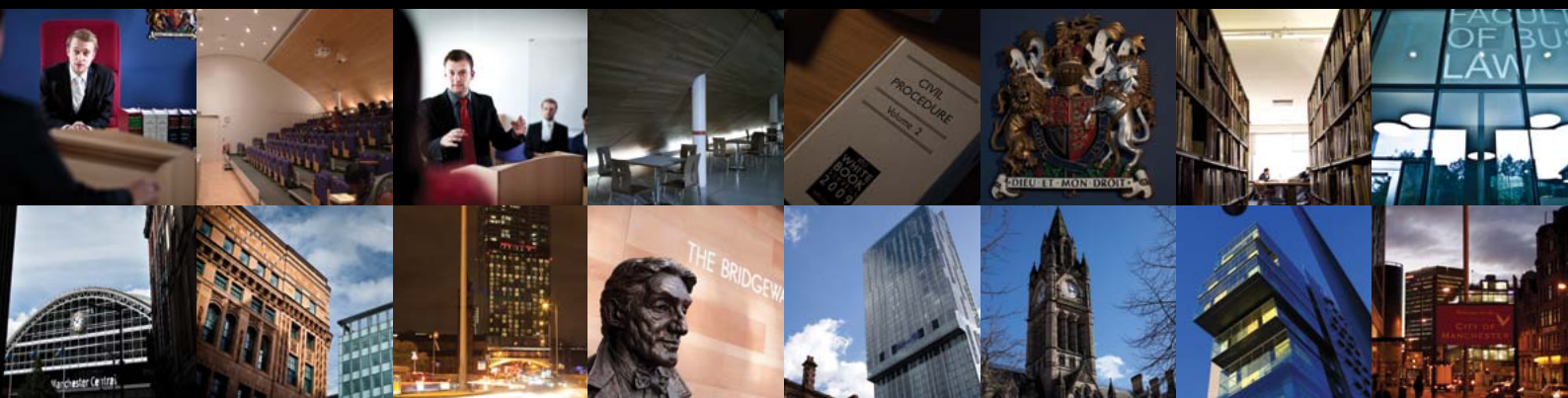


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Manchester Law School

Postgraduate 2013

Welcome

Manchester Law School benefits from exceptional facilities, with the additional advantage of being adjoined to the new £75m Business School and Student Hub. Set within our purpose built School, in the heart of Manchester, you will be taught by experienced professionals with a passion for their subject. The University has a strong profile in both the professional and academic communities and we pride ourselves on our students' success in their legal careers and for producing internationally recognised research. With partners and students from all over the world the School has a global vision which can help you realise your ambitions.



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With extensive links to the Northwest's legal profession, Manchester Law School has developed an excellent reputation as a forward-thinking provider of high quality postgraduate legal training.

Professionally focused courses

Programmes range from law conversion and specialist professional training for aspiring solicitors and barristers, to engaging research. The School is home to over 600 postgraduate students preparing themselves to enter a broad range of careers in the legal profession.

With a focus on simulating realistic legal practice scenarios, our courses have been carefully designed to help you think and behave like a legal professional from the outset. Indeed, our programmes have been created in consultation with local legal practices and professional bodies to reflect the most up to date needs of the industry.

World-class facilities

You will be studying at the heart of our All Saints campus in dedicated facilities featuring some of the best equipped lecture theatres, seminar rooms, technology suites and private study areas of any UK law school. This is all supported by an extensive virtual learning environment and a mock court room.

Vibrant location: Manchester

Manchester is one of the most extensive higher education centres in Europe and undoubtedly one of the most popular cities for students in the UK. Manchester is a vibrant city of culture, music and sport and as the world's first industrialised city, has its roots firmly in innovation and business. It has a strong cosmopolitan character and a diverse population, attracting students from a broad range of backgrounds and countries. Acknowledged to be the second largest legal hub in the UK, Manchester offers outstanding opportunities to gain experience in the legal profession and give your career a flying start.

Experts in the field

The University boasts over 4,000 staff across a range of teams and disciplines, each with a passion for their particular area of expertise. The Law School is home to over 80 staff – including experienced legal professionals, many of whom continue to practise, working alongside distinguished academics. Every member of our academic team has well-established links to the legal community, frequently consulting with them to ensure that every element of your study is professionally relevant.

World-leading research

Underpinned by a network of research-active academics, Manchester Law School has been instrumental in developing new research in an array of subject disciplines including:

- Law and Social Justice
- Gender and Sexual Orientation Law
- Law and Medical Ethics
- Environmental Law
- Information Technology Law
- Human Rights

You can find out more about our research offering on page 19.



Case Study: Lucy Mair

Pupil barrister
Garden Court North Chambers
Bar Professional Training Course

I studied for my GDL at Manchester Law School and so it was the obvious place to continue my professional training and complete my BPTC qualification. I was keen to study with a University rather than a commercial provider, to have access to the specialist facilities and expertise of the tutors.

Manchester is the ideal place to study for a law degree as there is a thriving legal community, which the University has great links with. There are visits to Barrister's Chambers, which I took full advantage of, and a dedicated careers adviser for the Law School.

The tutors are very experienced and very responsive; they are approachable and friendly and happy to provide feedback. Study is a combination of full group lectures and tutorial sessions, which are very useful to have more detailed discussion.



Professional training

Studying for a law postgraduate or professional qualification with Manchester Law School can open doors: you will be more employable and a highly attractive candidate to employers. In today's climate, it is increasingly important for your CV to stand out and you will benefit from invaluable opportunities to improve your skills and gain experience.

Our courses

Recognising that academic legal study and practice are very different disciplines, our programmes focus on developing the skills you will need to be an effective legal professional. Our courses are distinctive for their strong links to the legal profession and the fact that every element of our teaching is reviewed regularly to ensure that it is up-to-date and professionally relevant.

- Our LPC programme is accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority.
- Our BPTC programme is accredited by the Bar Standards Board.
- Manchester Law School enjoys close links to law firms, professional bodies and the Northern Circuit.

Gain vital skills and experience

Each year our highest performing students receive prizes, including work experience, from some of the region's top firms. Students also benefit from regular visits made by practitioners to provide insightful information, careers tips and significant networking opportunities.

Manchester Law School prides itself on the opportunities provided for students, outside the core course education and support. From work experience to mooting, here are just some of the outstanding activities that you will be able to benefit from:

- Pro Bono schemes
Our Pro Bono or 'work for the public good' provides students with opportunities to apply their legal knowledge in a real life environment. Working with a range of professional partners you will be able to volunteer your services for initiatives across a whole spectrum of legal work.

- Work placements
Firms across the North West provide Manchester Law School LPC students with exclusive work placement opportunities related to their elective subjects. The number of placements is growing and this is an invaluable opportunity for you to gain experience in an area of law that is of real interest to you.

- Student Law Society
Our Student Law Society is extremely active which demonstrates the high calibre and excellent characteristics of the students who choose Manchester Law School. The Law Society incorporates the Critical Lawyers Group (CLG), the International Law Society and the Mooting Society and organises guest speakers, social events and much more.

- Practitioner support
Manchester Law School offers students valuable opportunities to gain direct contact with a practising solicitor or barrister through the mentor programmes. This is your connection to the profession and for many students is a vital route to gain work experience and contacts.

- Visiting practitioners
Whether you plan to become a solicitor or barrister, our strong links with the legal profession ensure that we are able to provide excellent speaker programmes for students.

- BPTC skills training
Students on the BPTC gain outstanding support as a result of our close working relationships with the Northern Circuit. Advantages include additional advocacy classes provided by member Barristers to supplement core activities and develop the vital skills necessary to succeed.

A University of the region

Our local connections are an important part of our strength and identity. Home to the UK's largest centre for legal services outside of London, our students and graduates are ideally placed to take advantage of the North West's thriving legal profession.

Careers and employability support

You will benefit from dedicated law careers and employability support from the moment you join us, and for up to three years after completion of your course. We have a range of services available through our trained careers and employability advisers including:

- Career development workshops, support on writing CVs and application forms, preparing for interviews and networking.
- Career guides, videos and resources.
- Law careers fairs.
- Going Global – an online database ideal for international students planning to return home to work or any postgraduate student looking to explore a career in a new country.
- Advice on self-employment and freelancing.
- Employer visits and presentations.

International outlook

Exposure to the links the Law School and faculty have with international companies and partners can enhance your opportunities of gaining employment, providing organisations with the confidence that you will be able to work successfully in a global environment.

"I cannot overstate how impressed I am with the quality of the postgraduate courses at Manchester Law School. The materials, the teaching and support teams, the accommodation, in fact everything is first class. I would recommend the Law School to any student."

Chris Bishop
Partner
Slater Heelis LLP



Postgraduate study at Manchester Law School

Studying for a law postgraduate or professional qualification is an important commitment which represents a highly worthwhile investment in your future. We offer a professional and supportive environment with excellent connections to the legal community.

World-class learning and teaching facilities

Manchester Law School features a range of state-of-the-art facilities to enhance your learning experience, including lecture theatres housing modern multimedia equipment and dedicated IT Zones throughout the school. You will also have access to a virtual learning environment containing reading lists, electronic books and articles, providing direct communication to your tutors.

Together with dedicated law resources, the main University library, providing 24-hour opening during busy periods, is on site and offers access to over 750,000 books, as well as e-journals, articles and e-books.

Specialist postgraduate facilities

Recognising the challenging nature of solicitor and barrister training, the Law School offers a number of specialist facilities exclusively for the use of students on the LPC and BPTC programmes.

Students on both courses benefit from dedicated resource areas containing specialist legal libraries and extensive technology suites. Students on these programmes have private access to specialised areas for personal study.

The school also offers a mock courtroom where students perform their advocacy skills in a realistic legal environment.

Flexible study patterns

We offer a wide range of study modes across our courses, including full-time and part-time routes to fit around your lifestyle. The study options are detailed on each course profile.

A supportive learning environment

In addition to academic and careers support, we provide a range of personal and pastoral advice. Adjacent to the Law School is the Student Hub, a one-stop shop that provides comprehensive advice and information to all students on student-related matters, including referral to specialist services.

Dedicated student support officers are on campus to provide advice and guidance. They offer study skills support through individual sessions and group workshops on a whole range of topics including revision techniques, presentation skills, essay writing and time management. You will also have round-the-clock access to study skills resources on Moodle, your online virtual learning environment.

Specialist support for disabled students and those with specific learning difficulties

The Learner Development Service works closely with academic departments and other central services to support disabled students. Advisers can offer you confidential advice, information and support in relation to an ongoing health condition, disability or dyslexia. You can contact us before starting the course to speed up the process of getting support in place for when you start to study with us.

mmu.ac.uk/learnerdevelopment

Accommodation

There is a wealth of good quality, affordable homes for students including halls of residence, flats and shared houses. The University runs 10 halls of residence with a range of comforts and services including some halls with en-suite bathrooms, catering and internet access.

More information is available at **mmu.ac.uk/accommodation/postgraduate**

Top quality teaching by exceptional professionals

At Manchester Law School you get the best of both worlds. Whether you are training to become a solicitor or barrister your tutors will be outstanding professionals. These staff all have considerable experience and you will be taught by solicitors, barristers and judges who continue to practise whilst teaching. Not only do you receive the best possible teaching but direct access to the profession. If you are considering a postgraduate academic qualification you'll benefit from tutors who have a real passion for their subjects.



Dr. Damian Mather
Senior Lecturer and Programme Leader
LL.M

Damian is an LLB graduate from Manchester Law School, and has since gone on to complete an LL.M and PhD. He has published work in the European Law Journal, other referred journals and edited books on the European Parliament and is also an external member of the Centre for European Law and Legal Studies. As programme leader for the LL.M degrees at Manchester Law School, he leads modules on E.U. migration law and terrorism and human rights.

Juliet Brook
Senior Lecturer and Subject Leader
LLB and GDL

Juliet practised as a Commercial Property Solicitor for a number of years before coming to Manchester Law School. She previously taught Property Law on the LPC programme and currently lectures Land Law to students on the GDL course. You will directly benefit from her practical legal experience, which ensures that the course is up-to-date and professionally relevant for those wishing to go on to practise as a solicitor or barrister.



“A great way to make yourself stand out in the competitive jobs market is to take advantage of the Law School’s extensive links to local practices and associations to build valuable contacts. Manchester Law School also operates a pro bono legal clinic which provides outstanding opportunities to test your skills on live projects whilst helping those in need.”

“Law, by its very nature, is a complex and challenging area of study which is why we ensure that our students receive plenty of seminar materials and face-to-face teaching from our expert lecturers, supported by online resources. With so much to learn, providing high quality student support is a guiding philosophy of Manchester Law School – whether it is academic, pastoral or careers support.”



Barry Harwood-Gray
Senior Lecturer
Bar Professional Training Course

Barry is practising barrister and head of the employment team at Kenworthy Chambers, Manchester. With over 14 years of experience, specialising in employment law, police regulation and sports law, Barry previously worked as Head of Legal Services for a major employer's organisation and Head of Employment for two regional firms of solicitors, including a national training role at an international firm of solicitors. Barry is also a member of the Bar Standards Board Professional Conduct Committee.

“The biggest challenge for any student hoping to establish a career in Law is understanding how legal theory works in practice. It is for this reason that we place a great deal on emphasis on learning by doing. As a practising barrister, I can think of no better way to learn than by practising your skills in realistic legal situations.”

Kathryn Newton
Senior Lecturer
Legal Practice Course

Kathryn has been a practising solicitor for over twenty years, originally working in and becoming partner of a high street practice in north Manchester. She specialised initially in litigation and later in family law and child care work. Kathryn has a diploma in personal injury litigation and is a second tier accredited member of the Law Society Family Law Panel. Having joined Manchester Law School in 2005, she teaches Litigation, Accounts and Matrimonial Law and Practice.

“Many of our teaching staff have practised in legal firms and so have professional experience to draw upon in their teaching. Face-to-face contact on the Legal Practice Course is high and we foster a very supportive environment to help you to get the most out of your studies.”



Case Study: Ibrahim Sheikh

Graduate Diploma in Law

I began my career working for a merchant bank in the City before setting up and running my own management consultancy for 15 years. I had always wanted to study Law and knew that my commercial business experience would be a valuable asset for studying law at a postgraduate level.

Returning to study can be a daunting prospect, but I knew my experience would come in useful. In fact my maturity has been a real bonus and led to my election as Student Representative for the course, which included liaising with lecturers and tutors as well as the course management committee.

I've been recommending the course for a long time. It's tiring and hard work but there's a real buzz and camaraderie and I've made many friends with both students and staff. The course is clearly laid out so you can pick and choose to ensure you get the most from your studies. The part-time route also allowed me to fit my studies around my family commitments.

I chose to study at Manchester Law School because of the friendliness of the staff and their excellent links with local law firms and chambers, and was particularly impressed by presentations given by barristers and solicitors about their relationships with the Law School. This professional network has been invaluable to me; I've been able to combine my studies with pro bono work placements and voluntary work, and that combination of academic excellence and work experience has placed me in a great position to further my career. I was able to secure a mini pupillage through the links with the law community and have gone on to utilise those networks to carry out a further nine mini pupillages. I enjoyed being in court and supporting barristers and this experience has given me the skills, knowledge and thirst to continue my studies and complete my Bar finals.



Graduate Diploma in Law

GDL

Length and mode

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

Fees

Full-time UK and EU students: £5,560

Full-time Non-EU overseas

students: £11,000

Part-time UK and EU students:

£2,780 per year

Manchester Metropolitan University graduates will receive a 10% discount on course fees for the Graduate Diploma in Law. See mmu.ac.uk/loyaltydiscount

Entry requirements

You will normally have a UK honours degree in any subject. A 3rd class honours degree will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and not if the candidate wishes to practice at the Bar. Students without a UK honours degree, or holding an overseas degree must apply to the correct authority for a certificate of academic standing (SRA for prospective solicitors and BSB for prospective barristers). Because of the popularity of the GDL, preference is usually given to higher classifications. International Students please see mmu.ac.uk/international or page 22

The course

Designed for students who want the challenges and rewards of a legal career but don't have an undergraduate degree in Law, this programme will provide you with a thorough grounding in core legal areas. Those who have studied a non-law degree before converting can be particularly attractive to employers as they offer additional skills and experience.

Offering high levels of face-to-face teaching contact in lectures and seminars and an open door policy for receiving academic or pastoral advice, the environment is supportive and friendly. We also offer a dedicated Careers and Employability adviser to help you take the steps into a fulfilling legal career.

What you will study

You will begin by developing a strong understanding of the English Legal System, alongside an introduction to legal research and law-related information technology.

You will then move onto the Foundations of Legal Knowledge, a series of units that will introduce core legal concepts. This knowledge will lay the foundation for your future training at LPC or BPTC level. The Legal Skills and Practice module is specifically designed to bridge the gap between academic and professional study.

Units

- Contract
- Tort
- Legal Skills and Practice
- Public Law
- Criminal Law
- Land Law
- Equity and Trusts
- EU

These courses are delivered at the University's purpose-built Law School by a highly experienced academic team from a range of professional backgrounds. Your tuition will be delivered through a variety of methods including lectures, seminars, directed learning and electronic learning. There is the opportunity to expand your legal network through attendance at our guest speaker programme and to hone your legal skills through involvement in one of our voluntary legal work schemes that offer pro bono legal services to those who would otherwise be unable to access it.

For full-time students, the course operates a typical teaching week of 40-45 hours including an average of 13 hours face-to-face contact teaching time.

Part-time students learn via a mix of lectures, face-to-face workshops and online workshops.

You will receive informal assessment and feedback from your tutors throughout the course, but your final result is based on seven end-of-year examinations, two pieces of written coursework and a moot.

Career prospects

Manchester Law School has alumni in a range of law firms, barristers chambers and non-legal organisations in the UK and internationally, including some of the most well known names in the profession.

For further details about this course, visit mmu.ac.uk/law



Case Study: Keziah Watt

Legal Adviser
G2 Recruitment Solutions
Legal Practice Course

I came to see the University and liked it straight away; its location close to central Manchester means everything is on your doorstep and you feel integrated with the city.

I studied for my GDL first of all and then moved on to study for my LPC. I really enjoyed the elective units, which gave me a good opportunity to learn advocacy skills, commercial law and litigation.

The standard of teaching is really high here, with supportive tutors, many of whom used to practise so they have the practical focus and can provide really good advice. They are very reliable and professional and really help you to get the most out of your studies.



Legal Practice Course

LPC

Length and mode

1 year full-time

16 to 24 months part-time

Fees

Full-time UK and EU students: £9,065

Full-time Non-EU overseas students: £12,500

Part-time UK and EU students:

Year 1: £7,415

Year 2: £1,650

Previous MMU law students receive a 10% discount on their LPC fees.

Please note, all students will be required to pay a £120 fee to the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) for application and administration.

Entry requirements

To enrol on the LPC, you must satisfy the Solicitors Regulation Authority that you have completed the academic stage of your training by completing either an LLB or GDL qualification. You will normally have a UK honours degree, preferably at least a 2:2, but we will take into account relevant legal experience. We also welcome applications from mature students with a background in legal practice. All students must enrol as members of the SRA before the programme begins. International students please see page 22 or refer to mmu.ac.uk/international

The course

Designed to prepare you for life as a solicitor, the LPC programme at Manchester Law School will provide you with a thorough and rigorous start to your career. With an emphasis on simulating real life legal situations, the course is both practical and interactive, combining traditional and innovative teaching methods to help you develop the practical and theoretical skills required for legal practice. You will learn how to think and behave like a legal professional from the outset.

You will work through case studies devised to reflect realistic legal scenarios, serving as the perfect way to learn core practice skills such as interviewing clients, writing letters of advice, preparing legal documents and making court appearances.

What you will study

Stage 1: Core units

- Business Law and Practice
- Property Law and Practice
- Civil and Criminal Litigation
- Professional Conduct and Regulation
- Solicitors' Accounts
- Wills and Administration of Estates
- Revenue Law
- Writing and Drafting
- Practical Legal Research
- Interviewing and Advising
- Advocacy
- Taxation

Stage 2: Elective units

There are 12 Stage 2 subjects available so you can tailor your learning to reflect your career ambitions and legal interests. The content of each Stage 2 subject has been devised in consultation with local firms to ensure practical relevance.

Study pattern

The courses are delivered in our purpose-built Law School by a highly experienced academic team from a variety of legal professional backgrounds. Your tuition will be delivered through a variety of methods including lectures, seminars, workshops and electronic learning.

A full-time student can expect to receive between 12 to 15 hours face-to-face teaching per week exclusive of student preparation time, whilst a part-time student can expect to receive 6-7 teaching hours per week running alongside supplementary online work.

You will receive the opportunity to hone your legal skills through involvement in one of our voluntary legal work schemes that offer pro bono legal services to those in need. Manchester Law School also offers an outstanding work placement programme to enable students to gain vital work experience during their electives.

Career prospects

Manchester Law School places emphasis on helping you establish your career. Many students begin the course without a training contract, but 90% of LPC students find legally related employment after graduating. The Law School features a dedicated Careers and Employability Adviser, alongside a well developed practitioner mentor scheme and guest lecture programme.

For further details about this course, visit mmu.ac.uk/law

“The LPC is a challenging course, but the tutors inspire you to be proactive and astute. They are extremely supportive and their guidance helps you to be successful, while nurturing the skills necessary to impress an employer.”

Elena Da Silva

International student

Bar Professional Training Course

BPTC

Length and mode

1 year full-time

Fees

Full-time UK and EU students:
£12,200

Full-time Non-EU overseas
students: £12,500

Previous MMU law students receive a 10% discount on their BPTC fees.

Please note, you will also be required to pay a Bar Standards Board student fee of £345.

Entry requirements

To be considered for a place on the BPTC, you will normally have to satisfy two criteria:

1. You will hold an LLB degree or have completed the GDL programme.
2. You will have obtained a pass in the Bar Aptitude Test.

BPTC students are selected primarily on academic ability and will be expected to have been awarded at least a 2:2 at first degree level, although factors such as commitment to the profession, motivation and other skills may be considered. All BPTC offers are subject to the condition that students successfully complete the academic stage of their training to the Bar Standards Board's satisfaction and have enrolled as a student member of one of the Inns of Court. International students please see page 22 or refer to mmu.ac.uk/international

The course

Designed to provide you with the skills and expertise you will need for a successful career as a barrister, the BPTC course at Manchester Law School will provide you with the rigorous academic training demanded by the Bar.

Manchester Law School is the sole provider of barrister training in the North West and has outstanding links to both the local legal profession and the Northern Circuit (Chambers in Cheshire, Liverpool, Manchester and Preston).

The BPTC focuses on developing highly practical skills and features an innovative 'mini-chambers' approach designed to mirror the real life working practices of a barrister. You will be placed in a group (or chamber) with 12 other students and provided with a permanent, multi-media equipped base room. You will be expected to 'perform' regularly in front of your fellow students to encourage the development of strong working relationships similar to a professional chambers.

You will also take part in career prospect enhancing activities that range from guest talks by Judges and Clerks of Chambers to lessons in voice projection, which are all ideal preparations for BPTC students seeking pupillage. An important feature of the course is the Additional Advocacy Classes provided by members of the Northern Circuit to help you realise your full potential in developing these vital skills. Each chambers group will also receive classes on professional conduct from a working barrister acting as the group's Practitioner Mentor.

What you will study

Core units

- Advocacy
- Civil Litigation
- Evidence and Remedies
- Criminal Litigation Evidence and Sentencing
- Professional Ethics
- Opinion Writing
- Drafting
- Conference Skills
- Resolution of Disputes out of Court

Elective units

There are approximately eight elective subjects available to BPTC students.

Study pattern

The BPTC is taught by an experienced team of barristers as well as a Deputy District Judge. You predominantly learn through the mini-chambers system outlined above (requiring significant student preparation) and occasionally by traditional lecture. Teaching is complemented by online resources ranging from self-testing resources and podcasts to advocacy demonstrations. Additionally, the Law School runs several pro bono legal schemes, offering students the opportunity to practise their skills on live legal projects. The Law School also enters teams of students into national competitions to test their skills in realistic situations.

Career prospects

This course is aimed at preparing you for pupillage and life as a barrister, but the skills learned are applicable to a wide range of professions. Our graduates have a strong history of finding pupillage, or pursuing other careers in the legal sector.

For further details about this course, visit mmu.ac.uk/law





Case Study: Ben Beckett

Bar Professional Training Course

I loved studying in Manchester and after completing my LLB at Manchester Law School, I was sure I wanted to stay. The level of support you receive is outstanding, as all the staff are really co-operative and always willing to help.

I knew that I wanted to become a Barrister and the course has been great so far. There are lots of opportunities to engage in practical work, underpinned by theory, and delivered in a modern building with excellent facilities. The library is just next door to the Law School, and there are lots of specialist facilities for postgraduate students, including a mock courtroom to practise in.

I'd definitely recommend Manchester Law School for its supportive and professional environment.

LL.M Programme

Together with a general LL.M course, we offer an LL.M degree in the following specific routes:

- European Law
- Law and Society
- Human Rights Law
- Equality Law

Length and mode

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

Fees

Full-time UK and EU students: £4,600

Full-time Non-EU overseas students: £12,500

Part-time UK and EU students: £2,300 per year

Entry requirements

You will normally have a UK honours degree (or equivalent) at a minimum of 2:2 in either Law or a Social Science based discipline. Alternatively, you will have a Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) or a related postgraduate diploma or professional qualification recognised as the equivalent of at least a lower second class degree. International Students please see page 22 or refer to mmu.ac.uk/international

The course

Giving you the opportunity to further extend your knowledge of the law and develop advanced legal skills, the taught LL.M will provide your legal CV a significant boost by adding an internationally recognised postgraduate qualification to your other skills and experience.

By studying on this programme, you will develop an in-depth understanding of how and why the law is formed, how it is applied and its relationship with policy and policy-making processes at the national, European and international levels.

Focusing on how law relates to individuals, society and the global arena as a whole, this programme explores in depth issues such as:

- The operation and application of the law in different parts of society.
- The development of a significant body of discrimination and equalities law in the UK.
- The deepening relationship between UK law and the law of the European Union.
- The impact of an increasing body of international and European law on the UK.

This is a very flexible course, allowing you the freedom to follow either four distinct specialist routes or to tailor a programme to your own specification through a free choice of electives.

What you will study

The programme consists of 180 credits, divided into five modules. Full-time students will take these modules over three terms, whilst part-time students will spread theirs over five.

General LL.M

- Research Methods
- Elective 1
- Elective 2
- Elective 3
- Dissertation

LL.M Equality Law/European Law/ Human Rights Law/Law and Society

- Research Methods
- Core 1
- Core 2
- Elective 1
- Dissertation (chosen route related)

LL.M students take core units, and may choose elective modules from a wide range of study areas and specialisms. These taught modules normally include Freedom, Security and Justice in the EU, Equality and Human Rights, Law, Technology and Governance, Law, Terrorism and Human Rights and Human Rights and Healthcare. These are subject to availability each year. To see the most up to date list of available modules for the 2013/14 academic year, please visit www.law.mmu.ac.uk/master-of-laws-degrees-ll-m

You will be assessed through written exercises, reports, papers and essays and much of the material you will use will result from your own, independent research. You will also be expected to engage in group discussions and present your work both individually and as part of a group. For both full and part-time students, teaching takes place during the day.

Career prospects

Students who complete this programme receive an internationally recognised research qualification and typically go on to establish careers either in or closely related to the legal profession. This qualification is also an excellent basis for entering a career in public administration, the civil service, the voluntary and community sectors, teaching or academia. Many students go on to complete further postgraduate research.

For further details about this course, visit mmu.ac.uk/law



Case Study: Faramarz Bagdeli

PhD Student
LL.M graduate

Manchester Law School was recommended to me by a previous lecturer and I knew of its excellent reputation for human rights law. The LL.M course is very broad and allows you to tailor your study to your interests, which is great.

The course is very challenging but the tutors are extremely supportive and approachable and always willing to dedicate time and energy to supporting students. They are highly qualified and also have good contacts within legal firms, meaning you get a very real insight into professional practice.

I would strongly recommend the LL.M to prospective students, as it has significantly enhanced my knowledge in the area of human rights and as a result, my career prospects. I am now researching for a PhD in human rights and hope to begin lecturing in human rights law.

Top up LL.M in Legal Practice

LL.M in Legal Practice

Length and mode

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

Fees

Full-time UK and EU students: £2,050

Part-time UK and EU students: £1,025 per year

Full-time Non-EU overseas students: £2,180

Entry requirements

You must have a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice gained through the successful completion of the LPC or BCV/ BPTC qualification. International Students please see page 22 or refer to mmu.ac.uk/international

The course

This 'top-up' course allows you to take 105 credits from your existing Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (following either the LPC or the BPTC/BVC) and complete an additional taught unit and dissertation or research project required to obtain the fully-fledged Master's degree.

To 'top-up' your existing qualification to full Master's level, you must complete a single taught module in Research Methods and then successfully undertake a dissertation or research project in an area of practical law, law in practice or academic law chosen by you.

The Research Methods module is a preparatory unit for your research and entails 4 x 2 hour face-to-face teaching sessions at the beginning of the course. Teaching is complemented by material accessible on Moodle. This is followed by the production of your 15,000 word dissertation or research project under the supervision of one of the Law School's expert members of staff. Supervisory meetings can take place via face-to-face meetings, the phone, e-mail or even audio-visually.

Career prospects

Ideal for those seeking to boost their existing LPC or BPTC qualifications with an internationally recognised legal qualification, this course will add further academic and practical legal weight to your CV – potentially helping you stand out in the highly competitive legal jobs market.

For further details about this course, visit mmu.ac.uk/law





Research opportunities at Manchester Law School

Manchester Law School offers opportunities to study by research for the degree of LL.M, MPhil or PhD in a number of contemporary areas of law, including Law and the Body, Law and Social Justice, Gender and Sexual Orientation Law, Law and Medical Ethics, Evidence, Environmental Law, Law and Popular Culture, Information Technology Law and Human Rights. Study may be on a full-time or part-time basis.

All research students automatically become members of the Graduate School and benefit from research training in an interdisciplinary and collegiate atmosphere. The Law School has excellent IT facilities and research rooms for the exclusive use of research students, and there is easy access to the University's main library next door. Manchester Law School provides a dynamic location for pursuing high-quality research across a range of legal, socio-legal and related fields of study. If you wish to join us, please visit the web address below for further information about research degrees and applications procedures.

mmu.ac.uk/law

Essential information

It is important to read the individual course entry for the course you wish to apply for which gives details of the typical entry requirements for that course. Satisfying the typical entry requirements may not, however, guarantee the offer of a place. Applications are considered on their own merits and in competition with others, with account being taken of examination results already achieved, predicted grades in forthcoming examinations, research project proposals, personal statements and academic references. In some cases, work experience or success in other fields can be accepted as equivalent to formal qualifications.

Taught Masters Programmes (LL.M and LL.M Legal Practice)

You should have an honours degree or a postgraduate diploma or a professional qualification recognised as being equivalent to an honours degree. Other qualifications or work experience may be acceptable if they demonstrate appropriate knowledge and skills at honours degree standard.

GDL

You should have a British Honours degree or Certificate of Academic Standing.

LPC and BPTC

You should have a qualifying law degree or have successfully completed a Graduate Diploma in Law programme.

LL.M by Research

You should have a first or second class honours degree (usually a 2:1) or an equivalent qualification. Applicants will be considered on their merits. Ability and background knowledge in relation to the proposed research, together with professional experience, publications, written reports or other appropriate evidence of accomplishment will be taken into consideration.

PhD

To apply for a PhD directly, you should have a Master's degree (or equivalent from an overseas institution), in a discipline which is appropriate to the proposed research, and includes sufficient training in research methods and the execution of a research project. If you do not meet these criteria but have had appropriate research or professional experience at postgraduate level which has resulted in published work, written reports or other appropriate evidence of accomplishment, this will be taken into consideration.

International students

If you need to check your eligibility, visit our website mmu.ac.uk/international and check your specific country page for more detailed entry requirements and which international qualifications we accept. We also consider work experience and other factors so do include everything you think relevant in your application.

If you are not a national of a majority English-speaking country, you will need to provide evidence of your English proficiency. The level of English we require will depend on the qualification you wish to study and in addition to the entry requirements detailed on the course page, you will also need a minimum of IELTS 6.5, with no less than 5.5 in any section, or acceptable equivalent and IELTS 7.5, with no less than 6.5 in any section for the Bar Professional Training Course.

Funding and financial support

Many postgraduates are self-financed, however financial support may be available for both taught courses (normally for one year) and research (normally up to three years) through a range of studentships and sponsorships.

Tuition fees for taught courses

The fees for taught courses, both full-time and part-time are provided for each course described in this brochure. Fees are correct at the time of going to press but may be subject to change and will be confirmed at the time of enrolment. The part-time fees stated are for the first year and, owing to the flexibility of part-time courses, denote the maximum fee for Year 1. Actual fees may vary depending on the units selected and the time taken to complete the course. For further information on fees please contact us on +44 (0) 161 247 2937.

Law School discount

If you are a UK or EU Manchester Metropolitan University LLB graduate, you are eligible for a 10% loyalty discount on fees for the LPC and BPTC courses and all Manchester Metropolitan University graduates are eligible for a 10% discount on the GDL conversion course. See mmu.ac.uk/loyaltydiscount for more information.

Studentships

University Studentships are offered on an annual basis for students wishing to study for PhD, MPhil, MRes or Masters by Research (MA, MSc, LL.M) degrees. They are normally held for up to three years and provide the home tuition fees and a subsistence bursary of around £12,000 per annum. Studentships are attached to specific research projects. Industrial CASE awards, which are allocated to the industrial partner i.e. (your employer) can become available. Visit mmu.ac.uk/red

Sources of UK funding

Studentships

England, Wales and Northern Ireland: Awards currently available for full-time postgraduate students usually cover university fees and a maintenance grant. Applications can be made through the department offering the course or the research place. The application deadline for Research Council awards is usually late April.

Trusts, grants and other sources of funding

- Industrial organisations/your employer
- Professional and Career Development Loans.
Visit lifelonglearning.co.uk for more information
- Charitable Trusts
- Research grants
- Research Degrees

How to apply

How to apply for a postgraduate taught course

Applications for the full-time route for Legal Practice Course (LPC) and Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL)

Applications to the Central Applications Board lawcabs.ac.uk. In order to be eligible to enrol on the LPC, students are required to ensure they submit an application for student enrolment to the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) and completion of the academic stage, form (EN1) to the SRA.

Applications for the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)

Full time BPTC applications go through a central process at barprofessionaltraining.org.uk and students will need to pass the Bar Aptitude Test administered by the Bar Standards Board. All BPTC offers are subject to students completing the academic stage of their training to the Bar Standards Board's satisfaction and being enrolled as a student member of one of the Inns of Court – Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Inner Temple or Middle Temple. Students with an overseas degree should discuss their eligibility with the Bar Standards Board.

Applications for part-time courses

You will need to complete a University application form, which you can download from mmu.ac.uk/applicationform

After completing the application form, please e-mail to direct@mmu.ac.uk or send by post to:

Direct Admissions Team
Manchester Metropolitan University
Business School & Student Hub
All Saints Campus
Lower Chatham Street
Manchester
M15 6BH

The University will inform you of the outcome of your application. Some offers may be conditional upon you satisfying the specified entry requirements.

How to apply for a postgraduate research degree

You can apply for admission to a postgraduate research degree either by responding to a specific advertisement for a studentship in the local or national press or by applying speculatively to the University.

To apply for a professional doctorate, PhD, MPhil, MRes or Masters by Research you will need to complete the Application Form to Study for a Postgraduate Research Degree mmu.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply. You should also contact the research degrees coordinator for your chosen subject area to arrange a preliminary discussion about your proposed research topic.

If your application is successful you will be required to have an interview. When the University is satisfied that your proposed project is generally sound, your references have been received and that the appropriate supervision and resources are available, you will be sent a letter offering you a place. Enrolment for a research degree normally takes place at the start of each academic term, i.e. September, January and April, although some programmes may only have one enrolment period per academic session.

Following enrolment, in order to register for the degree you will be required to produce a research proposal of 1,000 words, with the help of your proposed supervisory team, and submit it to your Faculty Research Degrees Committee for approval within three months (full-time) or six months (part-time) of enrolment.

Disclaimer

Whilst the University has made every effort to ensure that the information contained in this course guide is accurate and up-to-date, we cannot give any warranty that this is the case, nor guarantee that places will be available for any particular courses. The University shall not be responsible for any loss or damage howsoever arising from your use of this publication (except as required by law). The availability of courses offered may be subject to a minimum level of interest being shown by applicants in any given year. Use of this publication is subject to Manchester Metropolitan University's terms and conditions which can be found at mmu.ac.uk/academic/academic_policy and mmu.ac.uk/legal

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International students

The Greater Manchester area is home to more international students than any other UK region outside London and we welcome over 3,500 international students from 121 countries to the UK every year.

Supporting your study

Manchester Metropolitan University understands that international students sometimes need a little extra assistance. We have specialist teams to provide the right support from application through to graduation and beyond.

The University's dedicated student services team offers international students career advice, counselling, chaplaincy, and learning support. If you need help with any aspect of your English language, from writing a report to communicating with your supervisor or seminar group, year round English Language support is available through your faculty and/or through our British Council accredited English Language Centre. Support is available throughout the year in the form of classes and individual consultations.

MMU International

MMU International is the International Office at the University. Many of the MMU International staff speak several languages and, having spent time in different countries, are uniquely placed to understand your needs as an international student. The team regularly visits many countries to inform students about the opportunities for study at the University.

MMU International also provides international students with advice on a wide range of matters from social events and immigration to day-to-day living in the UK. There is a comprehensive 3 day welcome programme to help you settle into university life which includes pre-enrolment, guest speakers, support in opening bank accounts, plus trips and activities to help you meet other students from your country and from around the world. If you fly into Manchester International Airport, there will be a team to greet you and transport you to your accommodation.

Entry requirements

You can find country specific information about many international qualifications on our international website. It's important that you have sufficient knowledge of English to follow your courses successfully.

As a guide for most postgraduate courses you will need to achieve IELTS 6.5 or above with no less than 5.5 in any component. For the Bar Professional Training Course, you will need to achieve IELTS 7.5 or above, with no less than 6.5 in any component. There are pre-sessional English courses during July and August to help you achieve the level of English language proficiency you need before you start your course.

Applying

Once you've decided which course to apply for, you will need to submit your application. Many international and EU students use a recruitment consultant or education adviser based in their home country to help them. The University works with a number of Education Advisers worldwide and you may find that we have one in your country. They will be able to tell you more about the University and how to present yourself in a way that will interest admissions tutors, and some will offer you assistance with your visa and pre-departure briefings. To check if there is a University appointed education adviser in your country visit mmu.ac.uk/international

Funding and financial support

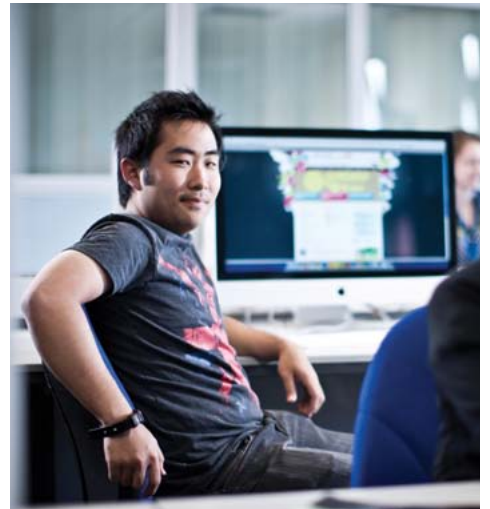
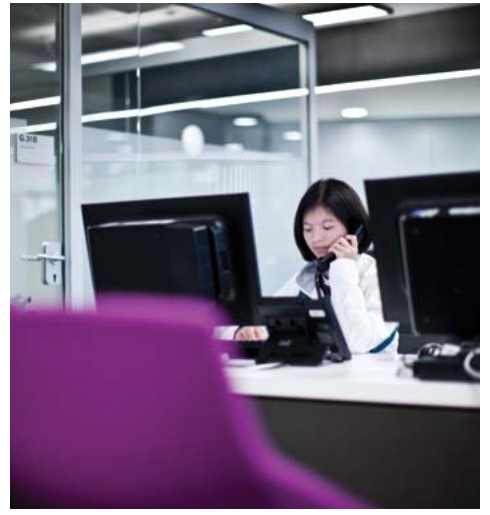
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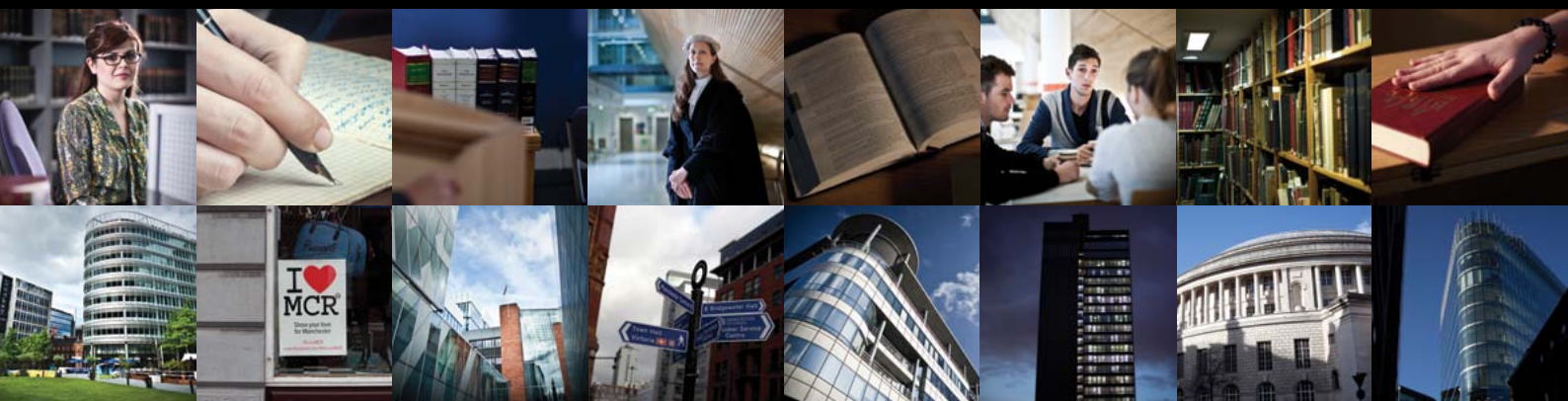
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