

# Manchester Metropolitan University

## Legal Practice Course provider institutional profile

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### General information

Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) has many years' experience of providing high quality vocational training for lawyers and enjoys established links with the legal profession in Manchester and the surrounding area. There is a friendly and relaxed environment in the Law School and students benefit from the full range of the university's student services.

The Law Society rated the LPC at MMU as showing commendable practice in all areas after its last assessment visit. In particular, they commented that "the accommodation and general facilities are of the highest quality" with the LPC being housed in the state of the art Sandra Burslem building.

There is a dedicated careers advice service for the Legal Practice Course (LPC), Bar Vocational Course (BVC) and Graduate Diploma in Law (GDipL) and a practitioner mentor scheme for LPC students. In their visit, the Law Society praised the "well established and effective student support mechanisms including pastoral care, careers advice and support for students with special needs."

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| <b>Course fee</b>        | 2006-7 – £6,800 full time (FT), £3,400 part time (PT)<br>This fee excludes the Law Society registration fee but includes all books, materials and access to online resources.  |
| <b>Validated places</b>  | 168 (FT)<br>48 (PT per year)<br>This will increase to 64 per year in 2007 - 08   |
| <b>Enrolled nos</b>      | 152 (FT)<br>52 (PT Year 1)   |
| <b>Course length</b>     | 38 weeks (FT)<br>38 weeks per year (two-year programme) (PT)   |
| <b>Foundation course</b> | Two weeks (FT)<br>One week (PT)  |
| <b>Electives offered</b> | Advanced Corporate Law and Finance; Advanced Criminal Litigation; Commercial Law; Commercial Litigation; Commercial Property; Employment Law and Practice; Matrimonial Law and Practice; Media Law; Personal Injury Litigation; Wills, Probate and Administration of Estates |

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| <b>Delivery methods</b> | <p>Two-hour small group sessions and one-hour whole group sessions with the emphasis on the former.</p> <p>E-learning is a particular strength of the programme with the Law Society praising the team for its “innovative practice” in this area.</p> <p>The University’s intranet system is therefore utilized throughout the programme to provide an interactive forum for E-learning. Increasing use is being made of online sessions to supplement face to face provision.</p> |
| <b>Class size</b>       | Generally 15-16 per small group session   |
| <b>Staffing</b>         | <p>The programme is taught by over 20 staff all of whom are qualified solicitors or barristers. The Law Society commented that the LPC team are “well-qualified, able and enthusiastic”</p> <p>The programme is supported by two administrators who are located in a separate Professional Programmes Office.</p>   |
| <b>Disabled access</b>  | Good; lifts available and car parking for students with special Needs   |
| <b>Catering</b>         | <p>Café bar in the Law School together with vending machines. There is a refectory in the next building whilst facilities are also available elsewhere on campus and in the adjacent student union building.</p> <p>On part time days course leaders will contact the refectory to arrange for food to be available if the lunch hour falls at an unusual time.</p>   |
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