

LLB (Hons)

Law with Philosophy

UCAS code T944

Entry requirements

A level: AAA

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

3 years

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

About this course

Our Law with Philosophy programme allows students to combine law with a complementary programme and still pass through the academic stage of the route to practice. Studying these subjects together means tackling some of the most interesting and important social issues of our times.

Introduction

This degree draws upon the existing strength of both the Liverpool Law School and the Department of Philosophy in a programme which takes you through the academic stage of the route to practice.

You will study the core modules required to obtain a law degree for professional purposes whilst being able to undertake advanced study in philosophy, through which you will learn argumentative skills, critical thinking, and how to present a persuasive case. Module options available in law enable you to specialise in relevant fields of legal study; for example, the law of contract, public law, law of tort, equity and trusts, and land law.

Liverpool Law School offers a wide range of optional modules that allow students to specialise in one aspect of law, if they choose, or to mix options from across the curriculum. Our module

leaders are leading researchers in their chosen field, offering students the opportunity to learn about the law from expert scholars and practitioners.

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
- Making reasoned arguments and ethical judgements
- Critical thinking

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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

Mandatory modules in year one are designed to provide students with a comprehensive overview of key concepts, debates, and skills in both law and philosophy.

In addition to studying some of the modules that must be passed to gain a qualifying law degree, known as the 'Foundations of Legal Knowledge', students also undertake philosophy modules with a value of 30 credits in the first year.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
FOUNDATIONS OF LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (LAW102)	30
LAW OF CONTRACT (LAW105)	30
PUBLIC LAW (LAW106)	30
MIND, KNOWLEDGE AND REALITY (PHIL103)	15
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (PHIL102)	15

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

Year two

Year two is made up of compulsory modules that must be passed in order to gain a qualifying law degree, known as the 'Foundations of Legal Knowledge', along with philosophy modules with a value of 30 credits.

Notice

Please note no student may take both **PHIL271** and **PHIL272**.

Modules

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

Optional modules	Credits
ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY: THE EXAMINED LIFE (PHIL237)	15
BUSINESS ETHICS (PHIL271)	15
THE POLITICS OF KNOWLEDGE (PHIL212)	15
MORAL PHILOSOPHY: THEORY AND PRACTICE (PHIL239)	15
BUSINESS ETHICS (PHIL272)	15
LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND THE GOOD SOCIETY (PHIL219)	15
METAPHYSICS (PHIL228)	15

Optional modules	Credits
PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEM-SOLVING (PHIL241)	15
PHILOSOPHY OF RACE (PHIL274)	15
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION (PHIL215)	15
USES, MISUSES AND ABUSES OF LANGUAGE (PHIL276)	15

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Year three

In addition to core modules, students choose two optional law modules in each semester. Students must choose **60 credits** from the optional law modules and **30 credits** from the optional philosophy modules.

All year three optional modules are 15 credits each, except dissertation (semester one and two) which is 30 credits. Most year three optional modules are taught through blended learning methods, including weekly lectures (two 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.

Notice

Please note students must consult with their academic advisor before taking both **PHIL306** and **SOTA300**.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
LAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (LAW310)	30

Compulsory modules	Credits
CRIMINAL LAW (LEVEL 6) (LAW307)	30
Optional modules	Credits
CLINICAL LEGAL SKILLS - A LAW CLINIC MODULE (LAW321)	15
PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING (LAW364)	15
BANKING LAW (LAW317)	15
COMPANY LAW (LAW029)	15
COMPETITION LAW (LAW374)	15
COMMERCIAL LAW (LAW318)	15
CORPORATE INSOLVENCY LAW (LAW373)	15
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW I: INTRODUCTION TO COPYRIGHT LAW (LAW338)	15
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW II: INTRODUCTION TO TRADE MARKS AND PATENTS (LAW339)	15
THE REGULATION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES: LAW, ETHICS AND GOVERNANCE (LAW342)	15
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF LEGAL SERVICES (LAW383)	15
PRIVACY, SURVEILLANCE AND THE LAW OF SOCIAL MEDIA (LAW341)	15
MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS I (LAW051)	15

Optional modules	Credits
MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS II (LAW052)	15
CRIMINAL EVIDENCE (LAW033)	15
FAMILY LAW (LAW316)	15
EMPLOYMENT LAW: RIGHTS AND JUSTICE AT WORK (LAW349)	15
ADVANCED PUBLIC LAW (LAW343)	15
ANIMAL LAW (LAW348)	15
SPORTS LAW (LAW347)	15
INTERNATIONAL LAW IN CURRENT AFFAIRS (LAW354)	15
ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION LAW (LAW335)	15
INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION (LAW367)	15
PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (LAW353)	15
JURISPRUDENCE (LAW332)	15
COMPARATIVE LAW (LAW344)	15
PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING – SEMESTER 2 (LAW369)	15
CLINICAL LEGAL SKILLS – A LAW CLINIC MODULE (LAW322)	15
AESTHETICS (PHIL316)	15

Optional modules	Credits
CLASSICAL CHINESE PHILOSOPHY (PHIL367)	15
EXISTENTIALISM (PHIL332)	15
FRONTIERS OF ETHICS (PHIL302)	15
MIND, BRAIN AND CONSCIOUSNESS (PHIL309)	15
PHILOSOPHY OF PLAY AND THE VIRTUAL (PHIL343)	15
DIGITAL INQUIRY PROJECT (PHIL311)	15
HELLENISTIC AND NEOPLATONIC PHILOSOPHY (PHIL368)	15
INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (PHIL326)	15
PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACHES TO CONFLICT (PHIL365)	15
PHILOSOPHY AND LITERATURE (PHIL327)	15
PHILOSOPHY OF THE FUTURE (PHIL312)	15
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (LAW308)	15
PHILOSOPHY DISSERTATION (PHIL306)	30
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS WORK PLACEMENTS MODULE (SOTA300)	30

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

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 and the HEAR award. 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. You will develop a range of social scientific, analytic and communication skills and a variety of transferable skills valued by many employers in a range of industries (e.g. legal sector, media organisations, local government and charitable organisations, the criminal justice system and commercial and financial service sectors).

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
- Eversheds
- Linklaters
- DLA Piper
- Santander UK Plc
- Bank of England
- Merseyside Police
- HM Prison Service
- Shell
- TikTok
- Netflix
- BBC

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, including **mentoring** by members of the legal profession, mooted and negotiation competitions, court marshalling and legal visits to firms or public courts. The University has 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 the option to spend a year in China as an addition to your standard law degree programme, which we offer 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)
- Social Research Methods MA
- Criminology Research MRes
- Social Research MRes

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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.

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our direct entry requirements. Although there is no direct Foundation Certificate route to this course, completing a Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the University of Liverpool International College, can guarantee you a place on a number of similar courses which may interest you.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, contact us for advice
 - 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

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	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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