

KENT LAW SCHOOL

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School Web Site: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/law/>

IT IS ULTIMATELY YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR THE CORRECT MODULES FOR YOUR PROGRAMME

YOU MUST TAKE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF CREDITS IN EACH OF AUTUMN AND SPRING TERMS

**Please refer to the on-line Module Catalogue for full details of all modules
<http://www.kent.ac.uk/studying/modulecatalogue/>**

Implication of failure in core modules

It is vital that you **PASS ALL** your exemption modules: these are listed above. There are serious consequences for not achieving 40% in such a module. While the University compensation rules may permit you to progress to the next Stage, or even to pass your degree as a whole, you will still have failed an exemption module. This means that you will NOT have obtained a Qualifying Law Degree. In turn, this means that your name will not appear on the group certificate provided by the Law School to the Joint Academic Standards Board. You will have to apply on an individual basis for condonation, of the failure in that module, from the professional bodies which will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Number of attempts

The SRA will allow a maximum of three attempts at the exemption modules which include any attempts that are "as for the first time". If you have had three attempts and are then compensated, you will need to consult the relevant professional bodies for advice.

If you have been compensated before having three attempts and are still within your programme of study at the University, you may sit the module for exemption purposes only. However, this will not count towards your final degree classification. If you have been compensated before having three attempts and then graduate, you may take up the offer of sitting as an external candidate at the first available opportunity at Kent, for example, if you graduate with a compensated mark in an exemption module in July 2011, the first available opportunity to sit for exemption purposes only will be in August 2011.

Time limits for a qualifying law degree

FULL TIME STUDENTS	PART TIME STUDENTS
Began stage 1 before September 2012 – maximum length of programme plus 1 year (this will be four years in all for a three year LLB) to complete a QLD.	Began stage 1 before September 2012 – maximum of eight years to complete a QLD.
Began stage 1 from September 2012 onwards - maximum of six years to complete a QLD.	Began stage 1 from September 2012 onwards – maximum of six years to complete a QLD. This means that you will not be able to intermit or repeat a year and still receive a QLD.

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30 Credit Modules

Level I Modules – 30 credits

[LW588](#) Public Law 1

[LW597](#) The Law of Obligations (available only to students who have taken [LW315](#) *Introduction to Obligations* and [LW316](#) *Foundations of Property*)

Level H Modules – 30 credits

[LW505](#) The Family and the Law

[LW506](#) International Law

[LW509](#) Human Rights and English Law

[LW513](#) Equity and Trusts (not available to students who have taken or are taking [LW316](#) *Foundations of Property* or [LW598](#) *Equity and Trusts*)

[LW514](#) Labour Law

[LW518](#) The Law of Evidence (generally available only to students who have taken or, in exceptional cases, are taking [LW508](#) *Criminal Law*, and can only be taken at Stage 3 or Stage 4).

[LW519](#) Law and Medical Ethics

[LW520](#) Company Law and Capitalism

[LW543](#) Clinical Option: Legal Process and Public Legal Services – subject to quota

[LW563](#) Dissertation Module

[LW579](#) The Law & the Media: Freedom of Expression as it relates to the Media

15 CREDIT MODULES

Level C Modules

[LW315](#) Introduction to Obligations (Autumn)

[LW316](#) Foundations of Property (Spring)

Level I Modules

[LW599](#) Land Law (Autumn) (available only to students who have taken [LW316](#) *Foundations of Property*)

Level H Modules

[LW542](#) Policing (Spring)

[LW566/611](#) Dissertation Module (Autumn and Spring)

[LW570](#) Law and Social Change (Spring)

[LW592](#) Public Law 2 (Autumn)

[LW593](#) European Union Law (Spring)

[LW???](#) Legal Ethics (Autumn)

Quotas

It is normally possible for Law students to select their modules without restriction at Registration in March.

However, it may **not** be possible for students to change into the modules of their choice thereafter.

[LW543](#) *Clinical Option: Legal Process and Public Legal Services* has a quota of **10 students allocated by ballot**.

Teaching Pattern

Unless otherwise indicated in the entry for particular modules, in a 30 Credit module there will normally be ten teaching weeks, one reading week and one writing week in both Autumn/Spring terms. For 15 Credit modules the pattern will be similar for the appropriate term.

Coursework

The composition of the coursework element and its percentage of the final mark are specified for each module.

Moots

In some modules moots may be substituted for assessments. Consult the module convenor or the convenor of Mooting at Medway, Joe Pearson.

Dissertations

It is possible to undertake an optional dissertation in some Law modules (see module catalogue).

'Wild Modules'

Kent Law School encourages **single-honours LLB** students to broaden their educational experience in Stages 2 and 3 by taking advantage of the so-called 'wild modules' option. This enables you to take up to 60 Credits from other Schools' module lists (both Social Science and Humanities) over the two years (30 Credits in each stage) – as long as the consent of the relevant Schools Director of Studies is obtained. You will still be awarded an LLB provided you take 180 Credits of modules from the Law List over Stages 2 and 3. You can choose out of pure intellectual interest and curiosity or you can choose by considering how such a module or modules would contribute to your career development.

QUALIFYING LAW DEGREE - ENGLAND AND WALES

A Qualifying Law Degree is a degree recognised by the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulatory Authority (the legal profession's regulatory bodies) as satisfying the academic stage of training. The Qualifying Law Degree exempts students from studying for the Common Professional Examination (CPE) which is a requirement for all other graduates seeking to qualify as solicitors or barristers. We assume that all students on law programmes wish to obtain the Qualifying Law Degree, and we therefore automatically register students for the **'core' (exemption) modules as follows:**

2009/2010 Entry and beyond core exemption modules:

[LW315](#) Introduction to Obligations

[LW316](#) Foundations of Property

[LW508](#) Criminal Law

[LW588](#) Public Law 1

[LW592](#) Public Law 2

[LW593](#) European Union Law

[LW597](#) The Law of Obligations

[LW598](#) Equity and Trusts

[LW599](#) Land Law

plus a further 60 Credits of Law to obtain the **240 Credits of Law** needed for a Qualifying Law Degree.

SOLICITORS

Students who wish to become solicitors, following completion of the Qualifying Law Degree, must take the Legal Practice Course. This is the professional stage of training. Students are only eligible to proceed to the Legal Practice Course if (i) they have passed the 'core' modules and (ii) have obtained a minimum of **240 Credits of Law**.

BARRISTERS

Students who wish to become barristers, following completion of the Qualifying Law Degree, must take the Bar Professional Training Course. This is the professional stage of training for the Bar. Students are only eligible to proceed to the Bar Professional Training Course if they (i) pass the 'core' modules (ii) obtain a minimum of **240 Credits of Law** and (iii) achieve overall a minimum of a 2:2 (Hons) degree.

Students who have not passed all 'core' modules or achieved 240 Credits of Law, may nonetheless be able to obtain professional qualification in due course by fulfilling the requirements of the legal professions' Common Professional Examination. Such students should consult the Director of Studies, Lisa Dickson, room S3W1, Eliot College, telephone: 01227 827538, email l.m.dickson@kent.ac.uk.

QUALIFICATION AS A LAWYER IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Students who wish to practise in other countries should check the requirements for the jurisdiction in which you would like to practise. If there are any questions you still have then you should consult the Director of Studies, Lisa Dickson.

Note for students who do not wish to obtain a Qualifying Law Degree

It will be assumed that all students on law programmes wish to obtain the Qualifying Law degree. Each student will therefore automatically be registered for the 'core modules'. Those students who do not wish to obtain a Qualifying Law Degree should contact Lisa Dickson to discuss.

LAW

To obtain a Single Honours LLB degree in Law, students need to obtain a minimum of **360 Credits**, at least **210** of which must be **Level I** or above and of which at least **120** must be at **Level H or above**. They must obtain a **minimum of 240 Credits** in Stages 2 and 3, of which at least 180 Credits must derive from Law modules. **No Level 'C' modules may be taken at Stage 3**

Students wishing to obtain a **Qualifying Law Degree** are required to take:

Stage 2

- LW592 Public Law 2 (15 Credits, Level H) (Autumn)
- LW593 European Union Law (15 Credits, Level H) (Spring)
- LW597 The Law of Obligations (30 Credits, Level I)
- LW598 Equity and Trusts (15 Credits, Level H) (Spring)
- LW599 Land Law (15 Credits, Level I) (Autumn)

plus 30 Credits of optional modules

Stage 3 (No Level 'C' modules may be taken at Stage 3)

Students must take **120 credits** of which **90 Credits** must be **Law** modules. It is possible to take option modules in stage 3 at Canterbury. Please bear in mind the timetables of modules when deciding upon which campus to take your optional choices.

Note: **240 Law** credits are required for a Qualifying Law Degree.

PART TIME EVENING STUDENTS

Having completed stage 1, students will continue with the following module combinations which run in alternate years:

Stage 2

- LW598 Equity and Trusts- 2012/13
- LW599 Land Law - 2012/13

plus 30 credits of optional modules

- LW592 Public Law 2 – 2013/14
- LW593 European Union Law – 2013/14
- LW597 The Law of Obligations– 2013/14

Stage 3 (No Level 'C' modules may be taken at Stage 3)

Students must take **120 credits** (60 each year) of which **90 Credits** must be **Law** modules. The following optional modules will be available to evening students in 2012/13:

- LW505 Family Law
- LW506 International Law
- LW519 Law and Medical Ethics
- LW520 Company Law and Capitalism

CONTACTS

For queries related to Qualifying Law Degrees please contact the Director of Studies for Law, Lisa Dickson.

For queries related to the programme or modules please contact the Director of Law at Medway, Professor Nick Grief.