



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

LLB (Hons)

Law with Politics

UCAS code T945

Entry requirements

A level: AAA

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

3 years

Apply by: **29 January 2025**

Starts on: **22 September 2025**

About this course

Our Law with Politics programme allows students to combine law with a complimentary 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 Politics 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 while being able to undertake advanced study of politics, asking questions about power, justice, conflict, sovereignty and decision making on a local and international scale. 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 politics. 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 politics modules with a value of 30 credits in the first year.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>FOUNDATIONS OF LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (LAW102)</u>	30
<u>LAW OF CONTRACT (LAW105)</u>	30
<u>PUBLIC LAW (LAW106)</u>	30
<u>FOUNDATIONS IN POLITICS (POLI109)</u>	15
<u>FOUNDATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (POLI104)</u>	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 politics modules with a value of 30 credits.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>LAW OF TORT (LAW209)</u>	30
<u>EQUITY & TRUSTS (LAW211)</u>	30
<u>LAND LAW (LAW242)</u>	15
<u>LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION (LAW212)</u>	15
Optional modules	Credits
<u>INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (POLI225)</u>	15
<u>SECURITY IN A GLOBALISED WORLD (POLI231)</u>	15
<u>UK GENERAL ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS SINCE 1945 (POLI204)</u>	15
<u>COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (POLI215)</u>	15
<u>DEVOLUTION IN THE UK (POLI227)</u>	15
<u>DEMOCRATISATION AND POLITICAL CHANGE (POLI235)</u>	15
<u>BRITISH PARTY POLITICS (POLI239)</u>	15
<u>POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS (POLI251)</u>	15
<u>POLITICAL COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC SPEAKING (POLI252)</u>	15
<u>GENDER AND FEMINIST POLITICS: CORE CONCEPTS AND THEORIES (POLI257)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>THE POLITICS OF 'RACE' AND MARGINALISATION (POLI265)</u>	15
<u>CRITICAL APPROACHES TO TRANSNATIONAL SECURITY (POLI203)</u>	15
<u>ASPECTS OF MEDIA AND POLITICS (POLI208)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (POLI209)</u>	15
<u>BRITISH POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES (POLI237)</u>	15
<u>PUBLIC ETHICS (POLI260)</u>	15
<u>CONTEMPORARY SEXUAL POLITICS (POLI270)</u>	15
<u>POLITICS OF THE PAST IN THE ANCIENT WORLD (CLAH200)</u>	15
<u>&QUOT;DOES THE NATION MATTER?&QUOT; THE BASQUES' WILL TO PERSIST IN THE GLOBAL CULTURE (HISP218)</u>	15
<u>POLITICAL ECONOMIES OF GLOBALISATION (ENVS264)</u>	15
<u>ROME IN THE LATE REPUBLIC (CLAH268)</u>	15
<u>DECOLONIAL PERSPECTIVES ON ITALY, AFRICA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN (ITAL225)</u>	15
<u>GLOBAL NEWS, MEDIA AND WAR (COMM213)</u>	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 politics 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.

Most year three optional modules are assessed on a summative basis through examination, coursework or a combination of both. Some optional modules, however, are partially assessed by the following methods: group project (**LAW 377**: Debates in Charity Law); practical assessment or presentation (**LAW369**: Access to Justice and Welfare Rights Advice Placements, **LAW373**: Corporate Insolvency Law; **LAW 354**: International Law in Current Affairs) and casework and/or reflective logs (**LAW321** (Clinical Legal Skills), **LAW369**: Access to Justice and Welfare Rights Advice Placements).

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>LAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (LAW310)</u>	30
<u>CRIMINAL LAW (LEVEL 6) (LAW307)</u>	30
Optional modules	Credits
<u>COMPANY LAW (LAW029)</u>	15
<u>CRIMINAL EVIDENCE (LAW033)</u>	15
<u>MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS I (LAW051)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (LAW308)</u>	15
<u>FURTHER TORT (LAW309)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>COMMERCIAL LAW (LAW318)</u>	15
<u>CLINICAL LEGAL SKILLS – A LAW CLINIC MODULE (LAW321)</u>	15
<u>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW I: INTRODUCTION TO COPYRIGHT LAW (LAW338)</u>	15
<u>PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (LAW353)</u>	15
<u>THE LAW OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS 1 (LAW362)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION (LAW367)</u>	15
<u>ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF LEGAL SERVICES (LAW383)</u>	15
<u>MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS II (LAW052)</u>	15
<u>FAMILY LAW (LAW316)</u>	15
<u>BANKING LAW (LAW317)</u>	15
<u>CLINICAL LEGAL SKILLS – A LAW CLINIC MODULE (LAW322)</u>	15
<u>JURISPRUDENCE (LAW332)</u>	15
<u>ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION LAW (LAW335)</u>	15
<u>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW II: INTRODUCTION TO TRADE MARKS AND PATENTS (LAW339)</u>	15
<u>PRIVACY, SURVEILLANCE AND THE LAW OF SOCIAL MEDIA (LAW341)</u>	15
<u>PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING – SEMESTER 2 (LAW369)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>DEBATES IN CHARITY LAW (LAW377)</u>	15
<u>LAW OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS 2 (LAW379)</u>	15
<u>CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN THE LAW OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (LAW382)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL LAW IN CURRENT AFFAIRS (LAW354)</u>	15
<u>TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW (LAW363)</u>	15
<u>BUSINESS, GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW (LAW378)</u>	15
<u>LAW AND GENDER (LAW384)</u>	15
<u>CONTEMPORARY PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES (POLI304)</u>	15
<u>THE MEDIA, THE INTERNET AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI319)</u>	15
<u>COMPARATIVE ELECTORAL BEHAVIOUR (POLI322)</u>	15
<u>FROM THE IRA TO ISIS: UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD (POLI324)</u>	15
<u>LABOUR THINKERS (POLI326)</u>	15
<u>CONSERVATIVE THINKERS (POLI327)</u>	15
<u>STRATEGIC STUDIES IN CONFLICTS AND TERRORISM (POLI347)</u>	15
<u>THE PUZZLE OF CIVIL WAR (POLI353)</u>	15
<u>IMMIGRATION AND THE STATE (POLI302)</u>	15
<u>AFRICA-CHINA RELATIONS IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER (POLI305)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>PUBLIC POLICY: AN ADVANCED INTRODUCTION (POLI310)</u>	15
<u>POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT (POLI314)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION (POLI321)</u>	15
<u>THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF RHETORIC IN BRITISH POLITICS (POLI323)</u>	15
<u>IDENTITY IN CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (POLI332)</u>	15
<u>COMPARATIVE PEACE PROCESSES (POLI336)</u>	15
<u>MEDIA, POLITICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (POLI345)</u>	15
<u>POLITICS AND THE BRAIN (POLI346)</u>	15
<u>RACE, RACISM AND CIVILISATION IN WORLD POLITICS (POLI348)</u>	15
<u>GENDER AND GLOBAL POLITICS (POLI349)</u>	15
<u>POSTCOLONIAL GEOGRAPHIES (ENVS334)</u>	15
<u>BUILDING BETTER WORLDS (ENVS387)</u>	15
<u>POLITICS OF THE ENVIRONMENT (ENVS325)</u>	15
<u>CONTEMPORARY LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS (LATI307)</u>	15
<u>MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS (COMM317)</u>	15
<u>FRONTIERS OF ETHICS (PHIL302)</u>	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 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

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, mooted, 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)
- 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 – £9,535

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £24,100

The tuition fees shown are correct for 2025/26 entry. Please note that the year abroad fee also applies to the year in China.

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** 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 with no score less than 4.

Irish Leaving Certificate

H1, H1, H2, H2, H2, H2

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

AAA in three Advanced Highers.

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

Accepted, A plus AA at A Level.

Access

45 credits at Distinction in graded units in a relevant Diploma.

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.

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

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

TOEFL Paper

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

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

LanguageCert

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 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
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no component below 4.5	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 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.

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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