Your legal career starts here.

Postgraduate Courses 2019
Welcome to BPP University Law School.

We build and shape legal careers. With over 25 years’ experience, we are proud to be one of the UK’s leading law schools. Trusted by some of the most influential law firms. Driving innovation in legal training. Our courses focus on your employability. Developing your skills as a lawyer. Giving you the edge to secure a training contract or pupillage. So you’re ready to embrace the demands of practice. From day one.

Our courses

Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) or LLM [Law Conversion]
For non-law graduates who want to become a solicitor or barrister. Gain the fundamental legal knowledge and professional skills you need to progress onto further training.

Legal Practice Course (LPC) or LLM Legal Practice (Solicitors)
The best possible preparation to secure a training contact and start your career as a solicitor. Taught through simulated client portfolios, develop the in-depth legal knowledge, commercial awareness and practical skills needed to succeed in professional practice.

Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) or LLM Legal Practice (Barristers)
Prepare for the demands of pupillage and life as a barrister. Develop your advocacy skills with training from experienced practitioners. Create your own competitive niche with our BPTC optional modules – the widest range of electives offered by any provider.

Master of Laws (LLM)
Develop advanced knowledge in an area of law that interests you. Select from our specialist legal electives to build your own LLM.

Our September 2019 LLM courses qualify for postgraduate funding up to £10,906.

Expert tutors with invaluable professional experience
Our courses are taught in small groups and delivered by our 250 highly skilled tutors. That includes qualified solicitors, barristers and judges who can help develop your legal career.

Many still practice and have extensive links to law firms, chambers and in-house teams at every level. They bring their professional experience to the classroom, using realistic case studies to thoroughly prepare you for your career in law.

Flexible ways to study
Your career starts with you. So it should work around you. Fit your course around your commitments with our flexible study options. Study full-time or part-time, online or face-to-face in one of our UK study centres. Begin at a time that suits you, with multiple start dates throughout the year.*

*Available study modes and start dates depend on your course of choice.
A choice of study routes to work around you.

In a few years’ time, the GDL and LPC will no longer be compulsory. They will be gradually replaced with a range of courses that prepare students for the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE). This is a new assessment that all aspiring solicitors will be required to pass.

The changes are being implemented by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA), with the first SQE assessment scheduled to be available from September 2021 at the earliest.*

In the meantime, the GDL and LPC route remains highly regarded by legal employers.

We work closely with law firms, regulators and professional bodies to provide you with the most up-to-date advice.

To find out what the SQE means for you, visit bpp.com/SQE

*All information and timings are subject to change, based on the first SQE assessment being available in September 2021.
Your legal career. Guaranteed by the experts.

We don’t just share your ambition. We pursue it with you. So you can become the lawyer you want to be.

Committed to your career from day one
From the moment you accept your place, we’ll be there to help. You’ll get instant access to our Careers Service, invitations to our Legal Careers Workshops and the opportunity to apply for our law scholarships.

Tailoring your legal training
Explore the practice areas that align to your career goals, with our wide range of LPC elective modules and BPTC options. You can also top up your LPC or BPTC to a full Masters’ degree, at no extra cost.

Developing the skills employers want
Success in law requires more than just understanding the law itself. Designed in close collaboration with legal employers, our courses focus on the technical, professional and personal skills that recruiters are seeking.

Enhance your commercial awareness with our Employability Week workshops, gain practical experience through a pro bono project, or get one step ahead of the competition with legal technology and innovation training.

Making your applications stand out
Through the Law School and our Careers Service, we’ll prepare you to secure that all-important training contract or pupillage. Access expert applications support, intensive interview coaching and CV advice from the moment you accept your place with us.

Connecting you to the right people
You’ll become a member of the legal community from your first day. We provide frequent opportunities to expand your legal contacts through our Legal Career Fairs, BPTC internships, employer-led skills sessions and networking with top firms.

Mentoring from legal professionals
You will be supported by your dedicated personal tutor throughout your course. Our Access to Practice mentoring scheme can also connect you to a legal professional, who can provide a support network and a key contact for advice.

BPP University Law School prepare you for the intensity of not only the exam period, but application season as well. They support you thoroughly through the whole thing. Having tutors that have practiced law themselves is incredibly beneficial, because it helps us to relate the skills that we’re learning to the career itself.

Sidney Thomas
GDL graduate and BPTC student

96.5%
of our postgraduate law students secured employment or further study*

*Of surveyed students graduating from BPP University Law School postgraduate programmes in 2017.

**Terms and conditions apply. Also applies following completion of LLM Legal Practice (Solicitors) and LLM Legal Practice (Barristers).
What I really liked about BPP University Law School was the careers-focused, driven element of the courses there. Through the LPC I learned how to put law into practice. We were very much asked to put ourselves in the minds of clients.

Jonathan Andrews
Trainee Solicitor, Reed Smith
GDL and LPC graduate
Careers Service.

Whatever your ambitions. Whatever your goals. Our careers team are here to help and support you on your journey.

Our services are tailored to your needs. Whether it’s one-to-one guidance, a quick email advice service or online resources at your fingertips.

You will never leave an advice session empty handed. Together, we’ll draw up a career action plan, detailing the steps you should take to achieve your goals.

You can access the Careers Service up until 12 months after you complete your studies with us.

What we provide

- Careers appointments
- Mock interviews and assessment centres
- CV and application clinics
- Careers workshops
- CareerHub (job opportunities database, exclusive to our students and alumni)
- Networking events

Find out more:
bpp.com/study/support/careers

The Careers Service have been brilliant with my pupillage applications and they’ve definitely helped me get to where I am now.

There’s been various careers events within the GDL and BPTC. You can speak to different firms, you can speak to different chambers – and that really helped inform my decision that the Bar was the right decision for me.

[You are] making those networking connections that are so important when you later go for interviews. BPP University Law School has been great in providing those opportunities.

Niamh Ingham
GDL and BPTC graduate
The firm favourite for law. At the heart of the legal profession.

Over 60 leading law firms exclusively send their trainees to study with us.*

These UK and international firms trust us because of the quality and professional relevance of our training. Training that has built stellar generations of legal talent.

Through our Law School, Careers Service and Pro Bono Centre, we work with a vast range of organisations that deliver legal services. These include chambers, local councils and in-house teams, and law firms from the Magic Circle to the high street, commercial giants to niche practices.

Many of these employers work with us in other ways too. This can involve consulting on course design, attending our events, supporting pro bono projects and keeping us informed on the latest developments in the legal recruitment process.

So whatever your legal career ambitions, you can be sure that we can connect you with the right people.

Firms including...

*As of September 2018.*
A new generation of legal practice.

Legal Technology Innovation and Design.

Optional module for LPC and LLM Legal Practice (Solicitors)*

Legal technology is disrupting the delivery of legal services. So your legal training needs to stay one step ahead.

Developed in close collaboration with law firms, this optional online module will introduce you to the innovation and project management skills desired by legal recruiters.

- Understand the functionality and impact of technologies on the legal landscape, including Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and Augmented Reality
- Adopt new ways of thinking and working in order to identify opportunities for innovation
- Develop skills to map, analyse and deconstruct legal processes
- Engage with systems design thinking
- Learn how to communicate innovation ideas with specialists, colleagues and clients
- Simulate the stages of technical project management
- Take part in an additional project to design and develop a software solution to a legal problem (limited places available)

The way legal services are delivered is changing. Project management skills are key to delivering services in a way clients expect. This module provides the foundations to both legal project management and to managing technology and digital development cycles.

It will leave you with a grounding that will stand you in good stead, whether you follow a traditional route to becoming a lawyer or take an emerging legal technology role.

Alex Smith
Innovation Hub Manager,
Reed Smith

*This module is non-credit bearing and not examined. It can be studied in addition to any of the modules on the LPC and LLM Legal Practice (Solicitors).
Pro bono is professional legal work undertaken voluntarily and without charge. It’s an invaluable part of the training you’ll receive at BPP University Law School.

By volunteering for a project with BPP Pro Bono Centre, you’ll see the impact of law in everyday life while impressing future employers.

**What will you gain from pro bono work?**

- Help improve access to justice
- Practise vital legal skills like presentation, research techniques and client contact
- Experience different areas of law
- Enhance your understanding of academic theory
- Work alongside qualified lawyers

**Your free time has never been better spent.**

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**Pro bono projects.**

We provide pro bono opportunities at all our centres, to match your interests and the time you have available.

All are delivered by BPP University Law School students, with guidance from qualified lawyers.

Some projects run nationwide and others reflect the needs of local communities. These cover a wide range of legal areas including employment, housing and family law.

Here are just some of our pro bono projects available:

- BPP Legal Advice Clinic (BLAC)
- Employment Law Telephone Advice Line (ELTAL)
- Streetlaw (legal education workshops)
- Legal Translation Project
- Criminal Appeals Project
- Leasehold Advisory Service (LEASE) Case Summaries
- Human Rights Unit
- Personal Support Unit
- Shadowing

In 2017/18 we provided free legal education to over 3500 members of the public through our Streetlaw project.

Find a project [probonobppuniversity.ac.uk/students](http://probono bppuniversity.ac.uk/students)
While other universities focus more on academia, I’d say BPP University Law School are more tailored to students actually getting into the practice of Law. Because of the experience of the tutors and structure of the classes, I felt more excited to pursue my training contract.

Olivia Flasch
Trainee Solicitor,
GDL and LPC Graduate
Don’t let finance stand in your way.

Your studies should be a smart investment. That’s why we offer a range of options to help you fund your legal training.

Postgraduate loans
Taught at Master’s degree level, our LLM courses will help you to develop the advanced legal knowledge and professional skills that employers demand.

Our September 2019 courses are also eligible for a postgraduate loan up to £10,906, to help with course fees and living costs.

The loan is paid directly to you after you have registered onto your course. You will be paid in three instalments throughout the year.

Postgraduate funding can only be used to fund one course, so if you have any queries about how to fund your studies, ask your Admissions Officer.

LLM [Law Conversion]
The path to a legal career for non-law graduates, designed to prepare you for the next stage of legal training to become a solicitor or barrister.

LLM Legal Practice (Solicitors)
Incorporates our Legal Practice Course (LPC), giving you the essential training you need to become a qualified solicitor.

LLM Legal Practice (Barristers)
Incorporates our BPTC, providing the essential training and advocacy skills you need to start a career as a barrister.

Future Finance
Funding is also available via Future Finance student loans*, where you can borrow between £2,500 and £40,000 to pay tuition fees and living expenses for higher education in the UK.

For more information, visit bpp.com/study/funding

Law scholarships at a glance.

We support the brightest future legal talent, from all backgrounds. Each year over £1,000,000 is available across our fund.

Career Commitment Scholarship
We award this scholarship to the most promising future legal professionals. Worth £2,000.

Dean of the Law School Scholarship
Aimed at high achieving students who can demonstrate an outstanding standard of academic achievement and commitment to their legal career. Covers the full cost of tuition.

Future Leader Scholarship
Offered to those showcasing outstanding leadership skills or innovation ability, with the drive and ambition to become a future leader within the legal profession. Covers the full cost of tuition.

Lord Holmes Scholarship
Awarded to those demonstrating a unique and inspiring legal career journey - overcoming obstacles or providing outstanding contribution to charitable causes. Covers the full cost of tuition.

If you have the ambition and drive, you could be eligible. To apply, visit bpp.com/study/funding/scholarships

*Please note that we act as a credit broker to Future Finance and are not responsible for providing the loan or assessing your eligibility for a loan. Further details of eligibility requirements, interest rates and other key terms of the loan are available by visiting the Future Finance website.

Need advice on funding your studies?
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Learn in the heart of thriving legal communities at our UK study centres, or online.

Locations:
- Birmingham
- Bristol
- Cambridge
- Leeds
- Manchester
- London Holborn
- London Waterloo

What you need to do next...

Register for a Legal Careers Event
Get all the guidance you need to start your legal career journey at our Getting Ahead legal careers workshops. Speak to lawyers and tutors, get practical employability advice and experience a taster session.

Or join our Virtual Open Evenings, where you’ll learn even more about your course of choice, directly from our course leaders.

To register, visit bpp.com/events

Meet your future tutors
Get to know our experienced tutors with a one-to-one call or arrange a date for a Personal Open Day at your study centre. Ask your Admissions Officer for more details.

Make us your first choice
We recommend you apply as soon as you are ready. For the GDL, priority is given to applicants who have placed BPP University Law School as their first choice.

Apply for a scholarship
Visit our website to view our full range of scholarships and check if you are eligible.

Still have questions?
Speak to an Admissions Officer, who can advise you on term dates, course content, funding options and more.

Call +44 (0)3300 603 100

Accept your place
To take immediate advantage of our Careers Service and plan your legal future.