

## Programme Specification

LLB Law (students from Brickfields Asia College)

For students entering Part 1 in September 2016

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**This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

Awarding Institution	University of Reading
Teaching Institution	University of Reading
Length of Programme	3 years
Accreditation	Solicitors Regulation Authority on behalf of itself and the Bar Standards Board (in accordance with the Joint Statement on the academic stage of training 1999 by The Law Society and the General Council of the Bar); individual modules may be acceptable for accreditation by other professional bodies.

### Programme information and content

In addition to the imparting of legal knowledge, this degree programme encourages the ability to delineate and evaluate issues, select relevant materials and produce arguments encompassing policy, existing practice and knowledge, and including theorising and critiquing legal concepts and the law itself.

The overarching educational aim of this course is to provide a programme of legal study which affords a conceptual framework for the study of law which will facilitate the recognition and appreciation by students of the overall mosaic of public and private law and permits detailed study of some aspects of law. The degree aims to provide coverage of the core areas of English law while also providing a range of options which allows students to bias their studies in particular directions.

Part 1:	Part 1 at Brickfields College Asia
Part 2:	Part 2 may be taken either at Brickfields Asia College or in Reading. If you take Part 2 in Reading, you will study the remaining compulsory subjects of the qualifying law degree, and continue to develop your ability to work with primary legal resources, research the law and set out your conclusions.
Part 3:	<p>If you transfer to Reading for Part 3 only, you will need to take Equity and EU Law in order to obtain a qualifying law degree. You must also take one of the foundation modules. The School offers a range of modules from which you can choose your remaining credits at Part 3, thus allowing an opportunity for you to focus some of your study on the areas of law that interest you most.</p> <p>If you studied Part 2 in Reading, you will already have completed the necessary subjects for the qualifying law degree. The School offers a range of modules from which you can choose your remaining credits at Part 3. This choice affords you a greater opportunity to focus your study on the areas of the law that interest you most, although you must take one of the foundation modules from those offered.</p>

**Module information**

Each part comprises 120 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules as shown below. Compulsory modules are listed.

**Part 1 Modules:**

Part 1 at Brickfields College Asia (three terms)

Contract Law	20	4
Criminal Law	20	4
Legal Skills (including English Legal System - Common Law Reasoning and Institutions)	20	4
Public Law (Constitutional and Administrative)	20	4

These modules were approved by the Joint Academic Stage Board as being equivalent to 120 credits taken at Part 1 at Reading. If this should change, the remaining credits will be made up of other modules available at Brickfields Asia.

**Part 2 Modules:**

Module	Name	Credits	Level
LW1TOR	Tort	20	4
LW2ETR	Equity and Trusts	20	5
LW2EUL	EU Law	20	5
LW2LND	Land Law	20	5
LW2PL2	Public Law 2	20	5
LW2PLP	Property Law Research Project	20	5

**For Brickfields students at Reading, all modules at Part 2 must be studied and passed to obtain a qualifying law degree**

For Part 2 at Brickfields College Asia (three terms)

Land Law	30	5
Law of Tort	30	5
Law of Evidence	30	5
Company Law	30	5

**Modules during a placement year or study year (if applicable):**

If you take a year-long placement or study abroad, Part 3 as described below may be subject to variation.

**Part 3 Modules:****For students who transferred to Reading for Part 2:**

Students must select one foundation module from the list available from applicable list available in the School of Law.

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules available in the School of Law with up to 20 credits from optional modules available elsewhere in the University, subject to permission from the Programme Director.

**For students who transfer to Reading for Part 3 only:**

LW3EQT	Law of Trusts and Principles of Equity	20	6
LW3FEU	Foundations of EU Law	20	6

Both LW3EQT and LW3FEU must be studied and passed to obtain a QLD.

Students must select one foundation module from the applicable list available in the School of Law.

Remaining credits will be made up of optional modules available in the School of Law with up to 20 credits from optional modules available elsewhere in the University, subject to permission from the Programme Director.

**Additional costs of the programme**

During your programme of study you will incur some additional costs.

For textbooks and similar learning resources, we recommend that you budget between £150 to £200 a year. For example, in 2016/17, the bookshop on campus offered four core textbooks for Part 1, which most students normally purchase, for a combined price of £141 new. Students may take statute books into some module examinations, and in 2016/17 the bookshop on campus offered a package deal for some Part 2 and Part 3 modules of the recommended textbook and the statute book for approximately £50 per module. As statute books must be unmarked and unannotated for use in examinations, it is advisable (but not mandatory) to buy a new copy. However, some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks and electronic resources, are available through the library. Reading lists are listed on the individual module descriptions.

Printing and photocopying facilities are available on campus at a cost per A4 page of £0.05 (black and white) and £0.30 (colour). Essential costs in this area will be low as most coursework will be submitted electronically.

Costs are indicative and may vary according to optional modules chosen and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations.

The estimates were calculated in 2016.

**Optional modules:**

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information.

Details of optional modules for each part, including any Additional Costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the Part in which they are to be taken and you will be given an opportunity to express interest in the optional modules that you would like to take. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability and may be subject to pre-requisites, such as completion of another module. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

**Teaching and learning delivery:** You will be taught primarily through a mixture of lectures, tutorials and seminars, depending on the modules you choose. Some modules may include group work.

Total study hours for each Part of your programme will be 1200 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is Part 2 - 156 hours (for students studying at UoR), Part 3 - 156 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module contact hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

## Accreditation details

Please note that the School of Law intends that the LLB Law will be a qualifying law degree (QLD) for all students who obtain at least 40% in all compulsory elements of the QLD and will make any necessary changes to the degree programme to ensure it stays a QLD or continues to satisfy any modified professional requirements for the academic stage of training stipulated by the professional bodies. All other aspects of the degree programme may be subject to change where such change is educationally desirable or practically necessary.

If a student does not achieve at least 40% in one or more of the compulsory elements of the QLD taken at Part F, then their LLB Law will not be a QLD. In some circumstances – depending on professional regulations – should they succeed in passing the outstanding compulsory elements at a later date, or receive condonement of their failed module mark, this will mean that their degree can still be recognised as a QLD. The University is not obliged to allow candidates more than two attempts to pass a module.

## Assessment

The programme will be assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework and oral presentations depending on the modules taken in each year of study.

## **Progression**

### *Part 1*

In order to proceed from Part 1 at Brickfields Asia College to Part 2 of the degree, at Reading, a student must:

- (i) obtain an overall average of 55% across all credits for which a numerical mark is awarded; and
- (ii) obtain a pass in those subjects for which a numerical mark is not awarded; and
- (iii) obtain a pass of at least 40% in all compulsory modules listed at Part 1.

### *Part 2*

#### ***At the University of Reading***

To gain a threshold performance at Part 2, a student shall normally be required to:

- (i) obtain a weighted average of 40% over 120 credits taken at Part 2; and
- (ii) obtain marks of at least 40% in individual modules amounting to at least 80 credits; and
- (iii) obtain marks of at least 30% in individual modules amounting to at least 120 credits, except that a mark below 30% may be condoned in no more than 20 credits of modules owned by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

In order to progress from Part 2 to Part 3, a student must achieve a threshold performance; and

- (i) obtain at least 40% in LW2PL2, LW2LND, LW2ETR, LW2PLP, LW2EUL, LW1TOR.

The achievement of a threshold performance at Part 2 qualifies a student for a Diploma of Higher Education if they leave the University before completing the subsequent Part.

Students who achieve a threshold performance only at Part 2 will be eligible for transfer to LLB Legal Studies.

#### ***At Brickfields College Asia***

In order to proceed from Part 2 at Brickfields Asia College to Part 3 of the degree, at Reading, a student must:

- (i) obtain an overall average of 65% across all credits for which a numerical mark is awarded; and
- (ii) obtain a pass in those subjects for which a numerical mark is not awarded; and
- (iii) obtain at least 40% in Land Law and the Law of Tort; and
- (iv) obtain an overall average of 50% in their Part 1 examinations

## **Classification**

Bachelors' degrees

The University's honours classification scheme is based on the following:

Mark	Interpretation
70% - 100%	First class
60% - 69%	Upper Second class
50% - 59%	Lower Second class
40% - 49%	Third class
35% - 39%	Below Honours Standard
0% - 34%	Fail

The weighting of the Parts/Years in the calculation of the degree classification is:

*Three year programmes:*

Part 2: one-third

Part 3: two-thirds

**For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

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