

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	LLB (Hons) Law with Politics (with Professional Placement)
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	Accreditation for the LLB is required from the Joint Bar Standards Board/ Solicitors Regulations Authority. This requires submission of the validation document within 28 days of the internal validation event with a completed self-declaration form.
Credit Structure ²	480 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits plus 120 placement credits* Level 6: 120 Credits *For an award 'with Professional Placement', 120 Placement credits are required
Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Standard Length of Course ³	4 years full-time
Intended Award	LLB (Hons) Law with Politics (with Professional Placement)
Named Exit Awards	DipHE Law with Politics (with Professional Placement) DipHE Law with Politics CertHE Law with Politics
Entry Requirements ⁴	Standard: 1. Recommended Tariff points for these routes: 110 2. GCSE English and Maths at grade C or above or equivalent 3. A personal statement 4. One reference. 5. Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to provide evidence of their competency in the use of English in accordance with the University admissions policy. Applications from mature applicants will be considered in accordance with the University admissions policy, with particular attention to evidence of ability to cope with the demands of the course.

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](#)

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Delivering Institution	Ipswich
UCAS Code	L1M1

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the LLB (Hons) Law with Politics (with Professional Placement) course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2018-19 academic year⁵.

Course Summary

Law is taught from a range of perspectives, based on the finest traditions of legal education and recent innovations for the 21st century. Our approach is to examine law well beyond basic legal rules and legal institutions, taking account of wider contexts and discourses that allow deeper understanding of law in society. With this approach, the University of Suffolk provides students with firm grounding in the subject of law and the contexts in which law functions. Equally important is the breadth and depth of education that this subject facilitates. Students will be equipped to take on challenging questions about law and related issues, and to apply their knowledge and skills in a variety of contexts. This ethos runs right through all subjects in the law curriculum and enhanced even more with combinations in other social sciences.

This course places emphasis on the uses of law to solve problems. With this in mind, teaching and learning on this course is designed to encourage the development of strong legal and problem-solving skills. In addition to engaging in legal reasoning, students also learn how to analyse the impact of law in society. Though law is often studied as a distinct subject, its methods and analytical approaches draw on fields within the humanities and the social sciences. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills in the use of empirical research, including quantitative data. Those intending to embark on careers in legal practice will be exempted from the academic stage of legal training as determined by the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitor's Regulation Authority, or gain exemptions from aspects of the CILEX programme for specialist lawyers.

Politics at Suffolk seeks to enable students to take an informed, independent perspective on power, ideas and values, taking into account political theory, British politics and international comparative politics. Throughout the course, we will maintain a critical focus on how political ideas and policies translate into 'real, felt' political action and outcomes 'on the ground'. This includes, for example, relating theory to contemporary social justice and social policy issues. It also includes students' active engagement in the subject and the course is built around a backbone of students' involvement in project work, applied social science research and opportunities for political engagement and professional development. By the end of the course, as well as having gained a good, broad knowledge of political science, students will be ready to enter employment or further study with skills in political analysis, critical awareness of the organisational context of change and influence, and interpersonal skills in advocacy and persuasion.

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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Course Aims

- Develop comprehensive knowledge of public and private laws, including theories, concepts, principles and rules, with specific reference to England and Wales.
- Examine substantive areas of law in depth and in social, institutional, national and global contexts
- Foster awareness, analysis and application of principles and values that are concerned with law, justice and ethics.
- Develop skills in legal reasoning, legal research, and written and oral communication in relation to legal and related issues.
- Interpret and utilise data from textual materials and other sources, including quantitative data.
- Engage with subjects related to law on issues to do with justice, values, institutions, and dispute resolution.
- To investigate the nature, forms, causes and consequences of politics.
- To study power and engage deeply with political theory and philosophy,
- To analyse local, national, regional and supranational power structures and their consequences for people
- To allow for an engagement with (broadly defined) political organisations through the use on group work and project work
- To develop subject specific, cognitive and employability skills for personal development, postgraduate study and a range of graduate careers
- To promote increasing participation in education for the local community by supporting a range of learners, including non-traditional entrants, at degree level.

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the LLB (Hons) Law with Politics (with Professional Placement) 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 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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Knowledge and understanding

1. Demonstrate additional and more extensive knowledge and understanding of a range of legal concepts, methods, ethics, research techniques and the application in legal principles to solve problems
2. Examine additional areas of English law with emphasis on Property Law (Land and Equity and Trusts) and advanced legal research
3. Develop legal research, writing and analytical skills in relation to aspects of core and optional legal subjects
4. Demonstrate additional and more extensive knowledge of the nature of law and legal systems
5. Critically analyse a wide range of key concepts and theoretical core and optional legal subjects
6. Critically evaluate the relationship between law, political ideology and social problems
7. Demonstrate knowledge and critical engagement with a range of approaches, theories, concepts, research findings and applications in the study of politics relating to the operation of power
8. Critically examine the social, economic, historical, and cultural contexts of political behaviour and the development, structure and operation of different political systems

Intellectual skills

9. Critically discuss the law from moral, social, economic and political perspectives
10. Critically evaluate and interpret different approaches, theories, concepts, principles and sources of law
11. Analyse factual and legal issues and apply legal principles to solve legal problems
12. Show critical awareness of theoretical developments and ethical issues
13. Analyse international and transnational dimensions of particular aspects of law
14. Discuss philosophical, political and ethical values that underpin legal rules, concepts and institutions
15. Compare different political systems and contexts
16. Critically evaluate, interpret and synthesise political arguments, theories and evidence

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Practical skills

17. Manage own learning and identify, retrieve and use a range of primary, secondary sources and academic literature, in both hardcopy and electronically
18. Analysis and distil a range of material to inform judgements and conclusions
19. Present complex information to specialist and non-specialist audiences both orally and in writing
20. Analyse complex fact patterns, apply general and specific principle and derive carefully considered solutions to problems
21. Undertake and critically evaluate a legal research project
22. Develop legal or socio-legal questions
23. Autonomous learning using appropriate primary and secondary sources
24. Undertake and critically evaluate a research project
25. Examine and use a range of research strategies and methods and assess the appropriateness of their use

Key skills

26. Communicate relevant subject knowledge and evidence accurately and reliably with structured and coherent arguments
27. Show development of key transferable skills.

Course Design

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

- QAA benchmark - Law (2015)
- QAA benchmark - Politics (2015)
- BSB/SRA Joint Statement and regulations for Qualifying Law Degrees (QLDs) in England and Wales.

Course Structure

The LLB (Hons) Law with Politics (with Professional Placement) comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6.

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

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	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 4			
	Legal Method and Advocacy	20	M
	Public Law	40	M
	Criminal Law	20	M
	Politics and Policy	20	M
	Current Political Disputes	20	M
Level 5			
	Law of Torts	20	M
	Contract Law	20	M
	EU Law	20	M
	Research Methods in Law	20	M
	Contemporary Political Theory	20	M
	Social Justice and Policy	20	M
Level 5 sandwich year with professional placement only			
	Professional Practice	120	M
Level 6			
	Land Law	20	M
	Equity and Trusts	20	M
	Law and Politics Research Dissertation	20	M
	Political Engagement and Professional Development	20	M
Plus one Law option from the list below			
Law options			
	Public International Law	20	O
	International Criminal Law	20	O
	Company Law	20	O
	Criminal Evidence	20	O
	Jurisprudence and Legal Reform	20	O
	Criminal Procedure	20	O
	Civil Procedure	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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	Media law	20	O
	Intellectual Property Law	20	O
	Human rights	20	O
	Property Law: Practice	20	O
	Clinical Legal Practice	20	O
	Sociology of Law	20	O
	Law of Succession	20	O

Option modules are available in particular years and will be communicated to students before enrolment in order to facilitate module choice based on existing staff expertise.

Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a LLB (Hons) Law with Politics (with Professional Placement).

Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a DipHE Law with Politics on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5, those students who also complete the sandwich year and have been awarded 120 placement credits may be eligible for a DipHE Law (with Professional Placement).

Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a CertHE Law with Politics on successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at level 4.

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at Ipswich. Students studying full-time on LLB (Hons) Law with Politics (with Professional Placement) are likely to have approximately 288 contact hours for level 4, 288 contact hours for level 5 and 264 contact hours for level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of lectures, seminars, and practical activities. Students will also be required to participate in a year-long work placement. Placements will be arranged by the University/Students will be expected to find their own placement. Students will normally be expected to undertake 25 hours of independent study in an average week, 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 approximately 80% coursework (including essays, reports, presentations, group work, reflective learning journals and research projects), and 20% examinations.

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.

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Course Costs

Students undertaking LLB (Hons) Law with Politics (with Professional Placement) will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK/EU	£9,250 per year (excluding sandwich year, for which the fee will be £1,850 for the year)
Part-time UK/EU	Not applicable
Full-time International	£11,500 per year (excluding sandwich year, for which the fee will be £2,300 for the year)
Part-time International	Not applicable

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

Students are likely to incur other costs for books and optional field trips amounting to approximately £360 per year.

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](#).