## Course Title
LLB (Hons) Law with Politics

## Awarding Bodies
University of Suffolk

## Level of Award¹
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 Structure²
- **Level 4:** 120 Credits
- **Level 5:** 120 Credits
- **Level 6:** 120 Credits

## Mode of Attendance
Full-time and Part-time

## Standard Length of Course³
3 years full-time

## Intended Award
LLB (Hons) Law with Politics

## Named Exit Awards
- DipHE Law with Politics
- CertHE Law with Politics

## Entry Requirements⁴
**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.

## Delivering Institution
Ipswich

## UCAS Code
M1L2

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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)](https://qaa.gov.uk/)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](https://www.heqa.ac.uk/credit/overview/). 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](https://www.heqa.ac.uk/awards/). Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/admissions/).
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DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

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

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.

Course Aims

- Develop comprehensive knowledge of public and private laws, including theories, concepts, principles and rules, with specific reference to England and Wales.

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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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- 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 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)\(^6\).

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

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

**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
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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 - 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 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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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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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. 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, or 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 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 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.

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

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<th>Student Group</th>
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<td>Full-time International</td>
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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.
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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.