

## Common Professional Examination (CPE) Diploma in Law

### Aims of the course

This is an intensive postgraduate conversion course designed for graduates in subjects other than law who wish to qualify to take either the Legal Practice Course (to become solicitors) or the Bar Vocational Course (to become barristers).

The course aims to develop an understanding of the English legal system, to provide a thorough grounding in the foundations of legal knowledge and to train students in the professional skills of legal research, analysis and presentation in a friendly and nurturing environment. Students may choose their own title for their research dissertation, subject to approval, which gives them the early opportunity to specialise in an area of particular interest to them.



## Course structure

Following a two-week induction, the course comprises seven taught modules plus a research dissertation in a subject of the student's own choice. There are additional coursework essays and a case and statute analysis test. The seven taught modules are the foundation subjects prescribed by the CPE Board on behalf of the Law Society and General Council of the Bar:

- Criminal Law
- Obligations A (Contract)
- Obligations B (Tort)
- Property Law A (Land Law)
- Property Law B (Equity and Trusts)
- Public and EU Law A
- Public and EU Law B

The course is taught from Mondays to Thursdays. Full-time students may choose between day or evening study or combine both. Part-time students may attend solely in the evening. All students must attend from Monday to Thursday during the first two weeks of the course.

## Entry requirements

Applicants must normally possess a degree with at least second class Honours, or equivalent, and must provide a satisfactory reference from either their university or employer.

Applicants who do not hold a UK first degree must obtain a Certificate of Academic Standing from either the Law Society (Tel: 01527 517141) or the General Council of the Bar (Tel: 020 7440 4000).

Applicants for whom English is not their first language must demonstrate sufficient fluency in both written and spoken English.

The minimum requirement is one of the following:

- IELTS 6.5 minimum with a minimum score of 6 in all components
- TOEFL (old examination) 630 minimum
- TOEFL (new examination) 267 minimum

## Assessment

Assessment includes an examination in each of the seven foundation subjects (each worth 10% of the total assessment); a research essay (worth 10%); four short essays covering different areas of the foundation subjects (worth a total of 10%); and a case and statute analysis exercise (worth 10%). There is also a test on the English legal system, which students must pass but which does not normally count towards their final assessment.

## Career opportunities

On graduation you will be eligible to undertake either the Legal Practice Course (LPC) or the Bar Vocational Course, and from there to proceed either to a training contract with a firm of solicitors or a pupillage in a barrister's chambers. The CPE is a well-recognised route to a legal career, and many employers in the legal field actively favour postgraduate students who have a proven expertise outside the area of law. Success on the CPE will also enable you to apply to take an LLM if you wish to pursue an academic career or simply to expand your legal knowledge.

## Duration and attendance

### Full time

One year, four days a week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Starting September

### Part time (evening)

Two years

Two evenings a week (17.30-21.00)

Monday and Wednesday for year one

Tuesday and Thursday for year two

Starting September

### Part time (day)

Two years

Two days a week

Monday and Wednesday for year one

Tuesday and Thursday for year two

Starting September

## Fees

The fees for 2005/06 are:\*

	Home/EU	Overseas
Full-time	£3,200	£5,400
Part-time	£1,550	£2,700
(Fees for first year based on completing in two years)		
Part-time	£345 per 20 credit unit	£900 per 20 credit unit

\*Fees may be subject to change, please check with Admissions.

Fees may be paid in monthly and/or termly instalments.

## Location of teaching

London City campus  
Law Building, Goulston Street

## How to apply

Applicants for the full-time course must apply through the Central Applications Board Tel: 01483 451080

Applicants for the part-time course must apply directly to the University's Admissions Office

Tel: 020 7133 4202

Fax: 020 7133 2677

Email: [admissions@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@londonmet.ac.uk)

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