

University of Sunderland

LLM Legal Practice LPC

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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

Sunderland Law School at the University of Sunderland is based at St Peter's Campus, a modern development at the mouth of the River Wear close to the city centre.

Sunderland Law School is based in the Reg Vardy Centre with students accessing teaching and learning facilities including a fully-functioning mock court room, bespoke law library and a range of open-access study areas.

Sunderland Student Law Clinic, which opened in September 2013 to provide pro bono advice across a range of legal practice areas to members of the public and local businesses, offers the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a live client environment whilst completing your studies and clinic is at the heart of our LLM Legal Practice LPC.

Students of Sunderland Law School can expect an unrivalled level of pastoral and personal support from our teaching team, who pride themselves on having an open-door policy. Our students are made to feel welcome and valued as individuals, with our teaching aimed at accommodating the diverse needs of those studying on our courses.

LLM Legal Practice LPC

Our LLM Legal Practice LPC is a full Master's programme which incorporates the Legal Practice Course, the qualification you need to become a solicitor in England & Wales.

As it is a full Master's programme, ours is one of the few LPC courses to attract eligibility for the new £10,000 government postgraduate loans.

Designed in consultation with regional employers, the LLM Legal Practice LPC is unique in that three of the five Course Skills are assessed in a live client environment. All students develop their skills and understanding of Professional Conduct and Regulation within Sunderland Student Law Clinic through the year.

The course incorporates a balanced workload, and allows you to tailor the course to appeal to employers of your choice in the following ways: -

1. Choose from our Commercial or High Street Routes for your Vocational Elective choices;
 2. Practice in Sunderland Student Law Clinic in an area which complements your chosen route;
- and

3. Carry out a reflective Legal Practice Project critically evaluating a current issue in your chosen area of practice with reference to your experiences in clinic and what you have learned on the course.

Commercial Route

The Commercial Route is designed to prepare students for training in regional, national and international firms but is also aimed at those who may practice in-house or who may choose alternative careers in HR, recruitment, procurement or property management. This route comprises three Vocational Electives including: -

- Commercial Contracts;
- Commercial Property; and
- Employment Law & Practice.

High Street Route

The High Street Route is aimed at students entering small to medium sized high street or regional practices. Our Advanced Personal Injury Litigation elective is also included to reflect the volume of entry level posts on both the claimant and defendant sides available in our region in this industry. Accordingly, this route comprises: -

- Family Law & Practice;
- Housing Law & Practice; and
- Advanced Personal Injury Litigation.

Careers Support

Your clinic supervisor will also be your personal tutor, affording you pastoral contact and support on a daily basis. They will support you with careers advice and job applications. Our induction programme includes a two-day careers event in which you will go through a simulated training contract and assessment centre to enable you to feel confident in engaging with these recruitment processes.

Modes of Delivery

The LLM Legal Practice LPC is offered on a full or part-time basis with teaching delivered on Mondays and Tuesdays. The remainder of the week is available for live client work and advanced preparation. The part-time option is aimed at those already in legal employment or training and can be tailored to meet the requirements of your employers.

Course Fees

Course fees for 2016/2017 are £9250.00. Fees included course textbooks and no additional charges are made for assessments which have to be retaken. Please check [our website](#) for up to date information.

Staff/Student Ratio & Maximum Places

Small group sessions and workshops contain a maximum of 18 students. The maximum places we offer is 54.

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