



LPC award choices Student FAQs

This document contains information about the award choices for the LPC.

1. What awards are available to me?

The University offers three different ways for you to obtain the necessary Legal Practice Course qualifications to satisfy the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) requirements necessary to complete your training contract. You can either obtain a postgraduate diploma, or one of two master's degrees as follows:

- Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) in Professional Legal Practice
- LPC MSc in Law, Business and Management [not available to students starting in January 2025 onwards]
- LPC LLM in Professional Legal Practice

2. What does the SRA require?

In order to complete your training contract, the SRA requires all LPC students to study:

- three compulsory core practice area subjects: Business, Dispute Resolution and Real Estate
- Professional Conduct and Regulation grouped together in our Introduction to Professional Practice (IPP) module)
- three elective subjects.

Each of the three awards above covers these essential elements.

3. What modules are covered on each award?

3.1. Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) in Professional Legal Practice

For this award, which covers the SRA requirements for trainees outlined above, students study seven modules, covering the three CPAs, Introduction to Professional Practice, and three electives. The CPAs and elective subjects are taught and assessed at Level 7. IPP is at level 6.

3.2. LPC MSc in Law, Business and Management (only available to students starting in September 2024)

On the MSc, you will study the seven modules covered stcovITs covITs covITs covITs covITs



3.3. LPC LLM in Professional Legal Practice

On the LLM, you will study the seven modules covered on the PgDip, plus two additional modules:

- EITHER Law and Business (only available to students starting in September 2024) OR a 4th
- Professional Practice Research Report (an independent learning module)

The 3 awards are compared in the diagram below:

Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (LPC PgDip)	4 Core + 3 Elective Modules		
MSc in Law, Business and Management (LPC MSc)	4 Core + 3 Elective Modules	Law & Business	Case Study
LLM in Professional Legal Practice (LPC LLM)	4 Core + 3 Elective Modules	Law & Business OR additional elective	Professional Practice Research Report

4. What do the additional modules for the master s degrees involve?

4.1. MSc modules (only available to students starting in September 2024)

4.1.1. Law and Business



- The functioning of the City



- Intellectual Property Law & Practice

Commercial and Private Client Practice Electives

- Advanced Real Estate Law & Practice
- Commercial Dispute Resolution Law & Practice
- Commercial Law & Practice
- Employment Law & Practice
- Intellectual Property Law & Practice
- Advanced Criminal Law and Practice
- Family Law & Practice
- Immigration Law & Practice
- Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence Law & Practice
- Private Client Law & Practice

4.2.1.2 Electives available to students starting the LPC in or after January 2025:

Corporate and Commercial Practice Electives

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law & Practice
- Commercial Law & Practice
- Employment Law & Practice
- Intellectual Property Law & Practice

Commercial and Private Client Practice Electives

- Commercial Law & Practice
- Employment Law & Practice
- Intellectual Property Law & Practice
- Advanced Criminal Law and Practice
- Family Law & Practice
- Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence Law & Practice
- Private Client Law & Practice

Please note that all choices on all modes are subject to demand and timetabling



5. What is the difference between the LPC MSc and the LPC LLM?

In addition to the difference in content between the additional modules outlined above, there is also a difference in focus.

The LPC MSc is in Law, Business and Management and, as the name suggests, the focus of the 2 additional modules is on business and management. It is therefore likely to suit students who plan to work for a law firm or other employer with a corporate/commercial focus or those who are generally interested in understanding business from both the commercial as well as the legal perspective.

The LPC LLM offers students the opportunity to gain a broader insight into the law by taking an additional elective and undertaking the Professional Practice Research Report. That is not to say that it does not cover business and management, as students will still benefit from the embedded content within the LPC and can, if they wish still take the Law and Business module, or choose elective subjects with a commercial bias, but this is not its focus. It is therefore likely to suit students who have a deeper interest in a specialist area of the law that they would like to develop through completing the Professional Practice Research Report and/or those who wish to keep their options open by choosing a 4th elective.

Please note that if you choose the Law and Business module, the course is identical whether you are an LLM or an MSc student, as is the assessment. Law and Business does involve calculations, and as a result a basic knowledge of maths is required. For more information about the content of the module and the level of maths required please see the appendix at the end of these FAQs.

6. If I decide to do one of the modules, when would I study the additional modules?

Indicative year



6.2. Accelerated 6 month course

Accelerated LPC			
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3 post course
Introduction to Professional Practice	Real Estate	Real Estate	[Case Study Project OR Professional Practice Research
	Business Law & Practice <i>(double module)</i>	Elective 1	
	Dispute Resolution <i>(double module)</i>	Elective 2	
		Elective 3	
		[Law and Business OR Elective 4]*	



Part-time Year 2

Term 1

Term 2

Term 3

July/Oct~

Dispute



to starting the course. Bear in mind though the terms of any funding, as funding from the Student Loan Company will require you to be on one of the two m

Please note that if you are an international student who requires sponsorship by the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number to make your visa application. This is subject to you meeting the requirements for Student visa sponsorship.

The University does not ordinarily allow LPC students to change their award route after visa not only on the basis of the course they will be studying, but the award they will receive at the end of their studies. The University is required to declare your award to the Home Office and this appears on your immigration record and cannot be changed once your CAS is issued.

If you believe there are exceptional circumstances for you to change you award, please write to the Visa Compliance Team at visacompliance@law.ac.uk. Please note that the Visa Compliance Team may ask you to submit evidence to support your request and all decisions made by the Visa Compliance Team are final.

11. How do I notify ULaw of my choice of electives?

The student information team will email you after you have commenced the course to explain what steps you need to take to choose your electives.

12. Where can I find further information?

A couple of weeks before you start the course you will be enrolled onto ELITE, our virtual learning environment. In the Student Handbook and Course Information folder you will be able to access a recording about awards and electives, and you will also be able to look at the module guides for all the electives and for Law and Business. For more details on the Law and Business module, please see the appendix to this document.

13. I have further questions. Who can I contact?

In the first instance, please contact the admissions team on 0800 289997 or admissions@law.ac.uk



Appendix

Choosing the Law and Business module

The module syllabus can be summarised as follows:

The economy, business environment and globalisation:

Exploring the functioning and structure of an economy, understanding the role of government and monetary authorities in managing the economy, looking at how businesses conduct international business and exploring issues in globalisation.

The functioning of the City:

Examining the financial sector, how it channels funds within the economy, understanding the different markets and financial contracts and exploring issues of ethics and regulation of the financial system.

Management:

Exploring the nature and role of managers and leaders in business, how organisations are structured and controlled, methods of motivating people and how culture influences organisational life.

Financial analysis:

Examining the various types of financial reports produced by businesses and interpreting the financial performance of business.

Corporate finance:

Examining how the business is financed, how it uses its funds, how it distributes them, how it is valued by investors and how it conducts mergers and acquisitions.

Business development:

approaches marketing and business development including pitching for work and differentiating itself in a competitive field.

Strategy:

Analysing the external and internal environments of a business, exploring the concepts of sustainable competitive position and appreciating different types of strategies.

In addition, you will pull these topics together by looking at the business of law firms in the final workshop. You will explore law firm performance and profitability and analyse the legal industry including disruptors to it.

During the module you are directed to work with a variety of resources and you are introduced to a number of real case studies to give context to the matters under discussion. In business

