

Northumbria University

Legal Practice Course (LPC) profile October 2019

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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

The School of Law at Northumbria University has been a leading provider of legal education for over 40 years and has a wealth of experience and expertise to draw upon in both the design and delivery of its programmes. The School has been at the forefront of innovation in legal education; for example it is a leading exponent of clinical legal education through its award winning Student Law Office, which is available to LPC students as an elective choice.

Teaching takes place in City Campus East, a £70 million state of the art building, completely I.T. enabled (Northumbria University has been named the country's 'Most IT Enabled Organisation'). The building is well equipped with lecture theatres, which comfortably accommodate the group sizes on the LPC. All lecture theatres have full wireless coverage and are equipped with cameras and speakers for video conferencing, DVD/VCR, projection screens, visualisers, PCs, induction loop and audience voting systems. All classrooms have full wireless coverage, VCR, projection screens, whiteboards and PCs. There are also dedicated skills suites, a courtroom and a well-stocked law practice library. In addition students can take advantage of the university's superb social and sports facilities. This includes Sports Central, which contains a 25 metre pool, sports hall provision equivalent to the size of four netball courts, a health and fitness suite with more than 150 pieces of the highest spec Technogym equipment, a climbing wall, glass backed squash courts and a 3,000 seat indoor arena.

Types of Programme

We offer the standard Legal Practice Programme (LPC) and a Masters in Legal Practice (LLM LPC). Both programmes are offered full time and part time (see 'Modes of Delivery' below) and follow the same curriculum which meets the SRA LPC learning outcomes. The LLM LPC offers an additional Masters qualification by completion of a 8-10,000 word project.

Guaranteed Legal Placement or Professional Mentor Scheme

Every LPC / LLM LPC student is guaranteed either a work placement with a firm or organisation with whom we have close professional links or alternatively a professional mentor, who will have completed the LPC/ LM LPC at Northumbria and be working as a trainee or newly qualified solicitor and who can provide assistance and guidance on the journey to becoming a solicitor.

LLM Advanced Legal Practice

LPC Students (not LLM LPC Students) have the opportunity to gain an LLM in Advanced Legal Practice while studying on the LPC. This provides an ideal opportunity for professional development in a specialist area of law and enables students to develop specialist knowledge, enhance their legal analysis skills and acquire a career enhancing Masters degree.

Careers Support

Within the School of Law we are able to offer specialised careers advice. Because of our links with the local profession this includes talks from practitioners and graduate recruitment advisers. In addition the University Careers and Employment Team offer invaluable support

in relation to applying for training contracts, CV checking, assessment centres, interview techniques and psychometric testing and advice.

Modes of Delivery

The LPC and LLM LPC are taught on both a full time and part time basis. The full time programme requires student attendance on a Tuesday and Wednesday each week between 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. from September to mid December for Stage 1 followed by assessments in January. Stage 2 runs from the end of January to Easter followed by a further assessment period in May. In addition for the LLM LPC programme students are required to complete a 8-10,000 word project to be submitted at the end of August. The part time route runs over two years with attendance one day per week – Wednesday in Year 1 and Tuesday in Year 2. Those students enrolled on the part time LLM LPC will submit their project at the end of August of their second year. Full time and part time year 1 students are also required to attend an initial induction week at the start of the programme which will require attendance from Monday to Thursday of that week.

Stage 2 Electives

The following wide range of electives is offered in Stage 2:

Child Care Law, Commercial Law, Corporate Debt and Restructuring, Employment Law, Family Law, Intellectual Property, Law and the Elderly Client, Mental Health Law, Sales & Acquisitions and the Student Law Office. (limited places)

For further information and Course fees

Please see [our website](#)

Staff/Student Ratio

Small group workshops contain between 18-22 students.

Staff

Professionally qualified staff, including staff who are still in practice.

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