

Programme Specification 2025-26

1.	Programme title	LLM Advanced Legal Practice (SQE pathway)
2.	Awarding institution	Middlesex University
3a	Teaching institution	1 Middlesex University London, 2 Middlesex University Dubai, 3 Middlesex University Mauritius
3b	Language of study	English

4a	Valid intake dates and mode of study
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Mode of Study	Cohort	Delivery Location	Duration
Full-time (FT)	Semester 1	Hendon	
Part-time (PT)	Semester 1	Hendon	
Full-time (FT)	Semester 1	Dubai	
Part-time (PT)	Semester 1	Dubai	
Full-time (FT)	Semester 1	Mauritius	
Part-time (PT)	Semester 1	Mauritius	

4c	Delivery method
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5. Professional/Statutory/Regulatory body (if applicable)
N/A

6.	Apprenticeship Standard (if applicable)	N/A
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7. Final qualification(s) available
Target Award Title(s)
LLM Advanced Legal Practice (SQE pathway)
Exit Award Title(s)
PGCert Law
PGDip Law

8. Academic year effective from	2025-26
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9. Criteria for admission to the programme
<p>The University's standard entry requirement for LLM Advanced Legal Practice (SQE pathway) consists of a Law degree at 2:2 or Graduate Diploma in Law.</p> <p>However, graduates in related disciplines, with law minors or with relevant professional experience or qualifications may be admitted subject to the Programme Leader's discretion. Other non-UK qualifications will be considered in accordance with NARIC guidelines.</p> <p>International students who have not been taught in the English medium must show evidence of proven ability in English equivalent to IELTS grade 6.5 (with minimum 6.0 in all four components).</p> <p>University policies supporting students with disabilities apply, as described in the University Regulations.</p> <p>Principle of fair admission</p> <p>The University aims to ensure that its admissions processes are fair, open and transparent and aims to admit students who, regardless of their background, demonstrate potential to successfully complete their chosen programme of study where a suitable place exists and where entry criteria are met. The University values diversity and is committed to equality in education and students are selected on the basis of their individual merits, abilities and aptitudes. The University ensures that the operation of admissions processes and application of entry criteria are taken in compliance with the Equality Act.</p> <p>We take a personalised but fair approach to how we make offers. We feel it is important that our applicants continue to aspire to achieving great results and make offers which take into account pieces of information provided to us on the application form.</p> <p>This includes recognition of previous learning and experience. If you have been working, or you have other learning experience that is relevant to your course, then we can count this towards your entry requirements and even certain modules once you start studying.</p>

10. Aims of the programme
<p>The programme aims to:</p> <p>The programme aims to:</p> <p>Support the development of the necessary legal knowledge required to undertake the mandatory external SQE1 examination, part of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination, for those wishing to qualify and practice as solicitors of England and Wales.</p> <p>Equip students with the necessary skills required to undertake the mandatory external SQE2 examination, part of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination, for those wishing to qualify and practice as solicitors of England and Wales.</p> <p>Deepen and broaden students' knowledge in specialised international legal fields and processes of their choice. Enhance students' professional development and horizons by</p>

maximising their academic potential and refining their problem-solving skills in a transnational context.

Provide students with the necessary tools to apply the acquired knowledge, legal research and writing skills to the process of producing an original piece of research on a topic connected to an area of choice and relevant to legal practice.

Provide eligible students with guidance, so that they can obtain professional experience commensurate with postgraduate level of study and, by so doing, to advance knowledge, critical thinking and understanding appropriate to level 7.

Equip students with research and writing skills which will be transferable to different professional sectors, including the legal profession, policymaking, corporate sector, governmental bodies or academia

11. Programme learning outcomes

Programme - Knowledge and Understanding

On completion of this programme the successful student will have a knowledge and understanding of:

1. Fundamental legal principles, concepts, and techniques in the key areas of law required by the SRA.
2. The limitations of the body of knowledge, with regard to law in context and practice.
3. Research data and the use of primary sources such as legislation, case law, and secondary source material such as government reports, white and green papers, and refereed journal articles.
4. Recent developments in the legal discipline and its professional practice, including the significance of ethical, social, business and political contexts within which the law operates.
5. How to deal with complex legal and policy issues both systematically and creatively, making informed judgments in the absence of complete information, and communicating your conclusions clearly.
6. Approaches, tools and techniques for Master's level research and/or advanced scholarship.
7. Methodology and research skills necessary to transfer the learning acquired through taught modules or work placement to the process of writing a research project or a substantial evidence-based report.

Programme - Skills

On completion of this programme the successful student will be able to:

8. Synthesise legal data, original source material, legal authority, and a critical interpretation of findings.
9. Display the ability to critique the validity of competing arguments based in law.
10. Critically evaluate the logic for and against core theories that underpin the legal tradition and reflect systematically on their applicability in a real-world context.

11. Communicate the six legal skills of client interviewing, advocacy, case and matter analysis, legal research, legal writing and legal drafting.
12. Apply a range of academic and intellectual skills relevant to postgraduate level study including information gathering, critical analysis, synthesis, problem solving, creativity, innovation and evaluation to aid decision making by policy makers, governmental and non-governmental actors in the private and public sector.
13. Undertake critical, independent research and systematically identify, retrieve, investigate and manage information from a range of academic and other relevant sources.
14. Apply relevant core legal principles and rules within the context of the practice areas in which they apply appropriately and effectively to realistic client-based and ethical problems and situations.

12. Teaching/learning methods

The LLM Advanced Legal Practice (SQE pathway) employs a diverse range of teaching and learning methods, including interactive workshops with peer and self-assessment to foster active student engagement. Class discussions and videos further enhance learning where suitable. Independent study is guided by recommended readings, materials, and exercises, which are then applied in classroom activities. Research skills are developed intensively, especially in the Legal Research Skills module, which provides essential tools for postgraduate work, such as critical analysis, academic writing, and information retrieval.

The teaching strategy for Solicitors Legal Knowledge- LEX4808 and Solicitors Legal Skills- LEX4820 modules, both of which are delivered fully online, include online instruction, personal 1-2-1 supervision, consultation of core e-texts or e-handbooks with integrated multiple-choice tests, audio-visual media, flashcard exercises, client/ethical based case studies with multiple choice tests, media demonstrations of legal writing, self-practice skills tasks and feedback sessions. All teaching and learning methods incorporated aim at engaging students in active learning, imparting information through different methods whilst engaging them in active learning with student-led activities to solidify knowledge in the fundamental areas of law, identify the limitations therein and engage with the relevant legal sources in clear and meaningful manner.

The programme's modules, particularly the research project and research skills components, help students to identify research questions, conduct research, and draft substantial projects. A critical approach frames the learning experience, considering the social, historical, and cultural contexts within which the law operates. For those enrolled in the Work Integrated Learning internship module, real-world experience is provided, allowing students to develop professional skills through practical challenges, with mentorship from faculty or industry partners. Assessment methods vary across modules, including but not limited to presentations, literature reviews, case study analysis, critical essays, research papers, enabling students to demonstrate their ability to analyse, evaluate, and synthesise legal concepts and arguments.

Approx. number of timetabled hours per week (at each level of study, as appropriate), including on-campus and online hours
FT 8 hours

PT 5 hours

Approx. number of hours of independent study per week (at each level of study, as appropriate)

FT 43 hours

PT 22 hours

Approx. number of hours on placement (including placement, work-based learning or year abroad, as appropriate).

FT 35 hours

PT 35 hours

13. Employability

13a Development of graduate competencies

13b Employability development

The LLM Advanced Legal Practice (SQE pathway) is designed to equip students with the essential competencies required in the legal and human rights sectors. Through a combination of rigorous academic coursework, practical learning experiences, and research-based activities, students will enhance their communication skills by engaging in structured discussions, written assignments, and presentations, fostering clarity, precision, and persuasive argumentation. Problem-solving abilities are cultivated through the critical analysis of complex human rights issues, where students are encouraged to apply legal principles to address real-world challenges in the field of international commercial and business law, as well as international law and human rights.

The programme promotes strong organisational, planning, and management skills through the completion of research projects, assignments and internships, where students must manage time effectively, plan their work, and navigate multiple tasks. Students are also encouraged to demonstrate enthusiasm and a commitment to learning, as they engage with current global human rights issues, adapt to evolving legal frameworks, and expand their knowledge of international law in diverse cultural, political, and legal contexts. Flexibility is developed through exposure to various international legal systems, human rights mechanisms, and challenges, enabling students to adapt their approach and thinking to a range of international contexts.

The development of leadership and influence is enabled through the many opportunities provided in modules through teamwork exercises, research initiatives and working on their research projects. Students build their confidence to undertake such roles and academic colleagues encourage students accordingly. Entrepreneurship is promoted through identifying and generating solutions to complex challenges and global issues to facilitate a strategic entrepreneurial mindset. Their self-directed learning and ability to identify gaps in knowledge enhances their deep intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm to learn. Skills of empathy and inclusion are enhanced by the diversity of the student body and communicating with fellow students and staff, many of whom have diverse international experience. Collaborative innovation is enabled by actively contributing to and encouraging idea generation and respectfully challenging peers to ensure creative, positive outcomes. Using more advanced methodologies, researching multiple solutions and applying findings with precision and impact expands problem solving skills and enables the delivery of high quality outcomes working within deadlines. Technological agility is increased using legal cutting edge platforms for research and innovation

and adapting to rapidly changing technological landscapes, including generative AI and utilising new techniques that are transformative to the legal discipline. All the graduate competencies are designed to produce employable graduates with a diverse range of knowledge and skills, making them valuable assets in the workplace.
13c Placement and work experience opportunities (if applicable)
N/A
13d Future careers / progression
<p>The LLM Advanced Legal Practice (SQE Pathway) is specifically developed to support students in employability and career progression. The specific SQE focused modules are tailored to support them to be ready to undertake the SQE exams, required for anyone to be employed in law firms and work as a solicitor of England and Wales. Graduates of the LLM Advanced Legal Practice (SQE pathway) have access to a wide range of legal careers, including:</p> <p>Solicitor (England and Wales): Upon completion of the programme, graduates are equipped to attempt the SQE exams and pursue a career as solicitors in England and Wales.</p> <p>Legal Advisor: Graduates can pursue roles providing legal advice within private companies, public institutions, or non-governmental organizations.</p> <p>Paralegal: Graduates can work in legal support roles, gaining experience or completing the SQE process to progress their legal careers.</p> <p>In-House Counsel: Graduates are prepared for legal roles within corporations, focusing on compliance, contracts, and regulatory matters.</p> <p>Legal Consultant: Graduates can advise clients on specific areas of law, including commercial law, corporate law, and dispute resolution.</p>

14. Assessment methods
<p>Assessments take a variety of forms including multiple choice tests, courseworks, research projects, case studies, policy reports, portfolios, literature reviews and oral presentations. The assessment of the Work Integrated Learning module will include a diary and an original academic research paper that indicates understanding of the background and questions faced by the organisation within which the placement is conducted. The range of assessment methods allows students to demonstrate their ability to identify and analyse legal issues by requiring them to apply knowledge of legal principles to practical questions drawing reasoned and defensible conclusions supported by legal authority. This will require the interpretation and application of primary and secondary source materials. Students will recognise potential conclusions for particular situations and provide supporting reasons for them. Assessment methods in every module expect students to demonstrate a critical and evaluative approach which analyses and discriminates between competing legal arguments and reflects on the doctrines and principles underpinning the law. Literature reviews are particularly designed to enable students to identify authoritative sources and assess their contribution to a given area of research or professional practice.</p>

15. Programme Structure (level of study, modules, credits and progression requirements)

Structure is indicative for Part-time routes.

Students must take all of the compulsory modules and choose following programme requirements from the optional modules.

Non-compensatable modules are noted below.

Available Pathways

Not Applicable

Year 1 Level 7 FT and PT

Code	Type	Module Title	Credits at FHEQ Level
LEX4801	Compulsory	Legal Research Skills 2025-26	30 at Level 7
LEX4820	Compulsory	Solicitors Legal Skills 2025-26	30 at Level 7
LEX4808	Compulsory	Solicitors Legal Knowledge 2025-26	30 at Level 7

Year 1 Optional Module Selection

LEX4809 OR two option modules (15 credits)

Code	Type	Module Title	Credits at FHEQ Level
LEX4809	Optional	International Commercial Litigation and Arbitration 2025-26	30 at Level 7
LEX4810	Optional	Comparative Corporate Governance 2025-26	15 at Level 7
LEX4812	Optional	Business and Human Rights 2025-26	15 at Level 7
LEX4817	Optional	Technology in Legal Practice and Dispute Resolution 2025-26	15 at Level 7
LEX4818	Optional	UAE and DIFC Employment Law 2025-26	15 at Level 7
LEX4819	Optional	International Maritime	15 at

		Law 2025-26	Level 7
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Year 1 Level 7 FT and PT Semester 3 Options

Code	Type	Module Title	Credits at FHEQ Level
LEX4760	Compulsory (pass required - non-compensatable)	Legal Practice Research Project 2025-26	60 at Level 7
LEX4770	Compulsory (pass required - non-compensatable)	Work Integrated Learning 2025-26	60 at Level 7

Year 1 Level 7 FT and PT Non-credit bearing work experience

Non-credit bearing work experience module subject to students finding suitable work experience

Code	Type	Module Title	Credits at FHEQ Level
LEX4800	Compulsory	Postgraduate Legal Work Experience 2025-26	0 at Level 7

Year 2 Level 7 PT

Code	Type	Module Title	Credits at FHEQ Level
LEX4820	Compulsory	Solicitors Legal Skills 2026-27	30 at Level 7

Year 2 Level 7 PT Optional Module Selection PT

Semester 1 : 1 option module (15 credits)

*No option module in semester 1 if student chooses LEX4809 International Commercial Litigation and Arbitration (30 credits) in semester 2

Semester 2:

LEX4809 OR One option module (15 credits) (only if student has selected 15 credit option module in semester 1)

Code	Type	Module Title	Credits at FHEQ Level
LEX4802	Optional	Law of the International	15 at

		Sale of Goods 2026-27	Level 7
LEX4804	Optional	Technology and the Law 2026-27	15 at Level 7
LEX4807	Optional	Mergers and Acquisitions 2026-27	15 at Level 7
LEX4809	Optional	International Commercial Litigation and Arbitration 2026-27	30 at Level 7
LEX4810	Optional	Comparative Corporate Governance 2026-27	15 at Level 7
LEX4812	Optional	Business and Human Rights 2026-27	15 at Level 7
LEX4817	Optional	Technology in Legal Practice and Dispute Resolution 2026-27	15 at Level 7
LEX4818	Optional	UAE and DIFC Employment Law 2026-27	15 at Level 7
LEX4819	Optional	International Maritime Law 2026-27	15 at Level 7

Year 2 Level 7 PT Semester 3 PT Options

Code	Type	Module Title	Credits at FHEQ Level
LEX4760	Compulsory (pass required - non-compensatable)	Legal Practice Research Project 2026-27	60 at Level 7
LEX4770	Compulsory (pass required - non-compensatable)	Work Integrated Learning 2026-27	60 at Level 7

Year 2 Level 7 PT Non-credit bearing work experience

Non-credit bearing work experience module subject to students finding suitable work experience

Code	Type	Module Title	Credits at FHEQ Level
LEX4800	Optional	Postgraduate Legal Work Experience 2026-27	0 at Level 7

*Please refer to your programme page on the website re availability of option modules

16. Programme-specific support for learning

Tailor-made and comprehensive Welcome and Induction Programme and advice on decisions regarding module and programme enrolment;

Specialist skills training and advice about opportunities for generic language and skills training;

Availability of individual help and group sessions on academic writing and language from the Learning Enhancement Team.

Supply of a comprehensive programme handbook and separate module handbooks for all modules including a detailed legal practice research project handbook;

Electronic and tailored reading lists available through MyUniHub for each module;

Online systems on MyUniHub to support learning opportunities;

Opportunities to consult Law Progression Advisers;

Availability and guidance from library staff, including a dedicated Law Librarian;

Availability of computer assisted learning facilities;

Electronically accessible feedback on all summative module assessments;

Facilities and equipment available to assist students with disabilities;

Access to careers information and an Employability Service staffed with careers advisers with extensive knowledge of career options in law;

Access to libraries other than Middlesex University;

Provision of close personal supervision throughout the course via their module tutors/programme leader/ supervisors of research projects or internships, including availability of guidance during weekly open office hours. Partner (College of Legal Practice) modules:

A pre-course SQE study pack that includes legal knowledge in areas from the SLK Manual

An individual personal tutor

Full access to the College's Learning Portal and virtual community

A mobile application

Multimedia presentations, workbook scenarios and flashcards for each unit, to access as and when they like

2300+ MCQs including multiple-choice questions for every unit and across practice areas,

building up from week 1

1-2-1 supervisions and personal tuition

Virtual surgeries on legal content and concepts

Weekly 'town halls' run by module leaders & supervisors

Formative assessments

Hard and soft copy SLK and SLS Manuals containing all reading materials

100+ activities, practice tasks and simulated assessments to access 10 x 30-minute surgeries on legal content and concepts

24 skill practices with individual supervisor feedback

Performance supervisions/pastoral personal tutor sessions

SQE Ready Review with 1-2-1 supervisor to assess readiness for SQE1 and SQE2 for every student.

17. HECos code(s)	100482: Business Law
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17. HECos code(s)	100485: Law
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18. Relevant QAA subject benchmark(s)	
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19. University Regulations

This programme will run in line with general University Regulations: Policies Middlesex University
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20. Reference points

21. Other information (if applicable)
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Please note programme specifications provide a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve if they take full advantage of the

learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information about the programme can be found in the rest of your programme handbook and the university regulations.

22b. Mapping by level of study and module

Module Title Level 7	Module Code	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7
Legal Practice Research Project	LEX4760		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Work Integrated Learning	LEX4770		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Postgraduate Legal Work Experience	LEX4800		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Legal Research Skills	LEX4801			x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Law of the International Sale of Goods	LEX4802		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Technology and the Law	LEX4804		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Mergers and Acquisitions [Dubai and Mauritius only]	LEX4807		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Solicitors Legal Knowledge	LEX4808	x	x	x	x				x	x	x			x	x
International Commercial Litigation and Arbitration	LEX4809		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Comparative Corporate Governance	LEX4810		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Business and Human Rights	LEX4812		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Technology in Legal Practice and Dispute Resolution [Dubai only]	LEX4817		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
UAE and DIFC Employment Law [Dubai only]	LEX4818		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
International Maritime Law [Dubai and Mauritius only]	LEX4819		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Solicitors Legal Skills	LEX4820	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x		x	x