

Future structure of the Legal Practice Course Consultation

Annex 2 – Content and structure of the existing LPC

The existing LPC is delivered on a full-time basis over one academic year, and on a part-time basis over two academic years. Part-time courses are delivered in various modes: two evenings a week, day release and block delivery at weekends.

LPC students must study three compulsory subjects (business law and practice, litigation, and property law and practice). They must also choose three elective subjects from a range on offer by each provider. Students are taught the legal skills (writing and drafting, interviewing and advising, PLR and advocacy), and they must also study Business Accounts and Solicitors Accounts. Other areas – such as professional conduct, financial services and revenue law – are covered.

LPC providers structure their courses in different ways – what follows is an indication of how a full-time and part-time course might be delivered.

Typical full-time Legal Practice Course structure

Week no.	Activity/assessment	Week no.
1	Enrolment	1
2	Foundation Course Week One LGS in Criminal Litigation commence	2
3	Foundation Course Week Two LGS in BLP and PLP commence SGS in Criminal Litigation commence Formative Research/Legal Writing assessment handed out	3
4	SGS in BLP and PLP commence LGS in probate commence	4
5	SGS in probate commence	5
6		6
7	Submission of Research/Legal Writing assessment	7
8		8
9		9
10	Business Accounts exam	10
11	Interviewing and Advising assessments	11
12	LGS in Civil Litigation commence	12
13	Advocacy assessments No LGS/SGS in Civil Litigation this week Return of formative assessment results	13
14	Solicitors' Accounts exam SGS in Civil Litigation commence LGS in Civil Litigation re-commence	14
15	Writing and Drafting assessment 1 handed out	15

Week no.	Activity/assessment	Week no.
16	Classes on Monday and Tuesday	16
17	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	17
18	Classes on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	18
19	Submission of Writing and Drafting assessment 1 Research assessment 1 handed out	19
20		20
21		21
22		22
23	Submission of Research assessment 1	23
24		24
25	Return of Writing and Drafting assessment 1 results	25
26	Revision week	26
27	Subject assessments in all compulsory subjects Writing and Drafting assessment 2 handed out	27
28	LGS in elective subjects commence	28
29	SGS in elective subjects commence	29
30	Return of Research assessment 1 results	30
31	Research assessment 2 handed out Submission of Writing and Drafting assessment 2	31
32 & 33	EASTER BREAK	32 & 33
34		34
35	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	35
36	Submission of research assessment 2	36
37		37
38	Return of Writing and Drafting assessment 2 results	38
39	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	39
40		40
41		41
42	Revision week	42
43 & 44	Subject assessments in all electives and PCFSMA	43 & 44
45	Return of Research (2) assessment results	45

Key:

LGS = Large group session
 SGS = Small group session
 BLP = Business Law and Practice
 PLP = Property Law and Practice
 PCFSMA = Professional conduct and financial services markets act

Typical part-time Legal Practice Course – Year 1 structure

Week no.	Activity/assessment	Week No.
1	Enrolment on Thursday	1
2	Foundation Course Week One LGS in Criminal Litigation commence	2
3	Foundation Course Week Two LGS in PLP commence SGS in Criminal Litigation commence Formative Research/Legal Writing assessment handed out	3
4	SGS in Property commence	4
5		5
6		6
7	Submission of formative Research/Legal Writing assessment	7
8		8
9		9
10		10
11		11
12		12
13	LGS in Civil Litigation commence Advocacy assessments No LGS/SGS in Civil Litigation this week Return of formative assessment results	13
14	Solicitors' Accounts exam SGS in Civil Litigation commence LGS in Civil Litigation re-commence	14
15	Writing and Drafting assessment 1 handed out	15
16	Classes on Monday and Tuesday	16
17	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	17
18	Classes on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	18
19	Submission of Writing and Drafting assessment 1 Research assessment 1 handed out	19
20		20
21		21
22		22
23	Submission of Research assessment 1	23
24		24
25	Return of Writing and Drafting assessment 1 results	25
26	Revision week	26
27	Subject assessments in all compulsory subjects	27
28	LGS in elective subjects commence Teaching of probate commences	28
29	SGS in elective subjects commence	29
30	Return of Research assessment 1 results	30
31		31
32 & 33	EASTER BREAK	32 & 33
34		34
35	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	35
36	Interviewing and Advising assessments	36

Week no.	Activity/assessment	Week No.
37		37
38		38
39	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	39
40		40
41		41
42	Revision week	42
43 & 44	Subject assessment in elective subject	43 & 44

Year 2 of this structure would involve students studying BLP and two elective subjects and undertaking the outstanding assessment in Business Accounts, PCFSMA, and skills assessments.