

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	BA (Hons) Business Management and Law
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	None
Credit Structure ²	360 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits Level 6: 120 Credits
Mode of Attendance	Full-time and Part-time
Standard Length of Course ³	3 years full-time
Intended Award	BA (Hons) Business Management and Law
Named Exit Awards	DipHE Business Management CertHE Business Management
Entry Requirements ⁴	Typical Offer: 110 UCAS tariff points (or equivalent)
Delivering Institution(s)	University of Suffolk at West Suffolk College
UCAS Code	N201

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BA (Hons) Business Management and Law course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2017-18 academic year⁵.

Course Summary

Business Management and Law incorporates the combined innovative aspects of Business and Law providing a valuable opportunity to develop more versatile skills and perspectives whilst achieving an honours degree. The main aim of the Business Management route is to provide a coherent and sound foundation in business and management disciplines whilst permitting students to pursue specialist interests and to relate these specialisms to professional requirements. Business Management involves the study of organisational types, objectives, operational behaviour and managerial and strategic approaches, both with and between organisations. An understanding of consumer behaviour in response to a variety of price and non-price ‘signals’ will be gained. The main aim of the Law route is to provide knowledge of the principal features of the English legal system, including relevant aspects of the law of the European Union, the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. This route will also develop a more detailed knowledge of practice and procedure in specific aspects of legal studies e.g. property law, wills and succession and

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

³ Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

⁴ Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#)

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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employment law. An ability to handle legal facts and data and apply abstract concepts to them will also be required. Students will obtain an ability to apply knowledge and to solve problems in relation to specific aspects of legal studies through a range of teaching and learning methods.

Course Aims

Business Management

- To give students a broad overview of the role and function of management
- To facilitate a career in management by developing relevant knowledge and skills
- To develop the student's awareness of the social, cultural and ethical dimensions to management within management
- To facilitate the students ability to recognise the workplace as an arena for continual lifelong learning
- To develop the student's personal reflective skills and ability to apply learning to a workplace setting

Law

- to provide an intellectually satisfying and worthwhile experience of studying and learning within the distinctive frameworks of Business Management and Law
- to encourage the development of intellectual maturity, openness of mind and an imaginative and creative approach to problem-solving
- to enable students to develop a capacity for sophisticated analytical thinking and judgement
- to enable students to develop a range of subject specific and transferable skills of value in employment including high-order skills in oral and written communication and in the gathering, interpretation and presentation of information
- to provide the opportunity for students to gain confidence in working both independently and as members or leaders of a group or team
- to prepare students to undertake further study in either of the two disciplines or in related fields

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the BA (Hons) Business Management and Law course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 4/5/6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)⁶.

⁶ As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

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Business Management

1. Demonstrate a systematic understanding of key aspects of business management, including acquisition of coherent and detailed knowledge
2. Critically analyse, evaluate, apply and interrelate knowledge and skills developed on the programme
3. Demonstrate qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment
4. Demonstrate an ability to deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry within business management
5. Demonstrate the ability to devise and sustain arguments, and to solve problems using a variety of ideas and techniques
6. Demonstrate an appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge
Subject Specific and Practical Skills
7. Demonstrate evidence of thorough understanding of application of theory in practical situations
8. Demonstrate the acquisition of problem solving techniques, including the ability to accurately collect, collate and analyse information and data which will lead to both valid and reliable outcomes
9. Achieve Employability Skills in the University Campus Suffolk Graduate Headstart programme

Law

10. Develop further knowledge of the major principles of English Law and where relevant, European Law supported by some important case-law and statutes and with appropriate references to their economic, social, commercial or political context
11. Know relevant aspects of European Law and how it relates to selected aspects of English Law and legal/paralegal practice
12. Demonstrate accurate knowledge of selected substantive and procedural issues in Law in terms of their rules and operational technicalities
13. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of legal practice and procedure
14. Critically evaluate research and theory in Law
15. Make critical judgments of the merits of particular arguments and make reasoned choices between alternative solutions
16. Understand the impact of European Law and its implications for legal/paralegal practice in England
17. Evaluate Law in terms of doctrinal coherence with perspectives from other disciplines studied on the combined honours programme

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Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmarks:

- General Business and Management (2015)
- Law (2007)

Course Structure

The BA (Hons) Business Management and Law comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules are included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷	Module	Credits	Module Type
Business Management			Law		
Level 4					
Management and Academic Skills	20	R	The English Legal System	20	R
Principles and Functions of Management	20	R	Contractual and Tortious Liability	20	R
Business Economics	20	R	Land Law and Conveyancing	20	R
Level 5					
Dissertation/Project Preparation (20 credits) NB This is a mandatory module pre-requisite for the final year undergraduate Dissertation. For the remaining modules at Level 5, choose two modules from one subject and three modules from the other					
Management and Organisational Behaviour	20	O	Law of Wills and Succession	20	O
Managing for Innovation and Creativity	20	O	Client Care and Practice	20	O
Contemporary Issues in the Business Environment	20	O	Family Law	20	O
Level 6					
Undergraduate Dissertation/Project (40 credits) The undergraduate Dissertation is mandatory and may focus on one subject or may be interdisciplinary. If Dissertation is to be interdisciplinary, i.e. in Business Management and Law choose two Law modules and two Business Management modules If Dissertation is to be in Law, choose three Business Management modules and one Law module If Dissertation is to be in Business Management, choose three Law modules and one Business Management module					
Business Ethics	20	O	European Union Law	20	O

⁷ Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#)

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	Employment Law	20	O		Professional Development for Legal / Paralegal Practice	20	O
	Change Management	20	O		Commercial Law	20	O
	International Marketing Strategy	20	O				

Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a BA (Hons) Business Management and Law. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a DipHE Business Management on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5, or a CertHE Business Management on successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at level 4.

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at West Suffolk College. Students studying full-time on BA (Hons) Business Management and Law are likely to have approximately 10 contact hours per week. The contact hours will be a mix of lecture, seminar discussion and site visits where appropriate. Students will normally be expected to undertake 25 hours of independent study in an average week if studying full-time, but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each module’s intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will be a mixture of coursework (including essays, reports, presentations, group work, and research projects) and up to 12 written or oral examinations depending on the module options chosen.

Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute.

Course Costs

Students undertaking BA (Hons) Business Management and Law will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK/EU	£9,250 per year
Part-time UK/EU	£1,454 per 20 credit module
Full-time International	£10,080 per year
Part-time International	£1,680 per 20 credit module

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

There is an expectation that students will buy books on the Essential Reading list but books will also be available in the Library for borrowing. Other than books, costs will include the usual stationery items.

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Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).