

**1. Programme Title(s) and UCAS code(s)**

LLB JD Pathway (M103)

**2. Awarding body or institution**

University of Leicester

**3. a) Mode of study: Full time**

**b) Type of study: Campus Based**

**4. Registration periods**

The normal period of registration is two years

The maximum period of registration is four years

**5. Typical entry requirements**

An undergraduate degree good second class honours level, or its equivalent (B-, for example, from a Canadian University) in any area of study.

**6. Accreditation of Prior Learning**

Final Year entry is not possible.

**7. Programme aims**

The LLB JD Pathway programme aims to:

- provide a stimulating intellectual environment informed by the School's research and teaching strengths;
- build on the skills the graduates have already acquired;
- develop a critical understanding of the national and European legal orders;
- develop a critical understanding of key principles of Canadian law
- develop skills in legal reasoning, including problem solving, synthesis and logical analysis;
- develop a knowledge and understanding of cognate areas of law, including an awareness of principles and values, and of ethics;
- develop an appreciation of the social and policy issues underlying the law;
- develop an appreciation the different approaches to the study of law adopted by different types of legal scholars;
- develop legal research skills;
- develop various transferable skills, particularly in oral and written communication, independent learning, including engagement with students' own personal and professional development and integrity, and information handling, including the ability to work with a range of data;
- equip students with subject-specific and transferable skills in preparation for employment not only in the legal profession, but also in a variety of highly skilled and analytical roles in business, finance, education, public policy, public service, social services in the UK and internationally.

## 8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification

- QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education Subject Benchmark Statement for Law, July 2015: <https://www.qaa.ac.uk>
- QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree Awarding Bodies, October 2014
- University of Leicester Learning and Assessment Strategies
- <https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/quality/learnreach>
- University of Leicester Employability Strategy
- Annual Internal Module Review and Annual Development Review
- Annual External Examiners' Reports
- Destination of Leavers from Higher Education
- Graduate Survey
- National Student Survey (2018)

## 9. Programme Outcomes

Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
<b>(a) Discipline specific knowledge and competencies</b>		
<b>(i) Mastery of an appropriate body of knowledge</b>		
Demonstrate knowledge of various cognate bodies of Law and the principal features of the national and European legal institutions (BS2.4iv).  Demonstrate knowledge of the principal features of Canadian law and Canadian institutions.	Lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed study and independent research across the whole range of modules.	Essays, examinations, seminar presentations and contributions to tutorial discussions.
<b>(ii) Understanding and application of key concepts and techniques</b>		
Demonstrate awareness of and be able show understanding through explaining a substantial range of major concepts, principles and rules of law and the legal institutions, values of law and justice and of ethics, as well as theories and context (BS 2.4iii and iv).  Demonstrate knowledge of key principles of Canadian constitutional law and practice.	Lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed reading and independent research across the whole range of modules.	Essays, examinations, seminar presentations and contributions to tutorial discussions.
<b>(iii) Critical analysis of key issues</b>		
Demonstrate intellectual independence including the ability to analyse, synthesise, critically assess and evaluate doctrinal and policy issues in the substantive and theoretical legal subjects studied (BS2.4ix). The ability to ask and answer cogent questions and identify gaps in own knowledge (BS2.4i). This includes the ability to recognise ambiguity and deal with uncertainty in law (BS2.4viii).	Lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed reading and independent research across the whole range of modules.	Essays, examinations, seminar presentations and contributions to tutorial discussions, all of which involve problem solving and discussion topics.

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<b>(iv) Clear and concise presentation of material</b>		
Demonstrate the ability to communicate orally, and in writing, knowledge, legal reasoning and the awareness of policy issues (BS2.4xi).	Lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed reading and independent research across the whole range of modules.	Essays, examinations, seminar presentations and contributions to tutorial discussions, all of which involve problem solving and discussion topics.
<b>(v) Critical appraisal of evidence with appropriate insight</b>		
Demonstrate the ability to use primary and secondary legal, and other, sources to present reasoned and critical analyses and arguments, including the ability to recognise ambiguity and deal with uncertainty in law (BS2.4viii).	Lectures, tutorials, seminars, directed reading and independent research across the whole range of modules.	Essays, examinations, seminar presentations and contributions to tutorial discussions.
<b>(vi) Other discipline specific competencies</b>		
Demonstrate the ability to conduct independent legal research using library resources and legal databases. This includes the accurate identification of issues which require researching, retrieval and evaluation of accurate, current and relevant information from a range of appropriate sources, including primary legal sources (BS2.4vi).	Written work; and preparation for seminars and tutorials, directed reading.	Assessed coursework, seminar presentations and contribution to tutorial discussions.
<b>(b) Transferable skills</b>		
<b>(i) Oral communication</b>		
Display the ability to present reasoned arguments with clarity and coherence, and where requested respond to questions and instructions in relation to legal matters (BS2.4xi).	Seminars, tutorials, group work, individual consultations with staff and feedback on presentations.	Oral communication skills are demonstrated and feedback provided in tutorials/seminars.
<b>(ii) Written communication</b>		
Demonstrate the ability to write in a suitable academic style, and where required respond to questions and instructions; to be critical and analytical; and to present data clearly in written forms of communication (BS2.4ix and xi).	Provision of writing guides, supervisions, formative coursework, preparation for seminars/tutorials, problem-solving exercises, independent research, individual consultations with staff and feedback on coursework and assessed work.	Assessed coursework, essay-based examinations, dissertation, group projects, and critical commentary.
<b>(iii) Information technology</b>		

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<p>Demonstrate the ability to use the internet, specific electronic information retrieval systems, use of new learning technologies.</p> <p>To be able to produce a word-processed essay or other text in accordance with a standard template.</p> <p>Use IT effectively to support their studies including use of IT for bibliographic and archive searches, data analysis and written/visual presentation of work.</p>	<p>Support is provided by the Law School staff and open access computer facilities are available to all students. Computer practical classes, use of discussion boards and wikis on Blackboard, and independent study.</p>	<p>Students are expected to word process their written work. Essays, online discussion forums, technology-based exercises, problem-based exercises and other forms of assessed coursework.</p>
<b>(iv) Numeracy</b>		
<p>Demonstrate the ability to analyse, interpret and present relevant data, including textual, numerical and statistical, using statistical and graphical techniques; and to make simple mathematical calculations (BS2.4vii).</p>	<p>The use of basic statistics and the ability to make simple mathematical calculations are included in a number of modules and are developed in lectures, tutorials and written work in those modules.</p>	<p>Essays, examinations, tutorials, technology-based exercises, problem-based exercises and other forms of assessed coursework.</p>
<b>(v) Team working</b>		
<p>Demonstrate the ability to work in a group as a participant who contributes effectively to the group task including collaborative planning.</p>	<p>Students are expected to collaborate as part of tutorial preparation. In some modules students are required to engage in a group exercise in a tutorial.</p> <p>Students are given the opportunity to participate in the team competitions of mooting, client interviewing and negotiation.</p>	<p>Group work assignments and/or project work, tutorial activities and Blackboard exercises; willingness to work collaboratively (BS2.4i)</p>
<b>(vi) Problem solving</b>		
<p>Demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge to situations of varying complexity and to provide solutions to actual or hypothetical problems.</p>	<p>Lectures, tutorials, team problem solving exercises and seminars.</p>	<p>Essays, examinations, tutorials, technology-based exercises, problem-based exercises and other forms of assessed coursework.</p>
<b>(vii) Information handling</b>		
<p>Demonstrate the ability, through directed and independent study, to gather, analyse and deploy material.</p>	<p>Lectures, tutorials and seminars, directed reading,</p>	<p>Tutorials, seminars, coursework and examinations.</p>

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<b>(viii) Skills for lifelong learning</b>		
<p>Demonstrate the ability to reflect on their learning, to acknowledge and correct errors, to identify gaps in own knowledge, and to make effective use of feedback. (BS2.4xii).</p> <p>The development of transferable skills.</p> <p>The ability to plan and undertake tasks in area of law studied.</p> <p>Demonstrate the ability to undertake independent research; to demonstrate the ability to show intellectual independence through the completion of tasks and the analysing of questions; to demonstrate the capacity for time management; and to demonstrate the capacity for independent study, self-organisation, and self-approval.</p> <p>Demonstrate the ability to see a clear path which leads from their degree to their chosen career.</p>	<p>Career advice, including on the legal profession and postgraduate study.</p> <p>Guidance through seminars, consultations and structured feedback sessions to assist planning for personal and educational development.</p> <p>Career development guidance from the School's Careers Tutors, structured sessions with the Career Development Service.</p> <p>Provision of information and guidance on OSCOLA referencing.</p>	<p>The progressive nature of modules from year to year and the corresponding assessment of them of the course as a whole.</p> <p>Successful completion of assessment for each module studied.</p> <p>Graduate surveys.</p> <p>Via the award of the Employability Certificate (Leicester Award) or through exercises in classes relating to career planning, volunteering, interview techniques, CV writing, preparing applications and marketing.</p> <p>Completion of online Plagiarism Tutorial.</p>

## 10. Progression points

Students are required to complete 120 credits of taught modules delivered over two semesters each academic year (a total of 60 credits must be studied in each semester).

The rules governing progression are defined in [Senate Regulation 5](#): Regulations governing undergraduate programmes of study. Legal foundation modules must be passed at 40%.

In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the programme.

## 11. Scheme of Assessment

This programme follows the standard scheme of award and classification set out in [Senate Regulation 5](#), with one exception. The Quality and Standards Sub Committee has approved a dispensation from SR 5.32 for the purposes of this programme. Under this dispensation student are required to achieve 40% in modules to the value of 195 credits or greater.

## 12. Special features

The JD Pathway LLB provides an opportunity for graduates of another discipline (i.e. not law) to achieve a degree in law over two years, which constitutes a qualifying law degree for the purpose of exemption from the first stage of professional training in England and Wales. Such a qualification is also exportable. These students will be more mature and have a broader range

of skills and knowledge from their previous educational experience, adding to the quality and diversity of the overall student body. The target market includes international graduates (notably from Canada) wishing to undertake an LLB rather than the one year conversion course. This is a most effective method of conversion of non-law graduates to the equivalent of law graduate status. The programme is condensed to comprise the seven legal foundation subjects plus 2 modules on Canadian Law.

### **13. Indications of programme quality**

- Performance in the National Student Survey
- External examiners' reports
- Degree results and career destination statistics
- Annual Development Review reports
- Periodic Development Review reports
- Peer review of teaching and peer review of marking exercises
- Student-Staff Committee feedback
- Module Feedback

### **14. External Examiners**

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports can be found [here](#).

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### Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)

#### FIRST YEAR MODULES:

		<b>Credits</b>
	<b>Semester One:</b>	
LW1171	Analysing the English Legal System	15
	<b>Year Long:</b>	
LW1120	Constitutional and Administrative Law	30
LW1130	Contract Law	30
LW1150	The Law of Tort	30
	<b>Semester Two:</b>	
LW2181	Foundations of Canadian Law	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>

#### FINAL YEAR MODULES:

	<b>Semester One:</b>	
LW2242	European Union Law	15
	<b>Year Long:</b>	
LW2220	Criminal Law	30
LW2390	Land Law	30
LW3370	Equity and Trusts	30
	<b>Semester Two:</b>	
LW3182	Canadian Constitutional Law	15
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>

Transfers from the Bachelor of Laws JD Pathway Degree

1. Students who have passed the first year examinations for the degree of Bachelor of Laws JD Pathway in Law may, in exceptional circumstances, on the approval of the Head of School transfer into the second year of the course for the degree of Bachelor of Laws in Law at the University of Leicester.
2. Students permitted under paragraph 1 to transfer from the Bachelor of Laws JD Pathway degree to the degree of Bachelor of Laws will be subject to the scheme of assessment for that degree.

#### Appendix 2: Module specifications

See module specification database <http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/courses/documentation>

