at London Met go on to train at City, West End and "high street" law firms, and in central and local government.

Graduates of the LPC have an option to take a 'top-up' qualification to gain an LLM in Legal Practice by studying a research methodology module and writing a dissertation. This is delivered over the course of a year on a part-time basis.

The Students' Union is located next to the Law Department and is a great place for students to relax and socialise with their peers. The Law department is also adjacent to the university gym and refectories serving a wide range of affordable cuisine.

Course fee (2007/08)
Full time - £8,000
Part time (day and evening) - £4,000 per year for 2 years
Additional charges are made for course manuals (£350). The compulsory Law Society registration fee is not included.
Payment can be made in instalments.
Fee reductions are available for London Met LL.B. and CPE graduates.

Validated places 164 (Full time and Part time year 1)

Enrolled nos	Full time 2006/7: 43 Part time year 1 2006/7: 80
Course length	Full time: 42 weeks Part time: 84 weeks (either two evenings per week or a single day per week)
Foundation course	The foundation course takes place over a period of two weeks. All students must attend full time for the first week. Attendance in the second week varies according to mode (see above). Induction for 07/08 will take place on 6 September with classes commencing on 10 September.
Electives offered	A wide range of electives is offered with the aim of meeting the needs of all students, whether they wish to follow a "high street" or a commercial route. Electives include Immigration Law, Family Law, Housing Law, Private Client, Law relating to Children, Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Law and Practice, Employment Law and Corporate Finance Law and Practice.
Delivery methods	The LPC is delivered in a new purpose-built building located in the City. Large groups sessions take place in a modern lecture theatre and provide an overview of each subject. These are followed by interactive small group sessions, in which students are given the opportunity to apply knowledge to situations which may potentially be encountered in practice. Students work in groups of four or in pairs, and they may be asked to present their work or conduct a role-play. Skills exercised include drafting (using IT facilities), interviewing and advising, negotiation and advocacy. Small group sessions encourage students to consolidate their knowledge, and to raise and address any problem areas as they arise.
Class size	A maximum of 16 for small group sessions.
Staffing	The staff/student ration is 1:12, which is below the Law Society minimum. The LPC team comprises 16 dedicated teaching staff and a dedicated course administrator.
Disabled access	The lifts in the new building enable disabled access to all teaching rooms.
Catering	A refectory is located on the ground floor of the Law Department, offering a variety of sandwiches, snacks and hot and cold drinks at reasonable prices. Vending facilities are also available. The Students' Union bar is located next to the Law Department.
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