

Certificate in English Law

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Course fact file

Duration: 1 years

Places Available: 5

Applications in 2011: 24

Start date: September 2013

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Details

If you are a student from outside the UK looking for an international study experience to broaden your mind, challenge your intellect and bring you into contact with some of the best academic lawyers and brightest law students in Europe, the Certificate in English Law is for you.

This programme is designed for two groups of students:

- Law students in countries that do not belong to the common law family
- Students of subjects other than law studying anywhere in the world who wish to learn about English and European law

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You study alongside our LLB students on the same modules and are assessed and examined in the same way. This provides you with the challenge of adjusting to a different system and competing within it.

Every student at Birmingham has a personal tutor, who provides guidance about the programme and helps them monitor their progress. There is an orientation course for international exchange students before the programme begins.

Programme content

We assume that you have no prior knowledge of English law, so the programme starts with lectures and discussion groups on the structure of the legal system, the range of legal sources and methods of reasoning. The structure of the programme varies depending on whether you are studying law or another subject at your home university.

- Programme for law students
There are two compulsory modules in Public Law and Law of Obligations (Contract). Alongside these, you select from a broad range of optional subjects spanning the entire spectrum of the law, from the highly technical to the sociological, from the procedural to the political, from the historical to the contemporary, and from the domestic to the international.
- Programme for non-law students
If you are studying a subject other than law at your home university, you take compulsory modules in Public Law, Law of Obligations, Criminal Law, and European Union Law. With the guidance of your personal tutor, you also select one optional subject.

Teaching and assessment

Modules are taught by lectures and discussion groups. Assessment methods vary; some modules have traditional examinations, while others are assessed by essays written during the year, and some by both methods.

Related links

Birmingham Law School website: www.law.bham.ac.uk (<http://www.law.bham.ac.uk>)

Fees and funding

Standard fees (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/courses/fees/standard>) apply

Learn more about **fees and funding** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/feesandfinance/loans.aspx>).

Entry requirements

Required subjects and grades: Completion of at least two years full-time university-level study at an approved institution (normally a university).

International students:

Language requirements for students whose education has not been entirely in English is an IELTS score of 7.0 with no less than 6.5 in any band, or a TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based) with TWE score of 4.0/IBT (internet-based test) score of 100 overall with no less than 23 in any band.

For further information on English language requirements please contact the International Relations Office on tel: +44 (0)121 414 3694/7167; fax: +44 (0)121 414 3850; or email: international@bham.ac.uk (<mailto:international@bham.ac.uk>).

Learn more about [international entry requirements \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/requirements/international\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/requirements/international).

Depending on your chosen course of study, you may also be interested in the Birmingham Foundation Academy, a specially structured programme for international students whose qualifications are not accepted for direct entry to UK universities. Further details can be found on the [foundation academy web pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/Pathways/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/Pathways/index.aspx).

How to apply

Apply through the University's International Office: www.international.bham.ac.uk (<http://www.international.bham.ac.uk/>)

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