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The Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law consists of four 30 credit modules:

Two compulsory modules (30 credits each)

Two optional modules (30 credits each)

Practising law in England and Wales

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The following websites should be consulted for updates:

[Solicitors Regulation Authority updates](#)

[The Law Society updates](#)

[Bar Standards Board updates](#)

Individual modules

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Select modules are available to study on a stand-alone basis, subject to module availability. Individual modules cannot be studied in full or partial completion of any programme offered under these regulations.

See the [Programme page](#) for information about the modules available for study on a stand-alone basis and when they run.

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You may register for up to two individual modules each academic year provided that you are not registered on the LLB, CertHE Common Law or GradDip Commercial Law.

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If you are registered on the LLB or GradDip Commercial Law, you may register for one individual module each academic year.

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If you are registered on

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You must, in your first academic year, register to study Legal system and method [LA1031] before registering for any other modules.

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You must attend a course of instruction at a Recognised Teaching Centre for each module for which you are registered and fulfil the centre's attendance requirements before making your first attempt at any examination. Attendance records are submitted to us each year. We may refuse you permission to attempt an examination if your attendance is unsatisfactory.

Teaching centres recognised to teach the CertHE Common Law are listed in the [Directory of Recognised Teaching Centres](#) on our website.

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The maximum period of registration for the GradDip Commercial Law is five years.

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It is your responsibility to ensure that your choice of modules complies with the current regulations. You may only register for available modules. We do not guarantee that all modules will be available every year.

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Providing you meet the provisions in [Section 7](#) and [Appendix A](#), you may apply to change your choice of optional modules. If you have attempted an examination for an optional module, you can

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examination session of the LLB which, if you had passed it, would have resulted in the completion of the degree.

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Where a mark is obtained from a resit, it will be a negative factor when the Board of Examiners decides on the classification of an award.

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The LLB is awarded according to the following classes:

Mark range	Classification
70 and over	First Class Honours
60 – 69	Second Class Honours (Upper Division)
50 – 59	Second Class Honours (Lower Division)
40 – 49	Third Class Honours
0 – 39	Fail

Certificate of Higher Education in Common Law

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To be considered for the award of the CertHE Common Law you must achieve a pass in all four modules.

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The final grade is determined by an average of all module marks weighted equally.

Diploma of Higher Education in Law

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The Board of Examiners may award a Diploma of Higher Education in Law if you pass eight modules, at least three of which are at Level 5 or above.

Certificate of Higher Education in Law

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The Board of Examiners may award a Certificate of Higher Education in Law if you pass four modules, at least three of which are at Level 4 or above.

Date of award

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If your final assessment takes place in the May/June examination session, the date of award will be 1 August in the year of the final assessment that contributes to the award.

If your final assessment takes place in the October examination session, the date of award will be 1 December in the year of the final assessment that contributes to the award.

9 Transferring your registration

Transfer from the Certificate of Higher Education in Common Law to the Standard

10 Individual modules available for study on a stand-alone basis

Details of modules offered are also available through the [Student Portal](#).

Administrative law [LA2008]

Commercial law [LA2015]

Company law [LA3021]

Conflict of laws [LA3014]

Criminology [LA3025]

Equity and Trusts [LA3002]

Evidence [LA3007]

EU law [LA2024]

Family law [LA2019]

Intellectual property [LA3026]

International protection of human rights [LA2029]

Introduction to Islamic law [LA3028]

Property law [LA2003]

Public international law [LA3013]

CertHE Common Law Structure

Four compulsory modules:

- Contract law [LA1040]
- Criminal law [LA1010]
- Legal system and method [LA1031]
- Public law [LA1020]

Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law Structure

Two compulsory modules:

- Commercial law [LA2015]
- Contract law [LA1040]

Two optional modules chosen from:

Appendix B – Classification of the LLB

Calculating your classification

For both Standard Entry and Graduate Entry, the mark you have achieved for each module used in the classification will be multiplied by the credit value and the weighting allocated to the module (mark x credit value x weighting).

For example

If you receive a mark of 58 for a Level 4 module (and it is your best mark if you are a Standard Entry student) the calculation would be as follows:

$$58 \text{ (your mark)} \times 30 \text{ (credit value)} \times 1 \text{ (Level 4 weighting)} = 1740$$

If you receive a mark of 58 for a Level 5 module, the calculation would be as follows: $58 \text{ (your mark)} \times 30 \text{ (credit value)} \times 3 \text{ (Level 5 weighting)} = 5220$

If you receive a mark of 58 for a Level 6 module, the calculation would be as follows: $58 \text{ (your mark)} \times 30 \text{ (credit value)} \times 5 \text{ (Level 6 weighting)} = 8700$

The appropriate calculation will be applied to each of your nine marks and the results will be added together to give a total '**Total 1**'.

The credit value and weighting for each module will also be multiplied and then added together to provide '**Total 2**'. Total 2 for Standard Entry is always 990 and for Graduate Entry it is always 810 as follows:

Total 2			
Standard Entry calculation		Graduate Entry calculation	
1 module x 30 credits x Level 4 weighting of 1	1 x 30 x 1 = 30	3 modules x 30 credits x Level 4 weighting of 1	3 x 30 x 1 = 90
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4 modules x 30 credits x Level 5 weighting of 3			

Appendix C – Assessment Criteria

These assessment criteria provide information about what is required to achieve a particular mark for a module. These criteria are indicative and not all the criteria listed are necessarily relevant to the award of Honours in individual programmes. In programmes where the final result is calculated by aggregate or other mathematical formula, these criteria apply to the individual components of the degree.

LLB

First Class Honours (70% +)

A first class answer has a thoughtful structure and follows a clear argument displaying personal reflection informed by wider reading, and an excellent grasp of detail (as evidenced by the choice of relevant examples which are integrated into the answer's structure). First class answers are ones that are exceptionally good for an undergraduate and which demonstrate several (though not necessarily all) of the following criteria in addition to the qualities expected of an upper second class answer:

A thorough understanding of the relevant principles and concepts.

An extensive range and consistent accuracy of information and knowledge.

Fluent argument demonstrating independent thinking or critical insight.

Evidence of study outside the prescribed range of the programme.

Outstanding presentation, structure and standard of written communication.

Problem questions:

(In addition to the above)

Awareness and understanding of more subtle and complex aspects of the question and/or the ability to consider the issues in the broader context of the discipline.

Identification and application of the legal rules and the case law to the facts in question will be both accurate and insightful.

A conclusion that accurately and persuasively provides specific advice on, or analysis of, the legal position of the relevant party/ies.

Second Class Honours (Upper Division) (60 – 69%)

An upper second class answer shows a good understanding of the subject, supported by examples which are demonstrably well understood and which are presented in a coherent and logical fashion. The answer should be well presented and structured and display very good analytical ability. Upper second class answers will demonstrate most or all of the following:

A good understanding of the relevant principles and concepts.

Wide and accurate range of information and knowledge deployed.

Clear argument which may demonstrate a degree of independent thinking or critical insight.

Good quality of presentation, structure and standard of written communication.

Problem questions:

(In addition to the above)

Clear and well-reasoned application of the principles and concepts to the facts in questions (e.g. the candidate has demonstrated that s/he can both distinguish cases on their facts and argue by analogy).

A conclusion that provides comprehensive and accurate advice on, or analysis of, the legal position of the party/ies.

Appendix D – Classification of students with RPL

Applicants who have been permitted to transfer **90 credits** at Level 4:

- 1) From 1 November 2020, applicants who have been permitted to transfer 90 credits at Level 4 to the Standard Entry LLB will follow the Rules of Progression in 7.1 – 7.8 of these Regulations. See [Section 7](#).
- 2) You must, in your first academic year, register to study Legal system and method [LA1031] if you have not been granted RPL for it.
- 3) You will be classified as set out in [Appendix B](#).

Applicants who have been permitted to transfer **120 credits** at Level 4:

- 4) From 1 November 2020, applicants who have been permitted to transfer 120 credits at Level 4 to the Standard Entry LLB will follow the Rules of Progression in 7.1 – 7.8 of these Regulations. See [Section 7](#).
- 5) You will be classified using your four Level 5 marks and four Level 6 marks. The mark you have achieved for each module will be multiplied by the credit value and the weighting allocated to the module (mark x credit x weighting).

For example

If you receive a mark of 58 for a Level 5 module, the calculation would be as follows: 58 (your mark) x 30 (credit value) x 4 (Level 5 weighting) = 6960

If you receive a mark of 58 for a Level 6 module, the calculation would be as follows: 58 (your mark) x 30 (credit value) x 6 (Level 6 weighting) = 10440

The appropriate calculation will be applied to each of your nine marks and the results will be added together to give a total 'Total 1'.

The credit value and weighting for each module will also be multiplied and then added together to provide 'Total 2'. Total 2 is always 1200 as follows:

4 modules x 30 credits x Level 5 weighting of 4 (4 x 30 x 4) = 480

4 modules x 30 credits x Level 6 weighting of 6 (4 x 30 x 6) = 720

Total 1 is then divided by Total 2 to give an overall Award (A) score, which is used to determine your degree classification. The A score will be calculated to the nearest whole number (rou/F3 1lo -4()-4(Th)15(e A)

Appendix F

Transitional arrangements for classification of the LLB from 1 November 2018 for students registered on Graduate Entry route with an effective date of registration of 30 November 2010 or later *and* before 30 November 2016

1. If you are registered as a Graduate Entry student and have *never* attempted examinations, you must follow the Programme Regulations 2023-24.
2. If you have not passed CLRI/Legal system and method [LA1031] you *may* choose to discontinue studying this module. If you choose to stop studying CLRI/Legal system and method [LA1031] you will have to follow the Programme Regulations 2023-24.
3. If you choose to continue studying CLRI/Legal system and method [LA1031], you will not be able to obtain a QLD and you will only be able to register for a maximum of two Level 5 modules for the LLB award.
4. If, by the time you complete all the examinations for the Graduate Entry award, you have passed CLRI/Legal system and method [LA1031] your award will be classified on the basis of performance in all modules as set out below.

Graduate Entry (9 Modules)	
First Class Honours	Five first class marks; or Four first class marks and an aggregate of 600.
Second Class Honours (Upper Division)	Five upper second class marks (or above) and an aggregate mark of 505; or Four upper second class marks (or above) and an aggregate mark of 520.
Second Class Honours (Lower Division)	Five lower second class marks (or above) and an aggregate mark of 425; or Four lower second class marks (or above) and an aggregate mark of 440.
Third Class Honours	An aggregate mark of at least 360.

5. You can progress to Level 5 if you have passed at least two Level 4 modules and are concurrently registered for any remaining Level 4 modules.
6. You can progress to Level 6 if you have passed three modules and have passed or are concurrently registered for Tort law [LA2001].
7. You can register for optional modules if you have passed or are concurrently registered for any remaining Level 4 modules and have passed, or are concurrently registered for, Tort law [LA2001].
8. You must ensure that you pass at least three Level 6 modules to achieve the LLB award.

Appendix G

Transitional arrangements for classification of the LLB from 1 November 2018 for students registered on Standard Entry route with an effective date of registration of 30 November 2010 or later *and* before 30 November 2016