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BASIC FRAMEWORK / PROGRAMME DATA

Originating institution(s) Bournemouth University
Award(s) and title(s) BA (Hons) Law (Top-up)
UCAS Programme Code(s) (where applicable and if known) 2KH5
HESA JACS (Joint Academic Coding System) Code(s) per programme/pathway M100
External reference points(s) Alignment with the QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education, Chapter A1: The National Level (FHEQ), and Chapter A2: The Subject and Qualification Level including: Law Benchmark, QAA Dec 2007
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB) links None
Place(s) of delivery Bournemouth University
Mode(s) of delivery Full-time
Credit structure 120 credits at Level 4 (60 ECTS)
120 credits at Level 5 (60 ECTS)
120 credits at Level 6 (60 ECTS)
Duration 1 year full-time/ 2 years part-time
Date of original approval(s) April 2014
Date of first intake September 2014
Student numbers 20
Placements N/A
Partner(s) and model(s) N/A
Date and version number of this Framework/Programme Specification January 2017
Student intake(s)/cohort(s) Version 1.1-0918

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NM 1516 21, approved 15 August 2016.
1 AIMS OF THE DOCUMENT

The aims of this document are to:

Define the structure of the BA (Hons) Law Level 6 Top Up programme and its place within the Law Undergraduate Framework;

Identify the programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

Articulate the regulations governing the awards offered through this programme.

2 PROGRESSION ROUTES

The BA (Hons) Law Top-Up degree programme is designed to build on the educational experience of students completing a relevant Foundation programme. In addition this programme will provide overseas students (including those from overseas universities that the Business School has link arrangements with) who do not have the requisite qualifications to progress directly onto a masters programme, the opportunity to develop personally and professionally which will enable them to progress to a business career in a variety of organisations, or to continue in higher education to masters level and beyond. An English education, both graduate and masters improve the student’s employability in their home market.

3. AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The primary aims of the programme are:

To offer a high quality Level 6 programme in law which builds on knowledge and capabilities gained in prior programmes of study.

To offer students a degree qualification that is academically robust and vocationally relevant, that will allow them to develop both personally and professionally in their future postgraduate study and/or careers.

To develop a wide range of communication skills for academic and professional purposes, underpinned by legal knowledge.

To provide overseas students who do not have the requisite qualifications to progress directly onto a masters programme with the opportunity to develop personally and professionally which will enable them to progress to a business career in a variety of organisations, or to continue in higher education to masters level and beyond.

To offer students the ability to consolidate and refine the language and study skills required for effective academic performance at Honours Level in UK higher education.

During induction students will benefit from our extensive experience in legal skills training to equip them with the skills and knowledge they will need for the further study of law.
Induction

The programme will include an extended induction period to introduce students to the expectations of a UK Higher Education institution at Honours level. The students will participate in sessions to introduce them to the core elements of the programme, the legal system and the Law of England and Wales. During induction students will benefit from our extensive experience in legal skills training to equip them with the skills and knowledge that they will need for the further study or law.

The induction period will also include attention to study skills to enable students to effectively make the transition to honours level work, and the type of learning environments and assessed tasks that they will encounter. This will include some or all of academic English, study skills, assignments and research methods. They will also have sessions concerning the use of the Library, computing and information technology resources.

4. INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

This programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge, understanding and skills, as follows.

Subject Knowledge and Understanding
Students will be expected to:

A1 Develop a knowledge of a specialist areas of law: in the Level 6 core subjects and options.

A2 Develop a knowledge of technically complex aspects of legal principles, concepts and rules

A3 Critically analyse sources of law and academic commentaries

A4 Develop a knowledge of how the law operates in the wider context of commerce and enterprise

Teaching and Learning Methods and Strategies
Core knowledge and understanding are acquired through lectures, seminars, and guided independent study of textbooks and journal articles.

Assessment
Knowledge and understanding are assessed via coursework, examination and the extended essay. Communicative and cultural competences are assessed through coursework and/or examination

Intellectual Skills
Students will be expected to be able to:

B1 Critically evaluate and review information from a range of sources

B2 Apply appropriate legal research techniques and methods

B3 Define problems, devise and evaluate possible solutions
B4  Apply knowledge to complex problems to provide arguable conclusions

B5  Produce an argument and evaluate information provided from a range of data

Teaching and Learning Methods and Strategies
Cognitive skills are developed through lectures, seminars, group discussion, tutorials and group work. Students learn to apply these skills through case study analysis and reflection.

Assessment
Intellectual skills are assessed by a variety of assessment methods including presentations, formal reports, essays and examination. Students undertake a Legal Research Study to demonstrate their thinking skills to the highest level.

Subject Specific/Practical Skills
Students will be expected to acquire and demonstrate the following skills:

C1  Plan, undertake and present an independent project with limited reliance on guidance

C2  Access legal sources both text and on-line

C3  Summarise complex documents and legal data

Teaching and Learning Methods and Strategies
Subject specific skills are promoted through seminar activities, and group and individual exercises. Students produce a Research study to provide them with an element of independence to test a range of practical skills, under the guidance of the dissertation supervisor.

Assessment
Assessment of subject specific skills is via coursework, the submission of reports, and oral presentations. The Extended Essay should illustrate student competence in practical skills associated with the research process.

Transferable skills
Students will be expected to acquire and demonstrate the following skills:

D1  Work effectively with others and independently

D2  Undertake self-management & personal organisation (e.g. time management)

D3  Work under pressure to meet deadlines

D4  Communicate effectively

D5  Demonstrate problem solving skills and the application of knowledge in their chosen specialist areas

D6  Recognise and respect the views of others
5. LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGIES AND METHODS

Transferable skills are developed in a contextual manner throughout the Programme via seminar work, on-line communication, coursework assignments, examinations and management of the dissertation.

6. ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES AND METHODS

Skills are tested through coursework assignments throughout the programme, particularly those where information gathering, written and oral communication and group work are prioritised.
7. Programme Skills Matrix Template

Matrix table showing the relationship between ILOs for a programme and its constituent units

| Units | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 | C1 | C2 | C3 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | D6 |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Law of International Trade | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Company Law | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Legal Research Study | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Advanced Academic English | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Media and Entertainment Law | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Intellectual Property Law | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Employment Law | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |

A Subject Knowledge and Understanding

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D Transferable Skills

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2. Undertake self-management and personal organisation (eg time management).
3. Work under pressure to meet deadlines.
4. Communicate effectively.
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6. Recognise and respect the views of others.
8. PROGRAMME DIAGRAM

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**PROGRAMME DIAGRAM**

**BA (Hons) LAW (Level 6 Top-Up)**

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<th>Exit qualification: BA (Hons) Law</th>
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9. **ADMISSION REGULATIONS**

The regulations for this programme are the University Standard Admission Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes available on the Staff Intranet and can be found via the link below:
https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/pandptest/3A%20Standard%20Admissions%20Regulations%20Undergraduate%20Programmes.pdf

10. **ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS**

The regulations for this programme are the University Standard Undergraduate Assessment Regulations to be found at:
https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/pandptest/6A%20Standard%20Assessment%20Regulations%20Undergraduate%20Programmes.pdf
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**Partner:** N/A

**Language of delivery (if not English):**

**Programme HESA JACS code:** M100

**Interim Award and Titles & required credits:** N/A

**Framework Title (in full):** Law Framework

**Programme Award and Title:** BA (Hons) Law (Top-Up)

**Place(s) of Delivery:** Bournemouth University

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**Placement:** N/A

*Advanced Academic English is taken only by students with IELTS below level 7 on entry and is a core unit for these students.*