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LLM ADVANCED LEGAL PRACTICE

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**LAW SOCIETY
OF IRELAND**

The Law Society of Ireland's Diploma Centre offers an innovative LLM Advanced Legal Practice in partnership with the Leeds Law School at Leeds Beckett University.

LLM ADVANCED LEGAL PRACTICE

Through a supervisory structure, the LLM Advanced Legal Practice provides a platform to research, prepare and present a dissertation on a chosen area of legal practice. The programme is shaped with busy professionals in mind - offering the space for participants to work within their own schedule with the necessary supervision and support to deliver the dissertation.



LLM ADVANCED LEGAL PRACTICE

DELIVERY



Online delivery.
Also available to
view on-demand

ASSESSMENT



Dissertation of
15,000-17,000
words

COURSE OVERVIEW

Our LLM Advanced Legal Practice is specifically designed for those who are qualified solicitors. Uniquely, the LLM provides you with the opportunity of using your solicitor qualification as a building block to achieve recognised academic qualifications. In summary, the award requires 180 credits and your solicitor qualification already provides 120 credits towards this. A research-based dissertation then makes up the remaining 60 credits required.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Building upon your solicitor qualification, the course provides an ideal opportunity for professional development in a specialised area of law. You will undertake in-depth study of an agreed legal topic under individual tutor supervision. This course lasts for one year, a timescale designed to allow students flexibility to complete the LLM in keeping with their work commitments.

The course focuses on legal research and coherent presentation of legal research in a written form. You will begin by attending an online course induction day, during which the Legal Research and Study Skills unit of the programme will be introduced. This unit is not assessed but is designed to update your writing and research skills. For the remainder of the programme, you will complete a dissertation of between 15,000-17,000 words.

The course commences with an introduction to dissertation study and work on advanced legal research skills. The research methods training includes sessions on

- What is (legal) research?
- Advanced Legal Research Methods
- Other relevant research methodologies and methods
- Academic skills such as Literature Reviewing, Academic Writing and Developing Arguments

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Formulate and execute a plan for practice based legal research in an independently identified topic and investigate a question capable of sustaining a substantial piece of academic writing
- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the knowledge and important arguments at the forefront of legal practice and/or scholarship by identifying, evaluating and synthesizing primary and secondary research material relevant to a chosen area of enquiry
- Show originality and critical insight in the use of knowledge and the application of theory to produce a work of independent scholarship

DURATION



One year

FEE



€3,400

- Evaluate various research methodologies and adopt, with justification, a methodological approach appropriate to the question being investigated
- Develop an ethical approach to the application of legal principles in their field of enquiry

At the end of this first phase students will submit a research proposal and then work with their supervisors to produce their final dissertation.

The dissertation is an exercise in autonomous student learning involving sustained research and a substantial piece of writing under the guidance of the dissertation supervisor. The supervisor will guide a student on the planning and execution of the dissertation, the development of ideas and the organisation and structure of the work. The preparation of the dissertation will engage students with knowledge at the forefront of the disciplines concerned.

ASSESSMENT

The dissertation is the sole assessed element of the programme. The topic of study is of your choosing, but generally must relate to an area of Irish law and there must be an appropriate tutor available to support you. The possibility also exists of you choosing a topic relating to international jurisdictions if there is internal expertise to supervise the topic.

LLM Advanced Legal Practice is assessed by means of a dissertation (100%). The dissertation is an independent research project of 15,000 words. It allows students to develop their ideas on a legal topic which they have chosen to explore in depth. There will be a clear formative component to the student experience. Students receive on-going feedback and guidance as they progress through the various stages of producing the design and a dissertation.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must either be

- Qualified as a solicitor in this jurisdiction, or
- Enrolled on the PPC at the same time as they enrol to the LLM Advanced Legal Practice.

Any student enrolled on the PPC at the same time as the LLM must satisfactorily complete the PPC before they can be awarded the LLM. The award enables students to upgrade their solicitor training to a masters degree by specialising in a particular area of law and legal practice, with that solicitor training accounting for 120 Master's level credits and the research-based dissertation making up the remaining 60 credits required.



I would recommend the Law Society of Ireland Masters to practitioners who would like to undertake additional studies on a particular area of interest to them, and those who would like the flexibility to continue to work and maintain a life, outside their studies. The successful completion of the Masters is a great sense of achievement and can definitely help with career progression.

James Meighan,
Graduate LLM advanced Legal Practice 2018

WHY COMPLETE A MASTERS PROGRAMME?



Apart from the personal satisfaction of gaining a Masters, the programmes provide career benefits through focus on skills that are directly relevant to the needs of a modern work setting, including

- The development of existing expertise and knowledge;
- The opportunity to gain expertise in a new area;
- Enhancement of skills in research and legal analysis; and
- Enhanced understanding of the wider context in which the law is developed and is implemented.

ABOUT US



THE DIPLOMA CENTRE

The award winning Diploma Centre as part of the Society's Education Department provides postgraduate courses which are open to solicitors, trainees and barristers and welcome other suitably qualified professionals. We aim to provide a rewarding, high quality learning experience, offering value for money and a high level of friendly, efficient customer service.



LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

Leeds Beckett University is a modern professional university with ambition. With roots dating back to 1824, the university is based in the vibrant city of Leeds, one of the UK's largest legal hubs. The Leeds Law School at Leeds Beckett is committed to giving students the practical tools to thrive in a legal environment.

Leeds Beckett University has earned a 5 star ranking in the latest QS World University Rankings, and works closely with employers and partners to ensure that graduates are ready to embark on a successful career. As a student of Leeds Law School, you will be able to access a wide range of law textbooks online for free through Law Trove, a subscription-only service offered by Oxford University Press.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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