

LAW DEGREE: LLB

University of London External Programme

○ Yes, you can read for a top Law Degree *without attending college....and here's how:*

⇒ Apply to the University of London External Programme and, if accepted, you graduate with *same* **University of London Degree** as students who attend a College of the University. The University of London, established in 1836, has offered its Degree programmes to External students since 1858 – pioneering the way long before 'distance learning' was invented.

○ **And a Law Degree is *not* just for people who wish to become lawyers.....**

Many law graduates branch out into other careers, especially politics! **Tony Blair, Bill Clinton, Mikhail Gorbachev, Nelson Mandela, and Margaret Thatcher**, to name but a few senior international politicians, all studied law. Why? While a Law Degree is your first step in training for any branch of the law, it is also an asset in many other professions. **Chartered Secretaries, Accountants, Engineers and Surveyors** all find a Law Degree an invaluable second qualification. And many people study law for personal interest, because it offers an *intellectual challenge*, encouraging clear thinking and problem solving. Law is rooted in the life of any country, and affects your personal life in innumerable daily transactions.

○ You may have spent some time **thinking about reading for a Law Degree**. You need delay no longer! By studying 12-15 hours a week, you can work steadily towards your goal. It is challenging but satisfying because the University of London Degree commands considerable respect for its intellectual strength and rigour.

Our experience in tutoring students confirms that a person of good average

Intellect, combined with determination and self-discipline, can expect to pass the exams and earn a good degree – *if you do the work!*

The University of London External Programme is **open to ALL** who meet the basic entry requirements and wish to study independently. You do *not* need specific GCE grades and if you are a mature student qualifications other than GCE will be considered by the University

Distance Learning Tuition for the University of London Law Degree from **Law Tutors Partnership**, part of **The Distance Learning Partnership** includes marked assignments, suggested solutions, help and guidance from your Tutor – all the way to your exam. See below for further information:

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The Distance Learning Partnership – specialists in distance learning

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Applying to the University

○ Entry Requirements

• Standard Entry

You will need either FIVE GCSE/GCE passes in different subjects, of which TWO must be at A Level or FOUR passes of which THREE must be at A Level. GCSE passes must be at Grade C or above.

• Mature Entry

If you are 21 or over, and do not satisfy the standard entry requirements, but can supply evidence of mature age study, the University will consider your application on an individual basis. You may or may not be required to obtain a further qualification before receiving an offer of admission to the degree programme.

• Law Graduate Entry

If you have a suitable law degree, you may be exempted from the Intermediate papers in the LLB some and you then take eight papers for your London degree. If

you *partially* complete a degree programme with another university you *may* be granted subject for subject exemption from Intermediate or equivalent subjects.

• Graduate Entry

If you have a non-law degree from a recognised university, you can apply for graduate entry, and take an accelerated programme of nine papers for your degree.

○ Estimated Study Time

You will need to spend at least 12-15 hours a week studying. Although the Degrees can be completed in three years, the University recommends that part-time students should take a minimum of four years. You can take longer if you wish. We give you help on drawing up your own study programme.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply to the University as soon as you can in order to benefit from the External Programme support material. For each Intermediate Paper, this now includes a recommended textbook as well as a Subject Guide.

- (1) Contact the External Programme at the University at the address on Page 8 for an application pack. This includes a prospectus and application form.
- (2) Send your application to the University with the handling fee.
- (3) If your application is successful you will receive an offer letter (ADM/Offer) which entitles you to:
- (4) register with the University when you are ready to do so and subsequently apply to take the examinations. You do not have to register right away but we recommend that you do so.

○ Application dates

Apply to the University by the following dates if you wish to take examinations the following year:

- 17 October (if resident in EU)
- 17 September (if not resident in EU)

You can apply earlier, from January, and your registration will be effective from January, May or December, depending on when you apply.

➔ **Please note** that you register with the University and become a student of the University. You enrol separately with us for distance learning tuition and support.

LLB Examination Scheme

The examinations are held in May/June each year at centres throughout the UK and at centres overseas. There are re-sit examinations for referred candidates in September (UK) and November (Overseas). Actual dates are given on the University's website. There are alternative schemes of examination, Scheme A and Scheme B, with a wide choice of papers at Finals level. **The University recommends Scheme B for most part-time students**, as does the Law Society.

Examination Papers

- **Intermediate**

Criminal Law Public (Constitutional) Law Common Law Reasoning & Institutions (formerly English Legal System) Elements of the Law of Contract

- **Final** (Papers supported by Law Tutors Partnership)

Part I

Law of Tort
 Law of Trusts
 Land Law

Plus ONE from:

Company Law

Criminology

EU Law

Evidence

Family Law

Part II

Jurisprudence & Legal Theory

Plus THREE from (where not taken in Part I)

Company Law

Criminology

EU Law

Evidence

Family Law

Intellectual Property

Succession

Conflict of Laws

Commercial Law

History of English Law

➤ **Scheme A**

You take FOUR Papers a year, taking each part separately. Normally, you would take three years, i.e. one year for the Intermediate and one year for each part of the Final. Select this scheme *only* if you have a great deal of time free for study. If you start off with Scheme A, you can transfer to Scheme B if you find four Papers a year too much.

➤ **Scheme B – recommended for part-time students**

You take THREE papers a year as follows:

Year 1: Any THREE Intermediate subjects

Year 2: Remaining Intermediate subject plus any TWO of: Law of Torts, Law of Trusts, Land Law

Year 3: Remaining Part 1 subject plus any TWO from: Commercial Law (*), Company Law, Criminology, EU Law, Evidence, Family Law, Intellectual Property Labour Law, or Succession

Year 4: Jurisprudence & Legal Theory plus TWO subjects not taken from the Year 3 list.

➤ **(Non-Law) Graduate Entrants**

Route A: Year 1 Intermediate; Year 2 Law of Torts, Law of Trusts, Land Law and TWO further papers

Route B: Year 1 Three Intermediate papers; Year 2 remaining Intermediate paper plus TWO from Law of Tort, Law of Trusts, Land Law; Year 3 Remaining Year 2 Paper plus TWO papers.

 **LAW TUTORS PARTNERSHIP**
Our Distance Learning Support 

You can enrol with us whenever you like but we assume that you have registered with the University and will therefore have received the University's support materials. We recommend that you should enrol no later than September if you intend to take your exams the following year.

We can offer support for all of the papers listed on Page 3. Our Tutors will mark your answers to Assignments or we can mark your own answers to past examination questions, questions from textbooks or invented questions. Marking is by post or by e-mail. Subscription to the tutorial service is for 12 months only and your answers must be submitted during this period. No refund is made if you do not use the service but you can re-enrol for another 12 months at a discount if needed. Marking is returned within 5-10 days.

➤ **A. ASSIGNMENT PACKAGE: Marking Answers to Assignments**

We will supply you with a set of 4-5 exam-style Assignments for each subject. Each Assignment normally contains 4-5 questions. Your answers will be marked and returned to you with Suggested Solutions. Prices include UK postage on despatch of materials to you. **Overseas:** Add £12.50 per subject postage.

Prices per subject: Intermediate £95 Final £115

➤ **B. PERSONAL TUTORIAL PROGRAMMES**

Programmes B.1 and B.2 can be taken separately. Taken together the programmes give you a complete tutorial preparation for the LLB.

B1: 12-Month Personal Tutorial Programme

For your agreed subject(s) you send answers to up to TEN questions to your Tutor(s) for marking within a 12-month period. Your questions may all refer to one subject or you may spread them over up to four subjects. You agree your questions with your Tutor – they may be past exam questions or invented questions. You may liaise with your Tutor for further guidance weekly by e-mail during university terms as a form of tutorial, i.e. you can decide what topics you would like to discuss and your Tutor may recommend further reading or provide you with other appropriate guidance.

Tuition Price per subject (or per 10 questions):
Intermediate £150 Final: £160

B2. Mock Exam

Your Tutor will set and mark for you a mock exam as your final preparation for the May or September examinations.

Tuition Price per subject: Intermediate £155 Final £165



LAW TUTORS PARTNERSHIP

Our tutorial panel includes:

Julie Beisner *LLB*

Martin Burr *MA (Oxon) Dip. Comp. Phil. Barrister-at-law*

Phillip Taylor *MBE LLB (Hons) PGCE Barrister-at-law*

Please note that our Tutors cannot give advice on legal matters. Our service is confined to marking your answers to assignments, past exam questions or similar material and to giving tutorial guidance on the matters for study.

If you are not sure about embarking on study for the Law Degree:

○ **Personal Consultation**

Before you enrol, you are welcome to consult our Director of Studies at the Enrolment Office, Ian Campbell *BA ACIS Dip Distance Ed*, by e-mail, post or by telephone if you wish to discuss the demands of the programme, your choice of subject or related matters. To contact our Enrolment Office see Page .

○ **Access to Law**

If you would like a 'taster' before you enrol on the degree course, enrol first on Law Tutors Partnership's Access to Law course. The course is designed to help you to decide whether you wish to embark upon the demanding work of studying for a Law Degree. **Module 1** of this short course gives you an introduction to all the main branches of the law, and includes two assessments that your Tutor will review for you. It is a good way not only to learn some basic substantive law but also to try out distance learning before you commit yourself to longer and more costly programmes. If you wish to continue, **Module 2** helps you to acquire the special skills needed by a law student. Please ask for Course Information. Please note that this course is not an alternative to Advanced Level GCE for university entry.

BECOMING A LAWYER

To train as a lawyer, you should aim for a high standard in your degree, normally at least a 2.1. Entry to the profession is tough, and competition is stiff. If you intend to practise law, you need *Qualifying Law Degree*, i.e. one that satisfies the academic criteria which admit you to the next stage of legal training. If you wish to obtain a Qualifying Law Degree in England and Wales, you must: (1) complete the degree within six years; (2) make no more than three attempts at any one set of exams; (3) take EU Law among your degree papers; and (4) if registering from 1 September 2007 submit a satisfactory skills portfolio (option available at Final II).

○ Solicitors

Law graduates with a Qualifying Law Degree enrol with the Law Society and complete the Legal Practice course at a recognised institution, and then undergo two years' training under contract.

○ Barristers

Law graduates with a QLD, The academic stage, join an Inn of Court and then either take the Vocational Training course (BVC) followed by pupillage if you wish to practise at the Bar or take the Bar examinations if you wish to become a non-practising barrister.

Course Information

For all of our courses, information is available on our website or can be sent to you on request from the Course Adviser at our London distribution office 0208 944 3125 (e-mail dlp@rrc.co.uk).

For pre-enrolment advice about any of the procedures outlined in this brochure, please contact the Director of Studies at our Enrolment Office: 01483 28 5626 (e-mail info@distancelearningpartnership.co.uk) PO Box 52 East Horsley LEATHERHEAD KT24 6YQ.

TO ENROL FOR OUR DISTANCE LEARNING SUPPORT

Complete the enrolment form and send with your payment to:

The Distance Learning Partnership
FREEPOST SEA9262 West Horsley
LEATHERHEAD KT24 6BR

Or telephone: 01483 28 5626 for credit card payment.

Or enrol online on our website (secure payment facility)

Clients outside UK: PO Box 52 East Horsley Great Britain KT24 6YQ

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The Distance Learning Partnership is a member of the Association of British Correspondence Colleges to whose Code of Ethics we subscribe.