

# School of Law

## Manchester Access Programme Presentation

### 2012



# WHY STUDY LAW?

- good, diverse degree that can open up many opportunities e.g. journalism, management consultancy, banking and even being an academic!
- between 50-70% of Manchester students proceed to a career in Law with 10% going to the Bar

# WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?



# WHAT WE OFFER AT MANCHESTER

## Qualifying Law Degrees:

- LL.B – 3 years
- LL.B Law with Criminology – 3 years
- LL.B Law with Politics – 3 years

## Non Qualifying Law Degree:

- BA Criminology – 3 years

## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY? FOR A QUALIFYING LAW DEGREE – QLD

**Seven foundation subjects:** Required to get a Qualifying Law Degree. At Manchester we do these modules in the 1st and 2nd year.

- **Contract Law**
- **Tort Law**
- **Public Law**
- **Criminal Law**
- **European Union Law**
- **Equity and Trusts**
- **Property Law**

**Years 2 and 3 marks count towards your final degree classification**

**Full module lists for all Courses available  
on the Law school website**

## Modules currently available

- Human Rights; Company Law & Partnership; Criminal Justice; Employment Law; Mental Health Law; Principles of Law, Medicine and Ethics; Criminal Evidence; Family Law; Law of Freedom & Expression; Counter Terrorism; Gender and Law; Insurance Law; Youth Justice and Juvenile Delinquency; Comparative Law; Consumer Law; Sale & Supply of Goods; Environmental Law; Constitutional Reform; Intellectual Property Law; Public International Law; Medicine, Technology, Morals and the Law; Sentencing & Penal Policy; Law and Ethics in War and Warfare; Communications Law & Regulation; Education Law; Policing & Regulation and Drugs & Society.



# MODULAR CREDITS

- USUALLY 120 CREDITS PER YEAR REQUIRED
- STANDARD IN LAW IS 20 CREDITS PER UNIT
- A MAXIMUM OF 40 CREDITS OF FREE OPTIONS MAY BE TAKEN ACROSS YOUR DEGREE FROM YEAR 2. NATIVE SPEAKERS OF A LANGUAGE MAY NOT TAKE THIS COURSE AS ONE OF THE OPTIONS.
- 3 COURSES PER SEMESTER
- 6 COURSES IN YEAR





# TEACHING METHODS

- We teach by formal lectures and small groups of up to 12 students in seminars – an excellent learning experience and one of the lowest ratios outside Oxbridge. There are approximately 11 hours of teaching per week plus students private study time, making hours up to 40 per week .
- Additional methods of teaching include workshops, skills sessions and practical clinical education at the Legal Advice Centre.
- Emphasis is placed on independent learning and research – make use of library materials as well as those on the internet.
- Assessment is usually by examination and/or coursework
- First year results count and we do everything to support you!



# LEGAL ADVICE CENTRES

We now have two - one on Campus and the other in East Manchester

- FREE CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL ADVICE TO PUBLIC
- PROVIDES PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE FOR LAW STUDENTS AND CRIMINOLOGY STUDENTS SUPERVISED BY PRACTITIONERS

## REGULAR CLINICS IN:

- Employment law;
- Landlord and tenant law;
- Small claims;
- Family Law;
- Crime;
- Consumer law;
- Intellectual Property
- Probate
- Personal injury
- Medical negligence



# SKILLS PROGRAMME

Throughout the second year on a Tuesday afternoon there is an optional programme of skills to enhance your employment prospects . These skills are transferable, so if you decide not to be a lawyer they are still essential . We work in conjunction with the Careers Service and local and international law firms and barristers. Examples are presentation skills, interview skills and how to do application forms



# Societies and Groups:

- **Manchester University Law Society (MULS)** - major law firms, both City and local sponsor this society and its events)
- **Debating Society** (Sponsored by DLA Piper)
- **Mooting Society** (Sponsored by Taylor Wessing)
- **The Bar Society** (Sponsored by the Northern Circuit)
- **Firstyear Law University & Beyond (FLUB)** - Sponsored by Allen & Overy
- **Mentor Scheme** (Sponsored by Olswang)
- **Criminology and Socio-Legal Society**
- **Law School Music Ensemble**
- **Mediation Group Competition**
- **Legal Advice Centre**  
**Society**



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**LLB**

**A-Level: ABB**

**LLB Law with Criminology**

**A-Level: ABB**

**LLB Law with Politics**

**A-Level: BBB**

**BA Criminology**

**A-Level: BBC**

# A-Level / Higher Level Subjects

**We receive a large number of applications from highly qualified students and seek to ensure that places are offered to those who are best prepared to contribute to and benefit from the programme and will succeed in their studies**

**Some subjects are more suited than others for preparing students to undertake the study of Law at Manchester**

**We will only consider qualifications where theory comprises at least 70% of the curriculum & prefer to see traditional subjects in A-Level choices**

**SEE WEBSITE**

**[www.law.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk)**



## School reference:

Any exceptional circumstances (e.g. illness prior, ongoing or at the time of your exams) surrounding your application should be included in your personal statement and backed up in your academic reference, or the School of Law should be informed in writing prior to your examination results.

We prefer applicants to have achieved high grades at first attempt. Applicants re-sitting exams are naturally considered but their application will be in competition with applicants who have been predicted or achieved the required grades in their first exam sitting.

## Personal statements:

Why do you want to study law?

Why have you chosen your A Level subjects?

What are your interests?

Any experience relevant to the study of law or business? – although this is not essential

# ROUTES TO QUALIFICATION AS A SOLICITOR

## Law Graduates

A2 Levels (AAA/AAB)



Degree in Law (2:1 min)



Legal Practice Course

1 year full-time/2 years part-time -  
expensive but could be sponsored

Special arrangement with College of Law,  
BPP and MMU if achieve 2:2 or above



2 years training contract  
minimum salary £18,590, £16,650 regionally

## Non-Law Graduates

A2 Levels (AAA/AAB)



Degree in any traditional subject (2:1 min)



Common Professional Examination or  
Law PgDip - expensive  
but could be sponsored



Legal Practice Course - expensive



2 years training contract

# ROUTES TO QUALIFICATION AS A BARRISTER

## Law Graduates

A2 Levels (AAA/B)

Degree in Law (2:1 min)

Bar Professional Training Course  
(1 year full-time/2 years  
part-time) – expensive  
some Scholarships available

Pupillage  
(first six months pupillage  
leading to provisional practising  
certificate, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup>  
six months pupillage)

## Non-Law Graduates

A2 Levels (AAA/B)

Degree in any traditional subject (2:1 min)

Common Professional Examinations  
or PG Dip Law  
- expensive  
some Scholarships available

Bar Professional Training Course  
(1 year full time/2 years  
part time) - expensive

Pupillage  
(first six months pupillage  
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# CONTACTS

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