

Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title
LALLMBP	LLM Bar Practice

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- The LLM Bar Practice is a combined LLM and Bar Training Course which meets the Bar Standards Board's requirements for the vocational stage of training.
- The programme is subject to the approval of the Bar Standards Board and all modules must be passed in order to gain the award.
- Students must have applied for membership of an Inn of Court at least 12 weeks before enrolling on the programme. You will be required to complete the number of qualifying sessions as proscribed by your Inn in order to be called to the Bar of England and Wales. As of September 2020, the prescribed number is **ten** qualifying sessions.
- Students will study for one year, across three semesters, covering the Stage 1 and Stage 2 BSB learning outcomes, as well as completing a legal research project and optional modules in Semester C.
- Students will study the three core modules and the course skills (Civil Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Sentencing, Professional Ethics and Conference) during Stage 1
- In Stage 2, students will study the four key skills of Drafting, Opinion Writing, Legal Research and Advocacy.
- In Stage 3, students will complete the Bar Practice Legal Research Project alongside two from the following list of optional modules (subject to availability): Employment Law; Family Law; Advanced Civil Litigation; Advanced Criminal Litigation; Commercial/Company Law.
- The range of optional (elective) modules are designed to enhance student employability by specifically focusing on the core areas of practice.
- As an LLM course, students should be able to access the postgraduate loan from Student Finance England to help offset the cost of their studies.
- Merit-based scholarships will be available to UH graduates.
- Students will be part of a thriving academic and research community within Hertfordshire Law School, with opportunities to engage with the School's Law Clinic and portfolio of co-curricular activities.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- *Semester A runs from Monday 05 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024*
- *Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024*
- *Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024*

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Books: Postgraduate study requires extensive research and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available to students through the University's e-book subscription. Hard copies are also available in the Learning Resource Centre, however, students may wish to purchase their own copies. The average price of a practitioners text is £350, although, you may be able to buy second hand copies	1	Optional	£700
Inn Membership	Prior to joining	Mandatory	£120
Bar Standards Board Charge	1	Mandatory	£870 (included in fees)
Bar Course Aptitude Test	Prior to joining	Mandatory	£150 (UK only) £170 (rest of the world)