

Nottingham Law School

Legal Practice Course (LPC) profile - September 2018 (Full-Time)

Please note: The information contained in this profile is supplied by Nottingham Law School; it is the provider's responsibility to keep this information up-to-date.

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

We are confident that our LLM Legal Practice Course (LLM LPC) will provide you with the best training currently available. We have an excellent reputation within the legal profession and our LPC has continuously received the highest possible grading from the Solicitors Regulation Authority in every area of the course.

Course Length: 1 Year

Note: Information supplied below was correct as of February 2018. For the most up to date information please visit the link below and search "Legal Practice Course":

<https://www.ntu.ac.uk/study-and-courses/courses/find-your-course>

Why study the LLM LPC at Nottingham Law School?

- Successful completion of all elements of the LLM LPC will result in the award of a Masters degree – an internationally recognised qualification.
- All our staff are experienced lawyers – many still practise – and you will benefit from their practical knowledge. Also you will benefit from our visiting lecturers.
- We teach in small groups to encourage student participation.
- Every student has a personal tutor. We get to know our students and support and encourage you in both your studies and in your employment applications at the start of your legal career.
- We have introduced a new elective – Advanced Advocacy – which will provide essential experience for anyone considering Higher Rights of Audience training.
- We offer a multi-award-winning [pro bono](#) programme, including a [Legal Advice Centre](#) for the local community.
- Our dedicated and experienced careers consultants provide guidance and support to help you secure a training contract or other legal employment.

Applicants are invited to a careers event in June, before the LPC course starts, so that you can benefit from working with our successful [careers team](#).

- The number of graduates obtaining a training contract or paralegal work is consistently high.
- The Professional Legal Practice module provides practical experience and commercial insight, which will ensure you hit the ground running at the start of your career.
- Studying with Nottingham Law School means that you have all the facilities a large Law School can offer plus the advantages of studying within a university environment which offers outstanding library, IT, support, sports, language and student union services.
- [Scholarships](#) worth up to half the fee are available.



What you'll study

Successful completion of all the elements of our LLM LPC will result in the award of a Masters degree. As well as providing you with an internationally recognised qualification, you will leave us with enhanced insight into the legal profession and better equipped to succeed. This course is also available on a [part-time](#) basis.

Students who do not wish to study for the full Masters award can still study for the award of a postgraduate diploma and receive their LPC award. However, all students will benefit from the enhancements made to the LPC.

- **Stage One**

Delivered from September to February.

Covers the compulsory elements of:

- Business (including Taxation and Business Accounts)
- Property
- Litigation (Civil and Criminal)
- Wills and Administration of Estates
- Solicitors' Accounts
- Professional Conduct and Regulation
- Skills: advocacy, interviewing, writing, drafting, and research.

- **Stage Two**

Delivered from February to June.

Comprises of:

- Three elective subjects which you will select from a range of options.
- You will also be required to submit either a project of 5,000 words or a dissertation of 7,500 words to achieve a Masters degree.

Elective Modules

- Advanced Civil Litigation
- Advanced Commercial Property
- Advanced Criminal Practice
- Commercial Law
- Corporate Finance
- Employment Law
- Family and Child Protection Law
- Private Acquisitions
- Private Client
- Advanced Advocacy

View the full list of [Legal practice Course \(LPC\) full-time](#) elective modules

During Stage One, the teaching of the Professional Legal Practice Module will also occur.

Most students prefer to move on to Stage Two of the LPC, the electives, immediately after completion of Stage One, but you don't have to and there is a variety of choices.

You can:

- Stop for a while after Stage One and rejoin the course in a following year (although SRA rules impose time limits on how long you can wait)
- Undertake the electives in part-time mode.

It is up to you which way you choose; most students like to complete the LPC as soon as possible, but some like to undertake electives once they have a better idea of their intended practice area.

- **Assessments**

Assessments are designed to integrate with the course as a whole. The main assessment periods occur at the end of both Stage One and Stage Two.

You will be assessed by written examination in each of the three compulsory and elective subjects (your own prescribed materials being allowed in the exams).

The nature of each skill assessment will be determined by the skill to be demonstrated. Other suitable methods of assessment are employed to cover Professional Conduct and Regulation, Solicitors' Accounts and Wills and Administration of Estates.

Your project or dissertation will be marked according to the University's protocols for Masters awards.

Throughout the course there will be numerous opportunities to receive feedback on your progress.

Course specification

View the full course specification

Please note that course specifications may be subject to change

Further information on what you'll study

You will take **three** electives. You can choose from a range of subject combinations, which have been specifically combined to align with potential practice areas.

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How you're taught

This course will be taught on three days each week in Small Group Sessions (SGS) held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Lectures will be held on Fridays and these will be recorded so that attendance is not compulsory – you can view the lectures at a convenient time. This format gives you the option to be on campus for either two or three days each week. Exceptionally you may be required to attend examinations or induction events on any day of the week but you will receive notice of these dates well in advance.

To gain the LLM, you'll need to complete a dissertation or a Legal Project. The LLM component of this course needs to be completed in conjunction with the LPC.

If you have already successfully completed the LPC or BPTC, you can complete our [LLM Legal Practice \(distance learning\)](#) course which provides 60 Masters-level credits, leading to the award of an LLM.

Lecture Capture

Having listened to student feedback, Nottingham Trent University have implemented a Lecture Capture procedure. Available in all teaching rooms that have a capacity of at least 50 students, significant investments have been made to provide our students with this audio-visual facility on all of our campuses. Where possible, the majority of lectures will be available for our students to access as recordings that are synchronised with presentation slides. This provides students with a great tool for recapping on lectures and revision.

Careers and employability

Your future career

We have a dedicated [Employability team](#) who will support you in your search for a training contract; the number of Nottingham Law School graduates gaining a training contract or paralegal work is consistently high.

At Nottingham Law School we don't view the LPC in isolation. It leads to a training contract and we can provide the support required to give you the best possible start to your legal career:

- Our Employability team provide seminars with advice about training contract applications and interview techniques.
- We will review your training contract applications and formulate individual career plans. We also provide a practical interview preparation service.
- We provide a mentoring scheme with trainees from local law firms to provide support and guidance and a personal view of what to expect from life in the profession.
- Employability and commercial awareness are given appropriate focus, which provides a true bridge into practice.
- We maintain regular contact with firms specialising in all areas of law.

Course skills

The course skills are advocacy, interviewing, research, writing and drafting and these are often seen as providing the most demanding, and hopefully rewarding, elements of the course. We give particular attention to the written skills of research and writing and drafting; we take seriously the concerns of many firms about the capacity of trainees to handle this type of work in the early part of their training contracts.

Theoretical material is kept to a minimum, and the emphasis is normally on practice and feedback to develop the skills you will need on entering the profession.

Entry requirements

- **UK**

What are we looking for?

You will need **one** of the following options:

- a Qualifying Law degree (2.2 or above).
- Graduate Diploma in Law / CPE with an undergraduate degree (2.2 or above).
- Chartered Institute of Legal Executives qualification.

All applicants should provide evidence in their personal statement of their commitment to a career in law and will be required to provide a full reference in support of their application.

We specify these minimum entry requirements, but we will assess you individually on your ability to benefit from the course. We sometimes offer places on the basis of non-standard entry qualifications, and industrial or professional experience.

Getting in touch

If you need any more help or information, please email our [Admissions Team](#) or call on **+44 (0)115 848 4200**.

SRA Information - changes to Education and Training Regulations

The SRA has recently put in place proposals to simplify the training regulations.

These proposals have resulted in the removal of the requirements for students:

1. to apply for a Certificate of Completion of the Academic Stage of Training
2. to enrol with the SRA prior to commencing the LPC.

Please read the [SRA revisions document](#)

Please note that these changes could impact considerably upon you and it is your responsibility to ensure that you understand your revised obligations in respect of the LPC.

If you are in any doubt about how these changes affect you, please consult the [SRA website](#).

Accredited Prior Learning (APL)

Applications from students who have successfully completed either a Bar Vocational Course (BVC) or Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) within five years of enrolment to our Legal Practice Course may be considered for exemption from attendance and assessment in the following:

- **Stage One** - Litigation; Advocacy; Drafting
- **Stage Two** - Two Vocational Electives.
- It is important for such students to contact the Course Leader as promptly as possible prior to their application to the Central Applications Board to allow their APL application to be considered.

Students who transfer to Nottingham Law School to undertake Stage Two having successfully completed Stage One at another institution will be awarded the Professional Diploma.

• **International**

You will need **one** of the following options:

- a Qualifying Law degree (2.2 or above).
- Graduate Diploma in Law / CPE with an undergraduate degree (2.2 or above).
- IELTS 6.5 (5.5 in reading, writing, listening and speaking).
- Chartered Institute of Legal Executives qualification.
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What is a Qualifying Law degree?

A Qualifying Law degree (QLD) is a degree recognised by the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority which enables you to progress on to further legal training to become a solicitor or barrister.

A Qualifying Law degree covers the seven foundations of Legal Knowledge:

- Law of Contract and problem-solving
- Law of Torts and Case Analysis
- Public Law and Human Rights
- European Union Law and Report writing

- Law of Trusts and Applied Legal Analysis
- Criminal Law with Mooting
- Land Law and Professional Advice

If you have not covered the above in your undergraduate degree and want to progress on to the LLM LPC or LLM BPTC, you will need to complete our [Graduate Diploma in Law \(GDL\)](#) conversion course before you begin your legal training.

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How to apply

- **UK**
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Applications for this full-time course are made online via the [Central Applications Board](#). For further information on application you can also contact the Central Applications Board at:

LPC Central Applications Board
PO Box 84
Guildford
Surrey
GU13 1YX

Telephone: +44 (0)1483 301282

Application closing date

Please note this course can reach its maximum capacity prior to the course start date, which will result in early closure. We encourage you to submit your application as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Keeping up to date

After you've applied, we'll be sending you important emails throughout the application process – so check your emails regularly, including your junk mail folder.

You can get more information and advice about applying to NTU in our [postgraduates' guide](#). Here you'll find advice about how to write a good personal statement and much more.

Getting in touch

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Good luck with your application!

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For advice on applying for a visa please visit our [visa information page](#)

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Postgraduate research

If you're applying for postgraduate research please visit our [Research pages](#) for information about our research areas and how to make your application.

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Fees and funding

Fees for 2018 entry

Study route	Home (UK/EU students)	International
Full-time (1 year)	£11,300	£11,300
Part-time (cost per year of study)	£5,650 (per year*)	£5,650 (per year*)
Distance Learning (cost per year of study)	£2,160	£2,160

* Fees are payable for each year of your course and will be subject to annual increase.

** VAT may be payable on these fees.

Funding your studies (UK)

Preparing for the financial side of student life is important, but there's no need to feel anxious and confused about it. We hope that our [fees](#) and [funding](#) pages will answer all your questions.

You might be able to get a scholarship to help fund your studies. We award [scholarships](#) to those students who can demonstrate excellent achievement, passion and dedication to their studies.

Please take a look at our [postgraduates' guide funding page](#) for information about sourcing grants, bursaries and scholarships, and much more.

Career Development loans may be available. For further information, please visit the [Gov.uk](#) website.

This course is eligible for the [government postgraduate loan scheme](#).

There is also an SRA registration fee which the Law School will collect from you and pay to the SRA on your behalf.

Getting in touch

For more advice and guidance, you can contact our Student Financial Support Service.

Tel: +44 (0)115 848 2494

Funding your studies (International)

We offer prestigious scholarships to new international students holding offers to study at the University.

For more information on these and other opportunities for funding please visit our [international scholarships page](#).

For information on how to pay your fees to the University please visit our [international fee payment page](#).

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[Find out more about our terms and conditions of study for this course.](#)

Contact details

For further information, please contact the provider direct:

Website: <http://www.ntu.ac.uk/nls/>

Email: tim.allsopp@ntu.ac.uk

Contact name: Tim Allsopp

Telephone: 0115 848 4087

Further information on how to apply

Need help with your application?

For admissions related enquiries please contact us:

Telephone: **+44 (0)115 848 4200**

[Email](#) or [Ask us a question](#)

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