

LLB (Hons)

Law with a Year Abroad

UCAS code M111

Entry requirements

A level: AAA

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

4 years

Apply by: **30 June 2026**Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

This exciting degree programme allows you to complete the core modules required to pass through the academic stage of the route to practice for professional purposes whilst also allowing you the opportunity to spend year three of the programme at an approved European or overseas partner university.

Introduction

This programme offers you the chance to build the foundations of your legal or professional career in an innovative and supportive environment. From the start of your degree, you will benefit from access to our established connections with local legal professionals and be encouraged to engage with real clients and case work, under the guidance and support of our dedicated Law Clinic. You will gain transferable skills that come with living and adapting to life in a different country; skills that will help with your employability and career prospects.

At present, the University of Liverpool has partnership agreements with universities in the following countries:

Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, USA.

What you'll learn

- Research skills using a range of sources, including verbal questioning
- Evaluation skills and the ability to interpret and explain complex information clearly
- Analytical skills
- Reasoning and critical judgement skills
- Ability to formulate sound arguments
- Lateral thinking and problem-solving skills
- Ability to write concisely
- Confident and persuasive oral communication skills
- Attention to detail and the ability to draft formal documents with precision.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

The core year one syllabus comprises modules that must be studied in order to pass through the academic stage of the route to practice, known as the 'foundations of legal knowledge'. The remaining modules are undertaken to introduce you to the English legal system and basic legal study and research skills.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
FOUNDATIONS OF LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (LAW102)	30
CRIMINAL LAW (LEVEL 4) (LAW107)	30
LAW OF CONTRACT (LAW105)	30
PUBLIC LAW (LAW106)	30

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Year two

The core year two syllabus comprises the remaining modules that must be studied in order to pass through the academic stage of the route to practice, known as the 'foundations of legal knowledge'. The remaining module, 'law and social justice', allows students to acquire and practice advanced legal research skills by exploring the law's capacity to effect social change.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
EQUITY & TRUSTS (LAW211)	30
LAND LAW (LAW242)	15
LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION (LAW212)	15
LAW OF TORT (LAW209)	30
LAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (LAW210)	30

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Year three

Year abroad

You are required to spend the year abroad on an approved placement at a European or overseas partner institution.

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Year four

All year four optional modules are 15 credits each, except for dissertation (semester one and two) which is 30 credits. Most year four optional modules are taught via 'blended learning' methods, utilising weekly lectures (2 hours per week), seminars (either 60 minutes each bi-weekly or 90 minutes three times during a semester), optional drop-in sessions during office hours, independent legal research, e-learning strategies and formative assessments.

Most year four optional modules are assessed on a summative basis via examination, coursework or a combination of both.

Modules

Optional modules	Credits
COMPANY LAW (LAW029)	15
CRIMINAL EVIDENCE (LAW033)	15
MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS I (LAW051)	15
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (LAW308)	15
FURTHER TORT (LAW309)	15
COMMERCIAL LAW (LAW318)	15
CLINICAL LEGAL SKILLS - A LAW CLINIC MODULE (LAW321)	15
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW I: INTRODUCTION TO COPYRIGHT LAW (LAW338)	15
PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (LAW353)	15
THE LAW OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS 1 (LAW362)	15
PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING (LAW364)	15
INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION (LAW367)	15
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF LEGAL SERVICES (LAW383)	15

Optional modules	Credits
MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS II (LAW052)	15
FAMILY LAW (LAW316)	15
BANKING LAW (LAW317)	15
CLINICAL LEGAL SKILLS - A LAW CLINIC MODULE (LAW322)	15
JURISPRUDENCE (LAW332)	15
ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION LAW (LAW335)	15
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW II: INTRODUCTION TO TRADE MARKS AND PATENTS (LAW339)	15
PRIVACY, SURVEILLANCE AND THE LAW OF SOCIAL MEDIA (LAW341)	15
INTERNATIONAL LAW IN CURRENT AFFAIRS (LAW354)	15
TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW (LAW363)	15
PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING – SEMESTER 2 (LAW369)	15
DEBATES IN CHARITY LAW (LAW377)	15
BUSINESS, GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW (LAW378)	15
LAW OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS 2 (LAW379)	15
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN THE LAW OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (LAW382)	15
LAW AND GENDER (LAW384)	15

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

You will be taught through a combination of large group lectures and small class sessions, such as tutorials, seminars or workshops. Formal lectures are intended to give you a sound understanding of relevant legal topics, and you are expected to enhance your knowledge through private study and research. Tutorials and seminars require active student participation and are particularly effective in assisting you in applying the law to practical situations. In addition, we use alternative forms of teaching delivery to provide a broad-based learning experience for our students. For example, student learning is enhanced through the use of podcasts and lecture capture technology, drop-in sessions, learning cafés, and clinical legal skills workshops. Online resources and exercises, group work, and presentations all help to ensure that you develop a strong set of transferrable skills.

How you're assessed

Assessment takes many forms, each appropriate to the learning outcomes of the module in question. Degrees are classified on the basis of 240 credits, taken across the final two years in each programme. Year two contributes 30% to the overall classification and the final year contributes 70% to the overall classification. For students taking a year abroad or in China, the programme lasts four years and year three is spent in your chosen destination.

Formal assessment tends to take place twice in an academic year; once at the end of semester one (January) and then again at the end of semester two (May-June). Some modules may employ formal mid-semester assessment opportunities too. We use a range of methods to ensure that assessments complement learning, including seen and unseen examinations and extended coursework assignments. Other methods, such as case work, empirical projects, and the preparation of reflective journals, are also used to ensure that you experience a diverse range of assessment as part of your programme.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

Our programmes are empowering, engaging and make you employable. Our Employability team offer specialist advice and support with work placements, professional mentoring, employability-focused activities which can contribute to your higher education achievement record. Students can also gain invaluable experience at Liverpool Law Clinic, assisting in-house, qualified lawyers provide free and confidential legal advice to members of the public.

The majority of our graduates enter the legal profession. However, any degree which incorporates law is recognised as a mark of academic excellence in virtually all employment spheres. Past graduates have embarked on a wide variety of professions; for example, in the civil service, banking, construction, charities and international non-governmental organisations, business management, academia, the armed forces, accounting and finance, and the police and emergency services.

Recent employers

- AON Ltd
- Wragge and Co
- Eversheds
- Linklaters
- DLA Piper
- Santander UK Plc
- Bank of England.

Work experience opportunities

We organise regular **careers events** and routinely play host to law firms who wish to come and meet our students. There is an **annual law fair**, giving students the opportunity to meet future legal employers. Academic staff in the Law School and Careers & Employability also offer invaluable careers advice and support. Every year, our students become members of the Inns of Court, secure scholarships for vocational training, and obtain vacation placements, training contracts, and mini-pupillage opportunities from a range of providers.

Undergraduate students can develop their legal skills through a number of extracurricular activities, such as **mentoring** by members of the legal profession, mooting, and negotiation competitions. There are four student legal societies which cater for the diverse career trajectories of our students and host lively extracurricular and enrichment activities.

We also help our students to take advantage of **work experience placements** with organisations like the Citizens' Advice Bureau, Asylum Link, Merseyside Welfare Rights, and other pro-bono service providers.

We broker a range of placement opportunities, typically offering students the chance to spend two or three weeks during the vacation period working within an international law firm or alongside in-house lawyers in major commercial companies. We also offer a number of **year-long placements in China** to students on a competitive basis.

The Law Clinic gives many students their first taste of professional practice: students work under the supervision of a lawyer, meeting clients, researching legal problems, and drafting advice. Confidentiality, clear communication, and client satisfaction are all emphasised as essential elements of the Clinic's service. This helps students experience the practical aspect of law whilst contributing towards their degree through the completion of practically-assessed modules.

Postgraduate opportunities

Typical courses studied by graduates from this programme:

- Bar professional training course (BPTC)
- Legal practice course (LPC)
- LLM (Master of Laws)
- PhD (Doctor of Philosophy).

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £9,790

Year in industry fee - £1,955

Year abroad fee - £1,465 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £27,000

Year in industry fee - £1,955

Year abroad fee - £13,500 (applies to year in China)

The fees shown are for the academic year 2026/27. Please be advised that tuition fees may increase each year for both UK and international students. For UK students, this will be subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

AAA

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **AAB** from A levels, with **A** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

T levels

T levels considered in a relevant subject.

Applicants should contact us by [completing the enquiry form on our website](#) to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

GCSE English and Maths grade C/4

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

D* and AA at A Level

BTEC Level 3 Diploma

D* D* and A at A Level

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

D*D*D* Must be in one of following subjects:

- Applied Human Biology
- Applied Law
- Applied Psychology
- Applied Science
- Business
- Business Accounting and Finance
- Computing
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
- Forensic and Criminal Investigation
- Health and Social Care
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Information Technology
- Public Services
- Sport
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Strategic Management and Leadership
- Travel and Tourism
- Uniformed Protective Services.

All other subjects have to be referred for consideration.

International Baccalaureate

36 points overall with no score less than 4 or pass the IB Diploma plus 6,6,6 in 3 HL subjects.

Irish Leaving Certificate

H1, H1, H2, H2, H2, H2

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

AAA in three Advanced Highers.

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

A in the Welsh Baccalaureate, plus grades AA at A level.

Access

Pass relevant Access to HE Diploma with 45 Level 3 credits with 39 at Distinction and 6 at Merit.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, you could be eligible for a Pre-Master's course. This is offered on campus at the [University of Liverpool International College](#), in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. It's a specialist preparation course for postgraduate study, and when you pass the Pre-Master's at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to a University of Liverpool master's degree.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
 - If you are returning to learning, have had a disrupted education or are switching career pathways, the one-year [Go Higher diploma](#) qualifies you to apply for University of Liverpool arts, humanities and social sciences programmes
 - [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.
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English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. If you took a TOEFL test from 21 January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or Language & Literature

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

International Baccalaureate English B

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	12 weeks	Online
5.0 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

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