

Nottingham Law School

Legal Practice Course (LPC) profile September 2009

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Introduction from the SRA

The SRA's requirements allow providers considerable freedom to design and focus their courses to meet the needs of particular student cohorts and particular types of legal practice. Providers have a corresponding responsibility to provide clear and useful information to those making choices about where to study and which particular course to follow. To enable potential students to make informed choices, the SRA requires all providers to supply a standard set of information about their provision.

General information

Nottingham Law School is one of the largest full-service university law schools in the UK, supporting students through every stage of legal training from undergraduate through to Masters, research, professional and practitioner courses.

NLS has partnered with Kaplan Law School to open a brand new campus offering Nottingham Law School's LPC and GDL in London.

The Legal Practice Course (LPC) has been offered since the inception of the course in 1993.

Types of LPC

Stage 1 and 2 in both full time and part time modes;
LLB (Hons) Law and Professional Practice (Exempting Law Degree)

Key features of the different LPC courses

We have redesigned our LPC to make it better suit a variety of types of solicitors' practice and to allow for much more flexibility in the way you can complete the course. This means that students can:

- undertake the whole course, comprising both the compulsory and elective stages, in one go; or,
- complete the compulsory stage first and then pick up the electives at a later date (either on the full-time or part-time LPC)

The LLB (Hons) Law and Professional Practice allows students to combine the law degree with the LPC and a period in practice.

Maximum number of students in the different types of teaching and learning sessions

Large Group sessions: 250
Small Group Sessions: 15/18
Skills tuition: pairs

Maximum number of students it will recruit onto each course

LPC FT: 500
LPC PT: 120
LLB (Hons) Law and Professional Practice: 18

Entry requirements

LPCFT and PT:
Good 2.2 degree upwards

LLB (Hons) Law and Professional Practice
340 UCAS points plus other selection processes

Policy on Stages 1 and 2

Most students will undertake Stages 1 and 2 consecutively. We allow students to separate the two stages and undertake them with some delay between the two stages (subject to the SRA's 5 years requirement).

Students can join us for Stage 2 alone.

Academic qualification that will be awarded to successful students

- Diploma in Legal Practice,
- Points leading to:
 - award of LLB Graduate to non law degree entrants;
 - award of LLM
- LLB (Hons) Law and Professional Practice

Learning resources available to support the course, including library and IT provision

Dedicated (and considerable) library and IT provision. Remote access systems.

Percentage of teaching staff who are qualified as solicitors or barristers

LPC and CPA components of LLB (Hons) Law and Professional Practice: 100%

Percentage of teaching staff with higher level teaching qualification

90%

Fees

2009/10:

Professional Diploma in Legal Practice FT: £9,960 (includes deposit and SRA registration)

Professional Diploma in Legal Practice PT: £5,080 (includes deposit and SRA registration)

LLB (Hons) Law and Professional Practice: £3,225

Pastoral support, including dedicated careers guidance staff

Full support processes are provided, with a particularly successful in-school careers support service.

Contact details

For further information, please contact the provider direct:

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