

A young man with short brown hair and glasses is smiling. He is wearing a light blue zip-up jacket and a dark purple scarf. He has a black backpack strap visible over his shoulder. The background is a blurred stone building with classical architectural features like columns and arches.

"YOU CAN'T GET ANY
MORE CENTRAL THAN
THE UNIVERSITY OF
WESTMINSTER, IT'S IN
THE PERFECT LOCATION
TO GET THE TOP JOBS."

DANIEL SIMPSON
LAW LLB

» London is the most significant global centre for international law, with many of the largest international law firms in the world and one of the most important financial markets. The University of Westminster's School of Law is in the middle of a very vibrant commercial district with good access to courts and other key legal employers, legal institutions and work placement opportunities.

» We are one of London's largest providers of legal education, and we offer a wide range of courses, from highly academic PhDs to courses for practitioners and paralegals.

» We have a very strong research community – half of our full-time staff are research active, and feed their expertise and experience into the development of our courses. We also have an international reputation for research into the legal profession and legal practice, international law and human rights and commercial and financial law.

» We have exceptionally strong links with key London institutions, particularly the legal professions, and you will be able to take advantage of our extensive programme of work placements with major legal firms and 'blue chip' companies. We also have an excellent record in careers at the Bar and with leading solicitors' firms.

» Our Solicitor's Exempting Degree is the only course of its kind in London and the South East, and one of only four in the country. Students who successfully complete our innovative programme will gain two qualifications in one course, two years of clinical experience and an integrated approach to their studies where they study the academic and practical elements of law alongside each other.

» As a member of our extremely diverse yet harmonious student population you will benefit from exceptional pastoral support, with personal tutors responsible for overseeing and supporting academic development throughout. You will be able to enjoy the School's active leading role in competitions for advocacy, interviewing and negotiation.

For more information about Law courses visit the School of Law website at westminster.ac.uk/law

Other related areas/courses you might be interested in:

- Business Management – Law BA Honours (p52)
- Psychology (p168) • Social and Historical Studies (p172)

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree, providing you with the core subjects required by the professional legal bodies, which will grant exemptions for those who wish to become solicitors or barristers. There is a unique focus on commercial and corporate law throughout the course, which employs both an academic and practice-based approach

Course content

All modules are double modules. The option modules are geared towards commercial law and commercial legal practice.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Core subjects: Commercial Foundations 1 • Contract • Public Law • Tort

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Subjects of study include: Commercial Foundations 2 • Criminal Law • European Union Law • Land Law

Year 3 (Credit Level 6)

Core subjects: Commercial Law • Equity and Trusts
 One option from: Company Law • Dissertation in Law • Elements of Taxation • Entertainment Law • Labour Law • Law of Intellectual Property • Law of International Trade • Media Law • Public International Law

International Foundation course

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time

UCAS code

M221

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree and graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned.

Teaching and assessment

The course combines legal study with legal skills, and places an emphasis on commercial and corporate law. It is taught by an academic and solicitor with considerable experience in the field, using a variety of practical and academic teaching methods. You will be expected to develop your skills in relation to written and oral communication, team and individual working, independent learning, research and argument construction and analysis, using these skills within a commercial law environment. You will attend lectures for the core subjects with other law students.

Associated careers

A Law degree is seen as a valuable asset by a variety of employers, legal and non-legal. Legal careers include barristers and advocates, solicitors, clerks and officers of court, legal executives and paralegals. Law graduates also pursue careers in accountancy, the Civil Service, education and local government.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	ABB
International Baccalaureate	32 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

This course encourages an interest in the European dimension of law. With this Qualifying Law Degree, graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned. On graduation you will have satisfied Law Society/Bar Council requirements and will have spent a year studying law in another European country.

When you apply you will need to demonstrate an aptitude for European language study, but this need not necessarily take the form of a formal qualification.

Course content

Alongside your Law modules, you will study a European language in Year 1 and Year 2 (Credit Levels 4 and 5) so that you can cope with studying in another European country. You will then spend 10 months studying law at one of the universities in the European Union that maintain links with the School of Law. These offer a wide range of law courses, including some taught in English. We have partner institutions in Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Portugal. This scheme allows you to experience another legal culture, develop links in Europe, and gain knowledge of other legal systems, while studying for a Qualifying Law Degree. You may qualify for an Erasmus grant.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Core subjects: Contract • Legal Skills and Process • Public Law • Tort Law

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Core subjects: Civil Law and Legal Systems • Criminal Law • European Languages 1 • European Union Law • Legal Profession and Legal Services

Year 3: Year Abroad

Year 4 (Credit Level 6)

Core subjects: Dissertation in European Legal Studies • Equity and Trusts • Land Law • plus one option (double module)

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Length of course

Four-year, full-time

UCAS code

M125

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree and graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned.

Teaching and assessment

The course combines legal study with legal skills, and is taught using a variety of teaching methods. You will be expected to develop your skills in relation to written and oral communication, team and individual working, independent learning, research and argument construction and analysis. You will attend lectures for the core subjects with Law LLB Honours students, and spend one year studying abroad at one of our partner universities, to develop your knowledge and understanding of civil law systems and European law.

Associated careers

A Law degree is seen as a valuable asset by a variety of employers, legal and non-legal. So is knowledge of another European language and another European legal system. Legal careers include barristers and advocates, solicitors, clerks and officers of court, legal executives and paralegals. Law graduates also pursue careers in accountancy, the Civil Service, education and local government.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	ABC
International Baccalaureate	30 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

This course provides you with the core subjects required by the professional legal bodies. You will also be able to study a wide range of distinctive modules, many of which reflect the research interests of the staff. The legal professions require graduates to possess both intellectual and practical skills, and the course explicitly addresses these requirements with a structured programme of skills development.

Course content

The course commences with a short induction course to the University, the School and the study of law. You will study core subjects, law options and free choice modules, including opportunities to study outside of the School, such as a language or a social science module. There are also specific pathways that you can follow.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Core subjects: Contract • Legal Skills and Process • Public Law • Tort

One option from: Criminal Justice 1 • Film and the Law • Introduction to Business Law • Introduction to Legal Practice • Introduction to Rights • Mooting and Advocacy • Property and People • free choice module

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Core subjects: Criminal Law • European Union Law • Land Law • Legal Profession and Legal Services

One option from: Agency • Alternative Dispute Resolution • Criminal Justice 2 • Housing Law • Introduction to Human Rights • Law and Culture • Law and Medical Practice • Law and Social Justice • Legal Ethics • Legal Reasoning • Research Methods • Women and the Law • Work Placement

Year 3 (Credit Level 6)

Core subject: Equity and Trusts

Options, choose from the following double modules: Company Law • Criminal Procedure and Evidence • Disability Law • Dissertation in Law • Elements of Taxation • Entertainment Law • Family Law • Human Rights Law in the UK • Intellectual Property Law • Labour Law • Law of International Trade • Law of the Environment • Media Law • Philosophy of Law • Project in Law • Public International Law • The United Nations System for the Protection of Human Rights

Direct entry

Direct entry to Year 2 or 3 is only possible in exceptional circumstances, if you have already successfully completed a course compatible with Year 1, or Year 1 and 2 of our LLB. You should give reasons (with evidence) for wishing to transfer, and must have entry qualifications comparable to those needed to enrol at Credit Level 4 at Westminster. We may not be able to make a decision until all your previous results are available. Direct entrants should have achieved a minimum average of 55 per cent in all modules (not including pass/fail modules) prior to their application to transfer.

Admission to Year 3 is rarely granted. Students at this stage of the course should check their proposed programme of study with the appropriate professional body to ensure that they are eligible for a Qualifying Law Degree (details from the Bar Standards Board Education, Training and Records Department for barristers, or the Solicitors Regulation Authority for solicitors).

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Length of course

Three-year, full-time;
four or five years, part-time,
two or three days

UCAS code

M100

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree and graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned.

Teaching and assessment

Lectures, used for large groups, are supported by smaller seminar or tutorial sessions. You will develop the skills of independent study and research. You will be assessed using a variety of methods ranging from presentations and essays to formal exams. Most subjects have some element of course work that, in some modules, accounts for all of the mark.

Associated careers

A Law degree is seen as a valuable asset by a variety of employers, legal and non-legal. Legal careers include barristers and advocates, solicitors, clerks and officers of court, legal executives and paralegals. Law graduates also pursue careers in accountancy, the Civil Service, education and local government.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	ABB
International Baccalaureate	32 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

General Studies/Critical Thinking will not be considered as a third A Level but will be considered with other subjects. You may also be invited to attend an interview.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

This course gives you the opportunity to spend a year studying law in France, gaining invaluable experience of another legal culture while acquiring knowledge of its language and legal system.

With this Qualifying Law Degree, graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned. On graduation, you will have satisfied Law Society /Bar Council requirements and will have spent a year studying French law at a French university.

When you apply, you will need to demonstrate a good working knowledge of French to ensure you are able to study in France in your third year of study.

Course content

The course provides you with the core subjects that are necessary for a Qualifying Law Degree. You will also study French language modules, French law and legal language. Once you complete Year 2 (Credit Level 5) you will spend 10 months at a French university and study law in French, giving you the opportunity to obtain a French legal qualification. Arrangements exist between the University of Westminster and the universities of Bordeaux, Nancy, Nice, Paris X Nanterre and Toulouse.

The course allows you to gain knowledge of the French legal system, experience the French legal culture and develop links in France while studying for a qualifying law degree. You may also qualify for an Erasmus grant.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Core subjects: Advanced French Language 1 • Contract • Legal Skills and Process • Public Law • Tort Law

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Core subjects: Advanced French Language 2 • Criminal Law • European Union Law • French Law and Legal Language • Legal Profession and Legal Services

Year 3: Year Abroad

Year 4 (Credit Level 6)

Core subjects: Dissertation in French Law • Equity and Trusts • Land Law • plus one option (double module)

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Length of course

Four-year, full-time

UCAS code

M1R1

Location

Central London (Regent)

Professional recognition

This course is a Qualifying Law Degree and graduates who wish to become barristers or solicitors are granted exemptions by the professional bodies concerned.

Teaching and assessment

The course combines legal study with legal skills, and is taught using a variety of teaching methods. You will be expected to develop your skills in relation to written and oral communication, team and individual working, independent learning, research and argument construction and analysis. You will attend lectures for the core subjects with Law LLB Honours students, and spend one year studying Law in France, developing your knowledge and understanding of the French legal system.

Associated careers

A Law degree is seen as a valuable asset by a variety of employers, legal and non-legal. So is knowledge of another European legal system and another European legal language. Legal careers include barristers and advocates, solicitors, clerks and officers of court, legal executives and paralegals. Law graduates also pursue careers in accountancy, the Civil Service, education and local government.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	ABC including grade B in French
International Baccalaureate	30 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

See also standard entry requirements on p206.

This course is one of only four in the country, and the only one in London and the South East. It gives you both a Qualifying Law Degree and exemption from the requirement to undertake the Legal Practice Course (LPC). The course is geared to professional practice, and you can start your training to become a solicitor as soon as you graduate.

From the start of the course you will be given an introduction to the skills required by lawyers. This prepares you for the clinical experience you will acquire in Year 3 and the clinical options in Year 4, where you will work with real clients on real cases. Fees are consistent throughout rather than nearly tripling at the LPC stage, so the course offers a more accessible route to becoming a solicitor while providing the experience that future employers are looking for.

Course content

The general ethos of the course is one of integration of the academic and practical. In Years 1 and 2 you will cover the same core subjects as you would on a Qualifying Law Degree. Alongside these subjects you will study two modules in Legal Ethics, Method and Skills (LEMS) which have been specifically designed for this course. These modules provide you with an introduction to professional ethics and skills, together with the traditional study skills course.

In Year 3 you will build on the foundations provided in these LEMS modules to conduct real cases with real clients. You will carry out this work under supervision and with appropriate training. You will also study a mixture of academic and practical subjects. Year 4 is entirely devoted to the practical subjects that would ordinarily be studied on the Legal Practice Course, while you will be given a further opportunity to work with real clients on a clinical option. Most modules are double modules.

Year 1 (Credit Level 4)

Subjects of study: Contract • Legal Ethics, Method and Skills 1 • Public Law • Tort

Year 2 (Credit Level 5)

Subjects of study: Criminal Law • European Union Law • Legal Ethics, Method and Skills 2 (including Financial Services) • Property 1: Land

Year 3 (Credit Level 5)

Subjects of study: Civil and Criminal Litigation and Dispute Resolution (including Evidence) • Clinical Compulsory (Work Placement or Pro Bono) • Property 2: Equity and Trusts, Wills and Probate and Taxation • plus an academic option from the subjects offered to standard LLB students

Year 4 (Credit Level 6)

Subjects of study: Business Law and Practice (including Conduct) • Clinical Option • Property 3: Real Property Law and Practice (including Solicitors Accounts and Conduct)

Two Practice Options from: Commercial Litigation • Commercial Property • Corporate Finance • E-Commerce • Employment • Entertainment and Media • Family • Housing • Immigration • PI and Clinical Negligence • Private Acquisitions

Please note that the options offered are subject to change.

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Length of course

Four-year, full-time

UCAS code

M190

Location

Central London (Regent)

Teaching and assessment

You will benefit from the study of skills, academic and vocational subjects being brought together. Lectures are supported by seminars or tutorials. You will develop independent study and research skills, and will be assessed using a variety of methods including presentations, essays and formal exams. Most subjects have some element of course work that, in some modules, accounts for all of the mark.

Associated careers

On completion you will carry out a period of work-based learning (currently called a training contract) under the supervision of a solicitor. There are a wide variety of career options as a solicitor, from private practice in commercial firms in the City of London or high street firms, to being an employed lawyer with organisations such as the CPS and the legal departments of major corporations. Law graduates are also sought after in a wide range of non-legal careers. Students completing the course, or those choosing to leave with a Qualifying Law Degree after three years, can also begin to train as a barrister.

Typical offer for September 2011

Qualification type	Grade/points
A Levels	AAB
International Baccalaureate	32 points
BTEC National Diploma	DDM

General Studies/Critical Thinking will not be considered as a third A Level but will be considered with other subjects. You may also be invited to attend an interview.

See also standard entry requirements on p206.