

Programme Specification for LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology

This document applies to Academic Year 2024/25 onwards

Table 1 programme specification for LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology

1.	Awarding institution/body	University of Worcester
2.	Teaching institution	University of Worcester
3.	Programme accredited by	Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board
4.	Final award or awards	LLB
5.	Programme title	LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
6.	Pathways available	Single Honours
7.	Mode and/or site of delivery	Standard Taught Programme
8.	Mode of attendance	Full Time & Part Time
9.	UCAS Code	M19L
10.	Subject Benchmark statement and/or professional body statement	The programme outcomes are referenced to the QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Law (2023) . Additionally, curriculum design has been informed by the findings of the Legal Education and Training Review (2013). The Programme is a Qualifying Law Degree and meets the requirements of the Joint Statement issued by the Law Society and the General Council of the Bar on the completion of the academic stage of training. The content is also informed by the QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Criminology (2022) .
11.	Date of Programme Specification preparation/ revision	<p>March 2017.</p> <p>August 2017 – AQU amendments. August 2018 – AQU amendments. December 2018 – AQU amendments.</p> <p>August 2019 – AQU amendments to Section 19. August 2020 – AQU amendments to Section 19. Nov 2020 – Dissertation-equivalent module noted on award map (AQU).</p> <p>January 2021 – New module added LLBL3015. February 2021 – Dissertation-equivalent module corrected on award map.</p> <p>July 2021 – Shared modules added at Level 5 and Level 6: CRMN2103, CRMN2104, CRMN2105, CRMN2106, CRMN3106 and CRMN3110.</p> <p>Modules withdrawn: CRIM2002, APHS3009, and CRMN3004.</p> <p>August 2021 – AQU amendments.</p> <p>April 2022 – Changes made to Criminology shared modules across all levels following the Course Reapproval of BA (Hons) Criminology (March 2022). Section 13 mapping of module codes to LOs updated to reflect these changes.</p> <p>August 2022 – AQU amendments</p> <p>November 2022 – LLBL3010 withdrawn.</p> <p>April 2023 – CMAS – Change of module title for LLBL2003</p> <p>July 2023 – annual updates</p> <p>November 2023 – updated module codes for ILOs</p>

12. Educational aims of the programme

The LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology at University of Worcester aims to provide an intellectually stimulating and cohesive programme of study. As a Qualifying Law Degree it aims to exempt students from the Academic Stage of Qualification to be a Solicitor or Barrister. Through the range of intellectual, practical and transferable skills gained, graduates will also be well placed to enter a variety of fields of employment including, amongst others, the criminal justice system, education, business management and financial compliance. The degree also aims to enhance students' legal knowledge of criminal law by contextualising their studies in a wider theoretical focus on contested social scientific explanations for crime, victimisation and deviance.

Specific aims of the programme include:

- To provide a sound knowledge and detailed understanding of the principal institutions and procedures of the Legal System of England and Wales;
- To give students an appreciation of the major concepts and principles underpinning law;
- To deliver a number of modules covering the foundations of legal knowledge subject areas enabling students to gain exemption from the academic stage of training for the legal professions;
- To develop a critical understanding of key concepts and theoretical approaches in relation to crime, deviance and victimisation in domestic and international contexts;
- To offer options which enable students to study chosen areas of law and criminology in depth;
- To develop a critical appreciation of the effect of different, cultural, social and economic backgrounds and value positions in relation to the politics of criminal justice policy and practice;
- To foster rigour in linking theoretical analysis with empirical enquiry and the promotion of a critical approach to problem solving, research and the ethical principles governing subject specific research;
- To enable students to become independent learners and researchers and to develop general critical, analytical and problem solving skills;
- To develop graduate and transferable skills relevant to employment promoting autonomous learning, enjoyment and commitment to academic and professional development.

13. Intended learning outcomes and learning, teaching and assessment methods

Learning, teaching and assessment

Teaching sessions are face to face on campus.

Table 2 knowledge and understanding outcomes for module code/s

Knowledge and Understanding		
LO no.	On successful completion of the named award, students will be able to:	Module Code/s
1.	Identify and explain key features of the Legal System of England and Wales, including its procedures, institutions and sources of law.	All Level 6 Law Modules

2.	Display a sound knowledge and understanding of concepts, theories, values, principles and rules including equality and diversity issues, operating in a range of substantive areas within the Legal System of England and Wales.	All Level 6 Law Modules
3.	Display a broad knowledge and understanding of all seven foundations of legal knowledge subjects stipulated in the Qualifying Law Degree.	All Level 6 Law Modules
4.	Demonstrate a clear understanding of the relationship between law and its institutional, ethical, social, national and global context.	All Level 6 Law Modules
5.	Demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of key concepts and theoretical perspectives in criminology.	CRMN3602 CRMN3603 CRMN3604 CRMN3605 CRMN3606 CRMN3608
6.	Recognise, understand and explain the principal roles and functions of the key agencies within the criminal justice system and their relationship to one another.	CRMN3602 CRMN3603 CRMN3604 CRMN3605 CRMN3606 CRMN3608

Table 3 cognitive and intellectual skills outcomes for module code/s

Cognitive and Intellectual skills		
7.	Apply knowledge and understanding to address actual or hypothetical problems to offer evidenced conclusions whilst recognising ambiguity and dealing with uncertainty in the law.	All Level 6 Law Modules
8.	Produce a synthesis of relevant doctrinal and policy issues in relation to a topic and make a critical judgements of the merits of particular arguments.	All Level 6 Law Modules
9.	Reflect constructively on learning and engage with feedback.	All Level 6 Law Modules
10.	Demonstrate competence in explaining, applying and critically evaluating criminological theory and concepts to understand victimisation and responses to crime and deviance.	CRMN3602 CRMN3603 CRMN3604 CRMN3605 CRMN3606 CRMN3608

Table 4 skills and capabilities related to employment outcomes for module code/s

Skills and capabilities related to employability		
11.	Demonstrate an ability to communicate in clear written and spoken English including the use of correct legal terminology and appropriate methods of citation and referencing.	All Level 6 law modules.
12.	Give accurate legal advice on a substantive area of law in the form of a legal opinion.	LLBL3003
13.	Undertake research by gathering, retrieving and synthesizing a range of textual, numerical and statistical data from a range of sources, making reasoned arguments and ethical judgments in the interpretation of the evidence base.	All Level 6 modules

14.	Recognise the legal issues arising from situations of limited complexity and identify relevant factual data in formulating sound legal advice.	All Level 6 Law modules
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Table 5 transferable/key skills outcomes for module code/s

Transferable/key skills		
15	Demonstrate an ability to communicate in clear written and spoken English.	LLBL3003 LLBL3014
16.	Work autonomously and organise learning in terms of planning, timing and presentation and reflect on personal and professional development.	All Level 6 modules
17.	Demonstrate willingness to acknowledge errors and an ability to work collaboratively by building mutually respectful relationships within the context of the multi-professional workplace.	LLBL3003 LLBL3014 CRMN3602 CRMN3604 CRMN3606

Learning, teaching and assessment

The LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology programme is delivered using a variety of flexible methods across a range of relevant and interesting modules. This includes both classroom-based teaching methods such as seminars and lectures and also technologically enhanced learning by creative use of the Blackboard Virtual Learning Environment using a range of online methods including podcasts, discussion boards, group work, quizzes and directed independent study. The course team also supports and encourages students to actively engage with the legal profession outside their academic studies by such activities as visiting courts, shadowing legal professionals, work placements and professional mentoring. Assessment methods include examinations, essays and reports, interviewing and advising, case studies, group videos, moots, oral presentations, research projects and work/clinic-based assessment.

Much of the law teaching takes place in a purpose-built courtroom, which is ideal for the purposes of mooting and mock trials enabling students to contextualise their studies in a simulated work based environment.

14. Assessment strategy

The assessment strategy is designed with reference to the [University of Worcester Assessment Strategy](#) (2015), the learning, teaching and assessment statement from the QAA Law benchmarks and the ongoing research into legal education including the Legal Education and Training Review.

A mixed assessment strategy is designed to ensure the assessment of the various learning outcomes on the Programme. For example, examinations are employed often to assess a number of skills ranging from knowledge and understanding whereas written coursework may often be employed to demonstrate skills of critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis. Portfolio preparation in the Professional Skills and Ethics module demonstrates skills of organisation and time management. Critical reflection is demonstrated at various points and in a number of ways, including through the use of a case studies and court reports. Preparation for mooting demonstrates an ability to work within a team as does the preparation for interviewing and advising. Formative assessment opportunities are available in all modules on the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology giving students a further opportunity

to engage with feedback, reflect upon their own learning and feed-forward into later summative assessments.

Although the development of higher critical thinking skills is a feature of all levels of the degree, the assessment strategy also recognises a staged development from knowledge, understanding and application in level 4, with these outcomes being further developed and complemented by skills of legal research in level 5 (which is also a feature of the Professional Legal Skills and Ethics course in level 4). Level 6 modules build on these earlier outcomes and also require students to demonstrate skills of analysis, evaluation and synthesis that are commonly most associated with level 6 study. The assessment of research skills and independent research skills is evident at all stages, but is most prominent at the upper levels, involving a close interaction with the outcomes of evaluation, synthesis and critical analysis. In addition, although skills of critical evaluation and analysis do not feature prominently in the learning outcomes of level 4 courses – the generic assessment guidelines anticipate that excellent students at the top end may well have already demonstrated these skills and are rewarded accordingly.

Assessment guidance and marking criteria are provided to students for each item of assessment. This guidance refers to separate generic law marking criteria for Levels 4, 5 & 6, reflecting the staged development through the Programme.

Each assessment item is specifically linked to the Learning Outcomes for the module contained with the module outline and is graded according to the relevant assessment criteria for each level of study.

There are opportunities in all modules for formative assessment, giving students the opportunity to receive feedback and to reflect upon their learning.

Appropriate support in teaching, learning and assessment for students with disabilities is provided in conjunction with the University Disability & Dyslexia Service - <https://www2.worc.ac.uk/disabilityanddyslexia/>

15. Programme structures and requirements

Table 6 heading for course title

Course Title: LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
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Table 7 award map for level 4

Level 4					
Module Code	Module Title	Credits (Number)	Status (Mandatory (M) or Optional (O))	Pre-requisites (Code of Module required)	Co-requisites/ exclusions and other notes*
LLBL1001	Law of Contract	30	M	None	None
LLBL1002	Public Law	30	M	None	None
LLBL1004	Professional Legal Skills and Ethics	30	M	None	None
CRMN1401	Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice	30	M	None	None

Single Honours Requirements at Level 4

Single Honours students must take 120 credits in total, all of which must be drawn from the table above.

Table 8 award map for level 5

Level 5					
Module Code	Module Title	Credits (Number)	Status (Mandatory (M) or Optional (O))	Pre-requisites (Code of Module required)	Exclusions
LLBL2002	Law of Torts	30	M	LLBL1001, LLBL1002, LLBL1004	None
LLBL2003	European Union Law in Context	30	M	LLBL1001, LLBL1002, LLBL1004	None
LLBL2007	Criminal Law	30	M	None	LLB1003
COPS2105	Policing in England and Wales	15	O	None	None
CRMN2502	Approaches to working with those who offend	30	O	None	None
CRMN2503	Contemporary and Global Issues in Criminology	15	O	None	None
CRMN2504	Constructing Crime – Criminology and Media	15	O	None	None
CRMN2505	Victimology: Victims' perspectives of crime	15	O	None	None

Single Honours Requirements at Level 5

Single Honours students must take 120 credits in total, all of which must be drawn from the table above.

Table 9 award map for level 6

Level 6					
Module Code	Module Title	Credits (Number)	Status (Mandatory (M) or Optional (O))	Pre-requisites	Exclusions
LLBL3003	Equity and Trusts (Dissertation equivalent module)	30	M	LLBL1001, LLBL1004, LLBL2002	None
LLBL3014	Land Law	30	M	LLBL1001, LLBL1004	LLBL2001
LLBL3004	Company Law	30	O	LLBL1001, LLBL1004, LLBL2002	None
LLBL3005	Employment Law	30	O	LLBL1001, LLBL1004, LLBL2002, LLBL2003	None
LLBL3006	Law of Evidence	30	O	LLBL2007, LLBL1004	None

LLBL3007	Family Law	30	O	LLBL1001, LLBL2007, LLBL1004, LLBL2002	None
LLBL3008	Mediation and ADR	30	O	LLBL1001, LLBL1004, LLBL2002, LLBL2003	None
LLBL3009	Medical Law and Ethics	30	O	LLBL1004, LLBL2002	None
LLBL3011	LLB Project	30	O	LLBL1004	None
LLBL3012	Work Based Placement	30	O	LLBL1004	None
LLBL3015	Legal Professional Practice	30	O	None	None
CRMN3602	Youth Justice	15	O	None	None
CRMN3603	Intimate Partner Abuse: Impact and response	15	O	None	None
CRMN3604	Organised Crime Terrorism and Gangs	15	O	None	None
CRMN3605	Mental Health and Substance Abuse in Criminal Justice	15	O	None	None
CRMN3606	Cybercrime	15	O	None	None
CRMN3608	Criminal Profiling	15	O	None	None

Single Honours Requirements at Level 6

Single Honours students must take 120 credits from the table above to include LLBL3003 Equity and Trusts Law, LLBL3014 Land Law and at least 30 credits from CRMN3602, CRMN3603, CRMN3604, CRMN3605, CRMN3606 and CRMN3608.

16. QAA and professional academic standards and quality

This award is located at Level 6 of the [OfS sector recognised standards](#). The [QAA benchmark statement for Law \(2023\)](#) articulates the knowledge, skills and categories of achievement to be expected of successful honours graduates in the field. These, together with the contextual statement have been used to craft module learning outcomes and content as well as learning, teaching and assessment strategies of all modules.

Professional Requirements

The Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board stipulate a number of requirements for Qualifying Law Degrees. These include stipulations as to the content of the degree (the foundations of legal knowledge subjects) and also a range of academic and transferable skills listed in the Joint Statement from 1999.

The foundations of legal knowledge

The subjects required by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board as foundations of legal knowledge for a Qualifying Law Degree are:

- Public Law, including Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Human Rights;
- European Union Law in Context;
- Criminal Law;
- Obligations 1 – Contract
- Obligations 2 – Tort
- Property Law; and
- Equity and the Law of Trusts.

These are taught in this Programme in the mandatory modules on the LLB:

Foundation	LLB Course
Obligations 1	Law of Contract LLBL1001
Obligations 2	Law of Torts LLBL2002
Criminal Law	Criminal Law LLBL2007
Public Law	Public Law LLBL1002
European Union in Context	European Union Law in Context LLBL2003
Property Law	Land Law LLBL3014
Equity and the Law of Trusts	Equity and Trusts LLBL3003

In addition, students are expected to have received training in legal research. These are taught pervasively throughout the Programme and are a prominent feature of the Professional Skills and Ethics Module (LLBL1004).

Students must pass all foundations of legal knowledge subjects. On the University of Worcester scale this means that they must gain D- or above in the module as a whole. The [Taught Courses Regulatory Framework](#) does not allow for condonation or compensation of modules.

Maximum Attempts

Students are permitted a maximum of three attempts at passing foundations of legal knowledge subjects. (Take>Reassessment>Re-take with no reassessment). This relates to those modules specified in the table above; see also s.20 retrieval of failure. Optional modules have the reassessment opportunities as described in the [Taught Courses Regulatory Framework](#).

Time Limit

To gain a qualifying law degree, students on the LLB must complete their degree within 6 years. This time limit applies to both full and part time students.

Full details of the regulatory requirements for Qualifying Law Degrees can be found in the [Academic Stage Handbook](#).

17. Support for students

The LLB team is committed to ensuring that all students are given consideration and support throughout their time at the University of Worcester.

Student's transition into University life is assisted by an initial short, one week's induction programme which through a range of activities introduces students to their course, the staff who will be teaching them and the School. Students are for example invited to attend the School of Humanities Welcome Party in induction week.

During this initial induction week, students are involved in a range of activities, which support them in developing an understanding of the expectations of their course, undergraduate study and the University's systems and services. They have talks or tours, for example, which introduce them to the Library and IT facilities, Media Services, the Careers and the Counselling Service.

Students are also provided with a brief induction into their second and third year. Direct entry students are also provided with a brief and informal induction. Online support is also provided through Twitter, Facebook and email within 24 hours during the semester although the response time may be longer during the summer holidays.

All students are allocated a Personal Academic Tutor who will advise them on issues related to their course throughout their study at the University and who monitors their progress. Personal Academic Tutor sessions usually take one of two forms: either one-to-one sessions where notes are taken and stored on SOLE, or group-based sessions where general points and issues relating to the course are dealt with. Students are invited to meet their Personal Academic Tutor twice a semester. New students will have four timetabled appointments with their Personal Academic Tutors in their first semester.

Personal Academic Tutors fulfil a multi-faceted role in giving students advice on any issues that may affect a student's time at University. This can involve consultations on:

- Academic issues including study skill development, revision techniques and module choices.
- Employability – advice concerning Training Contract or Pupillage Applications, Work Placements or Mentoring Schemes, CV advice
- Pastoral support for students with issues outside the course that are affecting their studies, these can involve decisions as to whether to interrupt or withdraw from their studies due to ill health or other reasons.

The Personal Academic Tutor arrangements at Level 4 are embedded within the Professional Skills and Ethics Course (LLBL1004) and a self-reflective log of meetings with the PAT forms an item of assessment.

Staff teaching students on modules support students through one to one and small group tutorials; and provide students with clear indications of when they will be available to see students either on their office door, via email or in module outlines.

Students are further supported through a range of online support, for example via email or skype tutorials. All modules are supported through the virtual learning environment accessed through Blackboard. The Course Handbook is also available online.

Furthermore, the Course team liaises with a range of centrally provided support services to ensure that students access all appropriate channels of support, these include for example:

- The Disability and Dyslexia Service <https://www2.worc.ac.uk/disabilityanddyslexia/> within [Student Services](#) provide specialist support on a one to one basis.
- Writing support from the Royal Literary Fund Writers in Residence.

- Writing support for international and EU students from the Language Centre. <http://www.worcester.ac.uk/your-home/humanities-language-centre.html>
- The Students' Union which as an independent charity, devoted to the educational interests and welfare of all students studying at the University it represents student views within the University.

18. Admissions

Admissions policy

The course seeks to recruit students leaving School, Sixth Form College or FE College, also adults in work, international students including those from the European Union. In line with the University's admissions policy the LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology aims to provide fair and equal access to a university education to all those who have the potential to succeed or benefit from it. Students with few formal or less conventional qualifications will be encouraged to apply. Some students may be invited for interview. All applications will be assessed by the Head of Law.

Entry requirements

The normal minimum entry requirement for undergraduate degree courses is the possession of 4 GCSEs (Grade C/4 or above) and a minimum of 2 A Levels (or equivalent Level 3 qualifications).

The current UCAS Tariff requirements for entry to this course are published in the prospectus and on the UW website <https://www.worc.ac.uk/journey/a-z-of-courses.html>.

See [Admissions Policy](#) for other acceptable qualifications.

All students must have GCSE English (or equivalent) at Grade C/4 or above.

International students whose education has been in a language other than English must have at least 6.5 IELTS or the equivalent in another accepted certification.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Details of acceptable level 3 qualifications, policy in relation to mature students or applicants with few or no formal qualifications can be found in the prospectus or on the University webpages.

Information on eligibility for recognition of prior learning for the purposes of entry or advanced standing is also available from the University webpages or from the Registry Admissions Office (01905 855111).

Further information on Recognition of Prior Learning can be found at <http://www.worcester.ac.uk/registryservices/941.htm>

Admissions procedures

All applications are sent by admissions for an academic decision by the Head of Law. The Head of Law then decides whether to make an offer, ask for an interview or reject the application.

All UK students who are offered a place will be invited to a University applicant day event. International students will be offered a Skype meeting with a member of the law team.

Full-time applicants apply through UCAS M19L

Part-time applicants apply directly to University of Worcester (UW)

Admissions/selection criteria

The UCAS application form is used to ensure that the applicant has sufficient academic qualifications and experience to be able to engage with the course. The two principal requirements are that students demonstrate evidence of academic ability and a desire to study law at University. In most cases, these criteria will be met by the academic grades and the personal statement on the UCAS application. In situations where either of these criteria is in doubt, applicants will be encouraged to apply and their application considered through the route of a sample task followed by an interview to explore any aspect of their application that may require further clarification.

19. Regulation of assessment

The course operates under the University's [Taught Courses Regulatory Framework](#)

Requirements to pass modules

- Modules are assessed using a variety of assessment activities, which are detailed in the module specifications.
- The minimum pass mark is D- for each module.
- Students are required to submit all items of assessment in order to pass a module, and in some modules, a pass mark in each item of assessment may be required.
- Full details of the assessment requirements for a module, including the assessment criteria, are published in the module outline.

Submission of assessment items

- Students who submit course work late but within 7 days (one week) of the due date will have work marked, but the grade will be capped at D- unless an application for mitigating circumstances is accepted.
- Students who submit work later than 7 days (one week) of the due date will not have work marked unless they have submitted a valid claim of mitigating circumstances.
- For full details of submission regulations please see the Taught Courses Regulatory Framework.

Retrieval of failure

- Students are entitled to resit failed assessment items for any module that is awarded a fail grade.
- Reassessment items that are passed are capped at D-.
- If a student is unsuccessful in the reassessment, they have the right to retake the module (or, in some circumstances, take an alternative module); the module grade for a re-taken module is capped at D-.
- **In order to retain eligibility for the award of LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology that is also a qualifying law degree, students repeating mandatory law modules must pass at the first attempt. This requirement does not apply to optional modules. Students who do not pass at the first attempt and are reassessed in repeated**

mandatory modules will be eligible for the award of LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology but this will not be a qualifying law degree.

- A student will be notified of the reassessment opportunities in the results notification issued via the secure student portal (SOLE). It is the student's responsibility to be aware of and comply with any reassessments.

Requirements for Progression

- A student will be permitted to progress from Level 4 to Level 5 if, by the time of the reassessment Board of Examiners, they have passed at least 90 credits at Level 4. Outstanding Level 4 credits must normally be studied in the following academic year.
- A student will be permitted to progress from Level 5 to Level 6 if, by the time of the reassessment Board of Examiners, they have passed at least 210 credits, including 90 credits at Level 5. Outstanding Level 5 credits must normally be studied in the following academic year.
- A student who, by the time of the reassessment Board of Examiners, has failed 90 credits or more (after exhausting all reassessment opportunities) during the academic year, will have their registration with the University terminated
- If a student has not passed at least 90 credits by the reassessment Board of Examiners, the student is not permitted to progress to the next level and will be required to either complete outstanding reassessment or retake the failed modules the following academic year. Students will be able to carry forward any passed modules.

Requirements for Awards

Award	Requirement
Certificate of Higher Education Cert HE	In order to be eligible for the exit award of Certificate in Higher Education in the named subject/area of study, a student must have passed at least 120 credits in total including the mandatory modules for level 4 of the award as specified on the award map.
Diploma of Higher Education DipHE	In order to be eligible for the exit award of Diploma in Higher Education in the named subject/area of study, a student must have passed at least 240 credits in total including the mandatory modules for level 4 and level 5 of the award as specified on the award map.
Degree (non-honours)	Passed a minimum of 300 credits with at least 90 credits at Level 5 or higher and a minimum of 60 credits at Level 6, including LLBL3014 and 30 credits from the Criminology modules.
Degree with honours	Passed a minimum of 360 credits with at least 90 credits at Level 5 or higher and a minimum of 120 credits at Level 6, as specified on the award map.

Classification

The honours classification will be determined by whichever of the following two methods results in the higher classification:

- Classification determined on the profile of the 120 credits attained at Level 5 and 120 credits at Level 6. Level 5 and Level 6 grades are weighted on a ratio of 1:2
- OR

- Classification determined on the profile of the 120 credits attained at Level 6 only
- Classification will be based on the weighted average grade together with a requirement for at least half of the Level 6 grades to be in the higher class.

For further information on honours degree classification, see the [Taught Courses Regulatory Framework](#)

Please Note: The above methods apply to students entering Level 4 of three or four year degree programmes who commence Level 4 from September 2022.

20. Graduate destinations, employability and links with employers

Graduate destinations

This is a qualifying law degree that enables students to go on to train as solicitors or barristers. After graduating students wishing to train as Solicitors undertake the Legal Practice Course (usually for 1 Year full time) and then undertake a Training Contract (usually for 2 years) where they are attached to a firm of solicitors. Students wishing to become barristers undertake the Bar Professional Training Course and apply for a pupillage.

In 2014, there were 5,541 registered training contracts (data from Solicitors Regulation Authority) and 845 registered pupillages (data from the Bar Standards Board).

In addition to careers in private practice in a firm of solicitors or a set of chambers there are a number of other areas of employment where Solicitors and Barristers can work. These include working “in-house” in a company, with the Crown Prosecution Service or in the Government Legal Services.

Many graduates also go on to a wide range of alternative graduate destinations including business management, the criminal justice system, banking and financial and regulatory compliance.

Graduates have the possibility of a range of opportunities available to them that are associated with studies in Criminology. The majority of Criminology graduates go to work in:

- Probation;
- Prison services;
- the voluntary sector;
- third sector organisations and social enterprises;
- law enforcement agencies such as the CPS or the police;
- further or higher education.

Student employability

The employability strategy on the LLB is multi-faceted in that it consists of a combination employability skills embedded within the modules taught, work placement opportunities within the curriculum and also extra-curricular opportunities available to students.

The central feature of the employability provision is the Legal Advice Centre – this will be set up in 2016 and will operate from the Hive Building in Worcester. It will be run by a practising Solicitor and will enable students on the LLB to give free legal advice to the local community.

Local solicitors will also be invited to act pro bono in the Centre. This interaction will mean that students gain valuable skills in the Centre and also meet members of the legal profession.

All students will be able to work in the Legal Advice Centre and it will be a compulsory part of the Professional Skills and Ethics course. Students can also elect to take a third year Work Placement in the Centre in LLBL3012.

Within the curriculum, advice is given to students on the development of transferable skills such as commercial awareness, teamwork and problem solving which are highly prized in the legal profession. Information relating to access to areas of the legal profession – for example in relation to Training Contract or Pupillage Applications is given in LLBL1004 and also by discussions with the Personal Academic Tutors.

Links with employers

The law team view employability as a key component of the LLB and links with the legal community form a major part of both the curricula and extra curricula activities. A Law Advisory Forum of legal professionals is being founded to provide employability opportunities for LLB students. These opportunities will include placements, mentoring and interview evenings.

Legal professionals have committed to providing work placements, mentoring and other employability advice and guidance to students on the LLB.

In addition to the employability provision above, students are encouraged to take up volunteering opportunities, and internships, offered through the Students Union and with local employers. Students who engage in certain extra-curricular activities may be eligible for the [Worcester Award](#)

The central hub of the employability provision will be the Legal Advice Centre. Through this centre, students will be able to gain legal work experience in advising members of the public on real legal issues. Students will be supervised by a qualified practitioner on the LLB Teaching team. Training on the Legal Advice Centre will form an integral part of the Professional Legal Skills and Ethics course LLBL1004 in the first year of the LLB and students will be able to volunteer in the Centre and also do a year-long placement in the Centre as part of LLBL3012 in the third year.

The criminology team is in the process of developing links with the police and prison services. Service practitioners and managers contribute to the specialist teaching in Criminology at Worcester providing unique insights to work in the sector, and also opportunities for students to meet prospective employers.

Please note: This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of each module can be found in associated course documentation e.g. course handbooks, module outlines and module specifications.