

# **Manchester Law School**

## **Manchester Metropolitan University**

### **Legal Practice Course (LPC) profile 2014**

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#### **General information**

At Manchester Law School we have extensive experience of providing the LPC. We have offered the LPC since its inception in 1992 and the course is a central part of the numerous professional legal programmes we deliver.

#### **Types of LPC**

- 1 year full-time
- 16-24 months part-time

Our LPC study options cover both Stages 1 and 2. The full-time LPC is timetabled so that students can attend all their face-to-face sessions on two set days per week. The part-time LPC is timetabled on a one set day per week basis.

#### **Key features of the different LPC courses**

As the most established LPC provider in Manchester, the LPC at Manchester Law School has a strong regional profile. Our course is designed and delivered by experienced, qualified lawyers to give our students a strong grounding in all the core elements of the LPC and an opportunity to choose from an extensive range of electives. Our course equips students with the knowledge, practical skills and commercial awareness which is required of today's successful solicitors. It achieves excellence in teaching standards by combining traditional teaching methods with innovative techniques, in our purpose-built Law School building. High levels of face-to-face tuition, interactive workshops and e-learning are complemented by:

- Dedicated careers provision
- Pro Bono opportunities for every student
- Access to a solicitor in practice as a mentor for every student
- Work placements in electives available on a competitive basis
- Scholarship opportunities
- Library access 24 hours per day term time
- Access to all University facilities as a student of the Faculty of Business and Law.

Electives offered include Advanced Criminal Litigation, Commercial Law, Commercial Litigation, Commercial Property, Corporate Practice, Employment Law, Family Law and Practice, Housing Law, Immigration Law, Media and Entertainment Law and Practice, Personal Injury Litigation and Wills, Probate and Estate Planning.

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

Nearly all teaching takes place in workshops. There are between 16 to 20 students in these sessions.

## **Entry requirements**

To apply for the LPC at Manchester Law School you must achieve the admissions requirements set out below:

- Qualifying law degree, or
- Qualifying non-law degree and GDL or CPE, or
- Similar qualifications such as ILEX/FILEX.

NB. Applicants from overseas should ensure that their qualifying law degree includes EU Law.

## **Policy on Stages 1 and 2**

Students who have studied Stage 1 at another provider may study one, two or three Stage 2 electives at Manchester Law School.

## **Academic qualification that will be awarded to successful students**

Successful students will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice.

Students who have completed Stage 1 at an institution other than Manchester Law School will also be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice if they successfully complete at least two electives at Manchester Law School.

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

Manchester Law School's LPC has a dedicated legal resources room as well as access to a comprehensive law library open 24 hours per day term time. It has extensive IT facilities and access to all the main online legal resources. Students use their own online learning resource, Moodle, to access learning materials and WiFi is available in all University buildings. Manchester Law School also has a dedicated administration team available to support students face-to-face.

## **Teaching staff who are qualified as solicitors or barristers**

All staff who teach on the LPC are qualified as solicitors.

## **Teaching staff with higher level teaching qualification**

All teaching staff are trained in accordance with best practice higher education standards and many tutors have higher level teaching qualifications.

## **Teaching staff profile**

Our teaching staff provide the highest level of legal education in a practical, innovative and interactive manner and are all qualified as solicitors. Many of our teaching staff have additional areas of expertise including as Deputy District Judges, Barristers, Employment Tribunal Chairs, Mediators, Higher Rights Advocates, Nominet Adjudicators, authors of legal publications and SRA External Examiners. Others continue to practise or maintain close links with practice.

## **Fees**

The fees at Manchester Law School are very competitive and include all books and materials and access to all the main legal databases. All students are eligible to apply for one of our LPC Scholarship opportunities and students who have studied previously at Manchester Metropolitan University may be entitled to a Law Loyalty Award discounting their fees. For further details see:

<http://www.law.mmu.ac.uk/our-courses/legal-practice-course-lpc/>

## **Pastoral support**

At Manchester Law School, there is a strong ethos of supporting students to ensure that they maximise their potential on the course. We do this by providing each student with a dedicated personal tutor and providing access to a Pastoral Care Coordinator who can assist with personal learning plans and any other matters which may arise.

## **Careers**

Employability is the focus of everything we do at Manchester Law School. In addition to our practical, skills based teaching we provide:

- A dedicated careers advisor
- Careers clinic appointments
- Careers talks
- Mock interviews
- Job vacancy e-bulletin notices
- Legal guest speaker programmes
- Pro Bono opportunities for every student
- Access to a solicitor in practice as a mentor for every student.

## **Contact details**

For further information, please contact Manchester Law School direct:

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