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INTRODUCTION

This Module Directory includes all the modules for Level 7 within the LLM Law and Legal Practice programme in the academic year 2026-2027.

This directory accompanies the Programme of Study Handbook, which will provide you with details of which modules you will be studying for your programme this year in the 'Programme of Study' section. This directory may include modules that are running on other programmes of study within your School/Faculty. If you require assistance in identifying the modules for your programme of study, please contact the Programme Manager (whose name and contact details are provided in the accompanying Programme of Study Handbook), or the relevant Faculty Office.

The University has made every effort to make the information as full and as accurate as possible, but you should note that minor changes in the organisation of modules between the planning stage and the actual teaching are inevitable. We shall try to keep any such changes to a minimum, and you will receive plenty of advance warning in the event of any alteration. We would also be grateful if you would let us know about any changes that you think might be helpful if introduced into future handbooks.

MODULES

Module Code	BMLW7007
Title	Contemporary Legal Practice
Date	08/05/2026
Level	7
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To introduce students to a range of specialist and emerging areas of legal practice in England and Wales that fall outside the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) SQE Functioning Legal Knowledge (FLK) 1 and 2. It aims to broaden students' understanding of the modern legal services market, highlight the diversity of specialist practice areas, and develop the ability to critically evaluate how legal practice evolves in response to social, technological, economic, and regulatory change

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- demonstrate a critical understanding of a range of specialist legal practice areas and evaluate the role within the broader legal services ecosystem;
- analyse the regulatory, commercial, and societal drivers shaping contemporary specialist legal practice

INDICATIVE CONTENT

The module provides a curated overview of specialist legal fields not covered by SQE FLK1–2. Content may vary year-to-year to reflect developments in the profession, but will typically include:

Specialist Practice Areas

- Media and Entertainment Law
Intellectual property, defamation, digital rights, and creative industries.
- Sports Law
Regulation, governance, disciplinary processes, and commercial arrangements.
- Environmental and Climate Change Law
Regulatory frameworks, sustainability obligations, and climate litigation.
- Immigration and Asylum Law
Policy developments, human rights considerations, and tribunal practice.
- Charity and Third Sector Law
Governance, compliance, fundraising regulation, and public benefit.
- Education Law
School governance, SEND frameworks, university regulation, and student rights.
- Health and Social Care Law
NHS structures, capacity and consent, safeguarding, and regulatory bodies.
- Technology, Data, and Cybersecurity Law
AI regulation, data protection, cybersecurity obligations, and digital governance.
- International Trade and Investment Law
Trade agreements, WTO frameworks, and investor-state dispute settlement.
- Art and Cultural Property Law

Provenance, restitution, and cultural heritage regulation.
Cross-Cutting Themes

- The evolving legal services market and specialist practice niches
- Interdisciplinary collaboration (e.g., law + technology, law + science)
- Ethical challenges in specialist practice
- Globalisation and transnational legal issues
- The impact of digital transformation on specialist legal work

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	48	24%
Independent learning	152	76%
Placement learning	0	0%
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1 (*Tick one*)

☐ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☒ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Presentation on a specialist practice area	30 minutes	100%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0
Coursework	0
Practical	100%
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	BMLW7007	
Module Title	Contemporary Legal Practice	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Adams, A. and Brownsword, R. (2020) Understanding Law and Technology. Oxford: Hart Publishing.	☒
Essential	Susskind, R. (2023) Tomorrow's Lawyers: An Introduction to Your Future. 3rd edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press.	☒
Further	Boyle, J. and Jenkins, J. (2021) Intellectual Property: Law and the Information Society. Durham: Duke University Press.	☒
Further	Clayton, G. (2021) Textbook on Immigration and Asylum Law. 7th edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press.	☒
Further	Gardiner, S. et al. (2022) Sports Law. 6th edn. London: Routledge.	☒

Module Code	BMLW7007	
Module Title	Contemporary Legal Practice	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Further	Herring, J. (2023) Medical Law and Ethics. 9th edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press.	☒
Further	Lexis + UK	☒

Module Code	BMLW7008
Title	Legal Foundation Skills (SQE1)
Date	08/05/2026
Level	7
Credits	40
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To provide students with the knowledge, understanding, and analytical skills required to engage critically with the legal principles underpinning the SRA's Foundations of Legal Knowledge (FLK 1 and FLK 2).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- apply practical legal skills to complex problem questions demonstrating the ability to analyse facts, identify legal issues, and provide solutions in a manner reflective of professional legal practice;
- study and engage with SQE-style MCQs, demonstrating the ability to interpret questions, apply legal rules accurately, and manage time effectively.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Foundations of Legal Knowledge (FLK1)
 - *Contract Law*
 - *Tort Law*
 - *Constitutional & Administrative Law*
 - Criminal Law
 - Property Law
 - Trusts
 - English Legal System & Sources of Law
- Foundations of Legal Knowledge (FLK2)
 - Business Law & Practice
 - Dispute Resolution
 - Criminal Litigation
 - Property Practice
 - Wills & Probate
 - Solicitors' Accounts
 - Ethics & Professional Conduct
- Applied Legal Skills
 - Legal research and digital research tools
 - Legal writing and drafting (client letters, attendance notes, basic documents)
 - Professional communication and client care
 - Ethical decision-making in practice
 - Problem-based learning workshops simulating solicitor-office tasks

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	96	24%
Independent learning	304	76%
Placement learning	0	0
TOTAL	400	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1 *(Tick one)*

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Problem-based Written Assessment	5000 words	50%

Assessment Component 2 *(Tick one)*

☒ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
SQE-Style MCQ Examination	2 hours	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	50%
Coursework	50%
Practical	0
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	BMLW7008	
Module Title	Legal Foundation Skills (SQE1)	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	BARBRI (2021–2024) SQE1 Preparation Materials. BARBRI Global.	☒
Essential	City Law School (2021) SQE1 Head Start. Oxford University Press	☒
Essential	City Law School (2021) SQE1 Exam Practice. Oxford University Press.	☒
Further	City Law School (2023) Legal Writing and Drafting. Oxford University Press.	☒
Further	Oxford University Press (2021–2023) SQE1 Series (Contract, Tort, Criminal Law, Public Law, Property Practice, Business Law, Dispute Resolution, Wills & Estates, Solicitors' Accounts). Oxford University Press	☒
Further	Lexis+ UK	☐

Module Code	BMLW7010
Title	Professional Legal Skills (SQE 2)
Date	08/05/2026
Level	7
Credits	40
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To provide advanced, practice-oriented training in the oral and written legal skills required of a competent trainee solicitor and assessed in the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE2).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- develop, refine, and apply professional skills of client interviewing, advising, and advocacy across key areas of legal practice, including Property Law & Practice, Wills & Administration of Estates, Dispute Resolution, Criminal Litigation, and Business Law & Practice;
- apply written professional skills, including case and matter analysis, legal research, legal writing, and drafting, across the core practice areas assessed in SQE2.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Interviewing & Advising:
- Client communication techniques
- Structuring interviews
- Identifying client objectives
- Delivering clear and accurate advice
- Advocacy:
- Case theory and preparation
- Oral submissions
- Persuasive techniques
- Advocacy in criminal and civil contexts
- Written Professional Skills:
 - Case and matter analysis
 - Legal research methodologies
 - Legal writing for clients and colleagues
- Drafting documents in:
 - Property Law & Practice
 - Wills & Administration of Estates
 - Dispute Resolution
 - Criminal Litigation
 - Business Law & Practice

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	96	24%
Independent learning	304	76%
Placement learning	0	0
TOTAL	400	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1 (*Tick one*)

☐ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☒ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Simulated client interview and/or advocacy exercise	30 mins	50%

Assessment Component 2 (*Tick one*)

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Legal written skills portfolio that includes, case matter analysis, draft letter, legal research brief	12 elements	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0
Coursework	50%
Practical	50%
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	BMLW7010	
Module Title	Professional Legal Skills (SQE2)	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Barton, T. and Cooper, S. (2022) SQE Skills: Legal Research, Writing and Drafting. Oxford: Oxford University Press.	☒
Essential	Evans, K. (2021) A Practical Guide to Advocacy. 4th ed. London: City Law School Publishing.	☒
Essential	Tosh, J. (2023) SQE2 Exam Preparation: Practical Legal Skills. London: The College of Legal Practice.	☒
Further	Boon, A. (2022) The Ethics and Conduct of Lawyers in England and Wales. 4th ed. Oxford: Hart Publishing.	☒

Module Code	BMLW7010	
Module Title	Professional Legal Skills (SQE2)	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Further	Solicitors Regulation Authority (2019) Code of Conduct for Solicitors. Birmingham: SRA.	☒
Further	Lexis + UK	☒

Module Code	BMLW7005
Title	Research Methodology
Date	08/05/2026
Level	7
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To equip learners with the necessary knowledge to undertake master's level research and to conceptualise and design a research proposal to generate advanced knowledge of practice.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- critically consider the underpinnings of research methodology principles, and be able to recognise strengths and limitations of research techniques;
- produce a research proposal for a legal research project and critically consider and address the ethical issues associated with the proposed research.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Application of criteria for choosing an appropriate topic; production of a clear rationale.
- Production of an indicative literature review, from both theoretical and professional spheres, with appropriate level of engagement and critical debate.
- Development of appropriate methodology and methods for investigating the chosen topic.
- Use of necessary resources such as professional literature, practice-based research and reports, on-line journals, methods and software for data analysis.
- Evaluation of legal and ethical issues within proposed research.
- Foundation for Qualitative/Quantitative Research (philosophical underpinning).
- Research methodologies/ Philosophies.
- Data collection methods.
- Data analysis of Qualitative and Quantitative data collection.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	30	15%
Independent learning	170	85%
Placement learning	0	0
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1 (Tick one)

☐ **Written exam** ☒ **Coursework** ☐ **Practical**

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Research Proposal and ethics form	Proposal 5000 words	100%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0
Coursework	100%
Practical	0
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	BMLW7005	
Module Title	Research Methodology	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Bryman A. (2021) Social Research Methods 6th Ed Oxford: Oxford University Press	☒
Essential	Denzin, N. & Lincoln, Y. 2017 Handbook of Qualitative Research 5th edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.	☒
Essential	Gray. D (2018) Doing Research in the Real World 4th ed. London Sage	☒
Essential	Lochmiller, C. R. (2021). Conducting Thematic Analysis with Qualitative Data. The Qualitative Report,	☒
Further	Meyer. M.D (2020) Qualitative Research in Business & Management 3rd Ed London Sage	☒
Further	Williams. M, Wiggins. R, & Vogt. P (2022) beginning Quantitative Research London Sage	☒

Module Code	BMLW7006
Title	Law and Legal Practice Dissertation
Date	08/05/2026
Level	7
Credits	60
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To provide the student with the opportunity to produce a substantial specialist body of work which has been instigated, developed and produced as a consequence of their own research initiative.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- critically analyse and synthesise relevant literature;
- evaluate theoretical perspectives of research, formulate an appropriate research methodology, explain it and recognise the strengths and weaknesses of the method(s);
- conduct a systematic research study based upon a sound research methodology and utilising analytical and interpretative skills using primary and secondary data;
- analyse, evaluate and synthesise data and propose conclusions and recommendations.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Making theoretical considerations in applied research.
- Planning and starting research; searching data and research data sources.
- Defining research aims and objectives.
- Defining and choosing research methodologies.
- Evaluating applied research methods.
- Understanding secondary and primary sources of data.
- Undertaking survey research and design; research proposal design.
- Utilising analytical methods and techniques/data analysis.
- Synthesis of research data and cognitive reasoning.
- Preparing research proposals.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	10	2%
Independent learning	590	98%
Placement learning	0	0
TOTAL	600	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1 (*Tick one*)

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Dissertation	15000 words	100%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0
Coursework	100%
Practical	0
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	BMLW7006	
Module Title	Law and Legal Practice Dissertation	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Bryman A. (2021) Social Research Methods 6th Ed Oxford: Oxford University Press	☒
Essential	Denzin, N. & Lincoln, Y. 2017 Handbook of Qualitative Research 5th edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.	☒
Essential	Gray. D (2018) Doing Research in the Real World 4th ed. London Sage	☒
Essential	Lochmiller, C. R. (2021). Conducting Thematic Analysis with Qualitative Data. The Qualitative Report,	☒
Further	Meyer. M.D (2020) Qualitative Research in Business & Management 3rd Ed London Sage	☒
Further	Williams. M, Wiggins. R, & Vogt. P (2022) beginning Quantitative Research London Sage	☒

Module Code	BMLW7009
Title	Legal Practice Research Project
Date	08/05/2026
Level	7
Credits	60
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To provide students with the opportunity to engage in supervised, practice-based legal research within a real-world setting, to apply legal knowledge in a live environment, develop advanced research and problem-solving skills, and reflect on the responsibilities and challenges of supervised legal practice.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- apply the principles of professional conduct, ethical decision-making, and the regulatory framework governing supervised legal services to practice;
- undertake a substantial practice-based research project in collaboration with a legal placement provider or a third-sector partner and evaluate the social, ethical, and access-to-justice dimensions of their project work and its impact on clients or partner organisations.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Professional Conduct & Ethics
- SRA Code of Conduct
- Confidentiality, conflicts, competence, supervision
- Professional boundaries and client care
- Clinical Legal Education Theory
- Reflective practice models
- Client-centred lawyering
- Social justice and community engagement
- Supervised Legal Practice
- Working with clients in the Legal Advice Centre
- Working with third-sector organisations
- Case management and file handling
- Researching and drafting advice under supervision
- Research Project Development
- Identifying research questions from practice
- Methodology in applied legal research
- Producing research reports, policy papers, or client-focused outputs

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	30	5%
Independent learning	430	72%
Placement learning	140	23%
TOTAL	600	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1 (*Tick one*)

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Practice-based Research Report	Equivalent to 15,000 words	100%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0
Coursework	100%
Practical	0
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	BMLW7009	
Module Title	Legal Practice Research Project	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Boon, A. (2022) The Ethics and Conduct of Lawyers in England and Wales. 4th ed. Oxford: Hart Publishing.	☒
Essential	Cottrell, J. (2021) Legal Research: A Practical Guide. 4th ed. London: Sweet & Maxwell.	☒
Essential	Solicitors Regulation Authority (2019) SRA Code of Conduct for Solicitors. Birmingham: SRA.	☒
Further	Giddings, J. and McNamara, M. (2022) Contemporary Approaches to Clinical Legal Education. London: Routledge.	☐
Further	Webley, L. (2021) Legal Writing. 5th ed. London: Routledge.	☐
Further	Lexis + UK	☐