

# BPP Law School

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## More than just the letter of the law

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# Welcome to our new prospectus





To help you navigate through the prospectus, we have colour coded the sections into the information and qualifications relevant to each stage of your career. The same section colours are used throughout and can be clearly identified on the contents page, law career map on pages 4-5 and the tabs on the side of each page.

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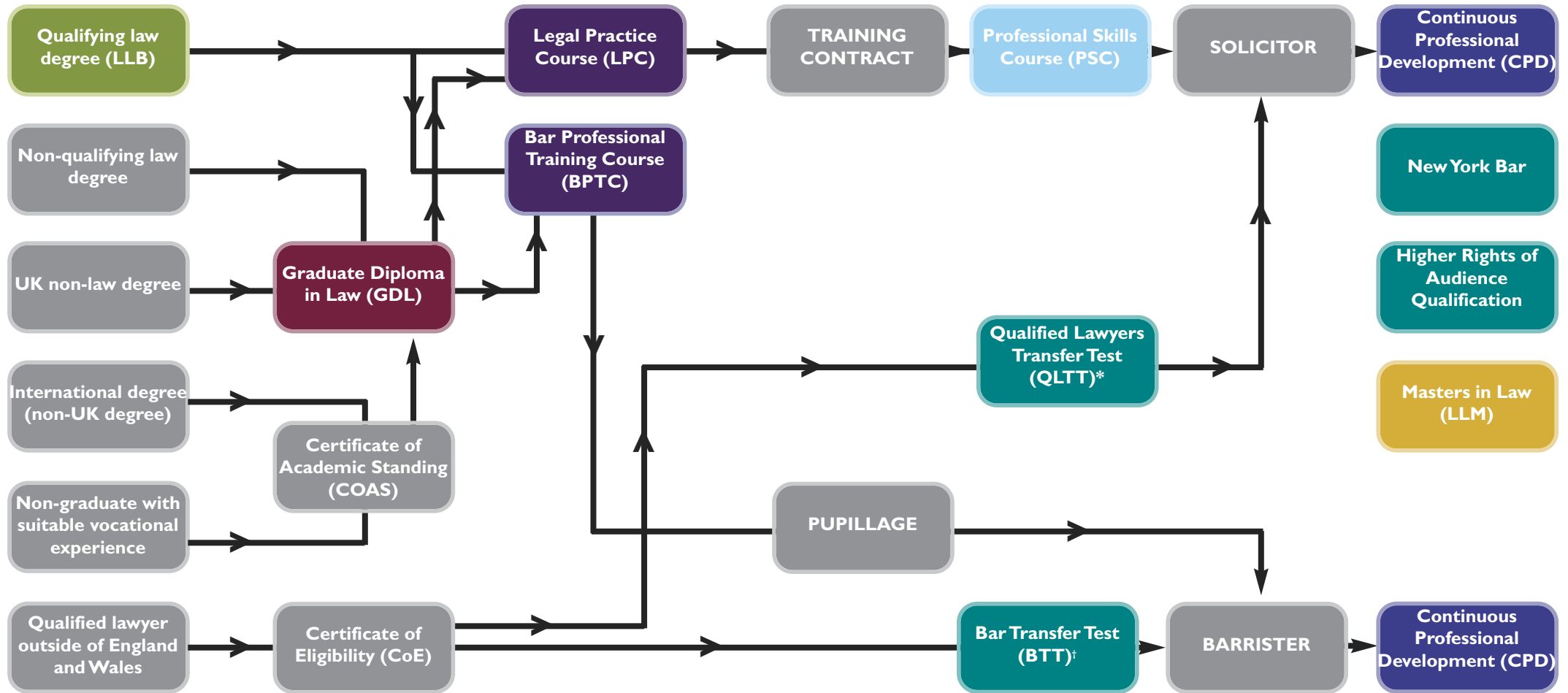
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# Law career map

 Key milestones on your journey to qualification.



\*This course is also relevant to qualified barristers of England and Wales

†This course is also relevant to qualified solicitors of England and Wales

# Studying with BPP

As a leading provider of legal education and training – with thousands of students and professionals choosing to study with us every year – BPP Law School has built an international reputation for excellence. With unique pro bono opportunities, highly experienced tutors, links with leading law firms and a huge range of resources for ongoing professional development, we're with you all the way.

## A formidable reputation

BPP Law School, part of BPP University College of Professional Studies, is one of the leading law schools in the country. BPP was established over 30 years ago as a training provider for accountants; today, almost all FTSE 100 companies and two thirds of accountants train with BPP.

## Real-world experience

At BPP, our focus is on making you more successful in the real world. We are committed to providing the highest standard of legal education, with tutors who are a dynamic mix of academics and practitioners from a variety of practice backgrounds.

## Links with the profession

BPP maintains a particularly strong reputation within the legal community. In fact, we work with many of the UK's leading law firms and have close connections with barristers' chambers and the Bar.

More than 500 organisations choose to sponsor their employees to study at BPP, including those featured opposite, who send their trainees exclusively to us:



# Studying with BPP – preparing you for practice

## Flexibility in how you learn

At BPP, you can choose to attend law school during the day, in the evening, at the weekend and, on some programmes, via distance learning. Our student-focused ethos means that your overall experience of BPP will be of an equally high standard, regardless of the location, programme or mode of study you choose.

We offer the latest e-learning technology and dynamic tutors to achieve maximum choice as to when, where and how you study – for example:

- > live lectures
- > lectures on DVD, or as MP4 or MP3 files
- > live or online tutorials

Options available depend on your chosen programme. Please see individual programme details for further information.

## Award-winning facilities and information technology

Our buildings are equipped with the very latest technology, including:

- > SMART boards
- > a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) enhancing the face-to-face tuition you receive and offering innovative learning resources and revision aids, including interactive modules, tutor feedback, practice assessments and tests, podcasts, blogs, wikis, online tutorials and past lectures
- > a specialist law library, with long opening hours
- > one of the UK's largest and most advanced online law libraries
- > a laptop loan scheme

## Student support

We offer you support from the moment you accept your place at BPP, including:

- > an allocated personal tutor
- > learning support officers to help accommodate a wide variety of learning needs
- > scholarship programmes to assist those in financial hardship
- > comfortable common areas with free internet access, satellite television, pool tables and on-site cafés

- > the Student Advantage scheme, offering discounts from a variety of businesses around the local areas
- > an accommodation service that can support you in finding a suitable place to live whilst studying

For further information, please visit:

**[www.bpplawschool.com](http://www.bpplawschool.com)**

- > welcome drinks and programme parties as part of your induction, plus a wide variety of student-led clubs, societies, sports teams, quizzes, student balls and mooting competitions, in all of our locations
- > a Careers Service offering excellent links with the profession and providing specialist one-to-one support, enabling you to achieve your career aspirations. For full information, please refer to page 11
- > an award-winning Pro Bono Centre, offering you a unique opportunity to put your knowledge and skills into practice in real life situations. For full information, please refer to page 14

## International perspective

BPP Law School is a truly international community, and our international students' office is dedicated to providing for the needs of all students from overseas. Here, you can get help and advice on any aspect of living and studying in the UK, including English language support.

For those considering going into international law, we have a range of benefits designed to maximise your future success (including Mandarin classes for beginners). We also provide undergraduates with the opportunity to attend a study school at one of BPP's international locations for two to four weeks during the summer, with a full programme of study and social activities – an ideal way to experience another culture and meet fellow students face-to-face, especially for those studying online.

For more reasons why you should study at BPP, please visit: **[www.bpplawschool.com/study\\_at\\_bpp](http://www.bpplawschool.com/study_at_bpp)**

To join the BPP Law School online community:



# Studying with BPP – qualification and beyond

It's essential to achieve ongoing success in your legal career. Whether you need to refresh, update or develop your knowledge, we can help you to achieve your requirements. We employ a range of innovative and interactive training methods to ensure our training is stimulating, challenging and, most importantly, effective.

Our **Professional Skills Course (PSC)**, forms part of your compulsory training to become a solicitor, and with BPP you will experience:

- > high quality teaching; our trainers are all qualified professionals in the legal field
- > the widest choice of electives in the market
- > availability to complete your PSC in one of our 12 locations nationwide
- > the assurance that over 95% of our delegates pass their Financial & Business Skills exam first time

BPP provides an unrivalled breadth and depth of **Continuous Professional Development (CPD)** courses, delivered by highly skilled and experienced practitioners in their fields.

- > We cover every major area of law and supplementary skills training
- > All our tutors bring a high level of practical industry skills to our training
- > You will learn in an environment with fellow professionals, through an interactive and engaging approach. Using relevant examples, you will be able to take the immediate benefits back to your workplace
- > Our courses are taught nationwide in our high quality training centres
- > To enable the most cost-effective training, you can also join our membership scheme, which provides competitive discounts on our public courses

- > We can tailor any of our public courses to meet your specific needs, delivered in-house, designed to focus on the precise needs of your firm

## And more...

Wherever you need to go in your career, we're there for you.

- > Prepare you for practice in New York, with the **New York Bar exam**
- > Train you for **Higher Rights of Audience Qualification**, enabling you to become a solicitor advocate
- > If you've trained in certain jurisdictions overseas, we can prepare you for practice in England and Wales with the **Bar Transfer Test (BTT)** – for practice at the Bar) or, for practice as a solicitor, the **Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test (QLTT)** or preparation for the **Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme (QLTS)** for those who applied for their certificate of eligibility after the 31 August 2010
- > For the QLTT, we provide mock tests in both classroom and home study options, and are the only provider to offer the Assured Pass Pack

See individual sections for more about the benefits of all these programmes.

# Achieve your ambitions with our specialist Careers Service

At BPP Law School there's much more beyond the high-quality tuition and internationally recognised qualifications – our specialist Careers Service\* provides the support you need to achieve the career you want, whether you're already established or just starting out.

We offer extensive face-to-face and online specialist legal careers resources to all our students, regardless of your module of study or location. To help you get ahead of the competition, our support is available to you as soon as you accept your place, and up to six months before you begin your studies. We know it can take time to secure the perfect role, therefore our Careers Service's resources are available to you for up to a year after you leave BPP.

## One-to-one support

All students have different goals and aspirations – that's why our Careers Service offers you one-to-one specialist careers expertise. It includes:

- > pre-booked 45-minute careers appointments all year round, plus drop-in appointments during term time
- > assistance with applying for placements in law firms, barristers' chambers, companies or the not-for-profit sector, both in the UK and overseas
- > advice on writing CVs, covering letters and completing application forms

- > careers guidance via email
- > mock interviews and assessment centres with experienced careers consultants or practitioners, many of whom have sat on recruitment panels
- > advice sessions to develop a career action plan detailing the steps you should take to achieve your goals
- > the BPP 'Buddy Scheme' offering guidance and support from students with training contracts
- > flexible service opening hours to accommodate part-time students

\* Not applicable to PSC, CPD, QLTT, BTT, NYB and HRAQ delegates.

*"I first used the Careers Service in the spring before starting the LPC, and without this support I am sure I would not have secured a training contract in the midst of a recession."*

**David Garvey**  
Full-time LPC London (Holborn), 2009/10  
Trainee, Laytons Solicitors



## Careers resources

We also offer you access to specialist careers information, including:

- > a database with a large range of legal vacancies including posts advertised exclusively to BPP students
- > online feedback from previous interviewees on interviews for training contracts and pupillages
- > weekly e-newsletter with new job vacancies, vacation schemes, voluntary work and deadline reminders – you can choose to receive this as soon as you accept your place
- > employer talks and online archive of past talks

## Links with the profession

We maintain close links with the legal profession locally, nationally and internationally. This allows us to offer you the most up-to-date information about a career in law, such as:

- > access programmes including the exclusive 'Access to Practice' scheme and diversity schemes run in conjunction with leading law firms
- > a programme of lectures, panel discussions and presentations from a wide variety of potential employers, offering inside advice on applying for training contracts and pupillages, and life in practice
- > annual law fairs, giving you an excellent opportunity to network with representatives from various law firms and other legal organisations
- > paralegal and alternative careers fairs, allowing you to explore other career paths in law
- > for all GDL students in Leeds and Manchester, access to work experience with a law firm that matches your experience and interests

## Careers workshops

We run regular careers workshops throughout the year, including the summer before your programme commences, to help you gather all the information you need for your job search. These include:

- > planning your legal career
- > legal CVs and covering letters
- > application form guidance
- > psychometric testing

> applying for pupillages via [www.pupillages.com](http://www.pupillages.com)

> interview technique

> assessment centre and vacation scheme preparation

> creative job search – applying in non-traditional ways, accessing the hidden job market and networking

> soft skills workshops to enhance practical skills which are tested in recruitment processes and are important in today's workplace, such as commercial awareness, negotiation skills, networking skills and presentation skills

## Access to Practice

BPP's unique 'Access to Practice' scheme helps students without access to the legal profession to secure advice from lawyers in practice. Successful applicants are matched with a 'practice adviser' in an area of law or type of firm in which they are interested. In 2009/10, more than 360 practice advisers took part in the scheme. Practice advisers provide:

- > a point of contact with the legal profession
- > insight into life as a lawyer in practice
- > increased confidence in making applications and attending interviews
- > excellent networking opportunities

Some services operate at all sites, with others being centre specific. For further information, please visit: [www.bpplawschool.com/careers](http://www.bpplawschool.com/careers)



# Award-winning Pro Bono Centre

Our Pro Bono Centre\* – winner of several top awards, including The Lawyer’s ‘Pro Bono Activity of the Year’ and LawWorks’ award for ‘Best Pro Bono Contribution by a Partnership’ – offers you the opportunity to get involved in exciting projects that put your legal knowledge and skills into practise. Here, you can directly benefit members of the community who may not otherwise have access to legal services – as well as gaining invaluable, real-world experience that will impress on training contract and pupillage applications.

We offer pro bono opportunities across a range of specialisms which provide experience for students with different legal interests. These include:

- > BPP Legal Advice Clinic
- > Educational – Exclusion Appeals Project
- > Employment Law Projects
- > Human Rights Unit
- > Intellectual Property Pro Bono Group
- > Law Firm Pro Bono Shadowing Project
- > Legal Translation Service

- > Mediation Friends Project
- > Parent Partnership Project
- > Streetlaw

Some projects operate at all sites with others being tailored to local communities in Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Liverpool, London (Holborn and Waterloo), Manchester or Newcastle.

Further information on our pro bono activities and details of our projects can be found at:  
[www.bpplawschool.com/probono](http://www.bpplawschool.com/probono)

\*Not available to PSC and CPD delegates or those studying the QLTT, BTT, NYB and HRAQ.

*"My role as a BPP Legal Advice Clinic Adviser helped me see what being a trainee solicitor would be like and appreciate how not everyone who needs legal guidance can access a solicitor. My advice to other students – get involved early, be committed and make the most of the opportunity."*

**Martin Boyle**  
Full-time LPC Manchester, 2009/2010

# Locations

Our student-focused ethos means that your overall experience of BPP will be of an equally high standard, regardless of the location, programme or mode of study you choose (for locations specific to PSC, CPD, QLTT, HRAQ and NYB, see page 18).

## Birmingham

Birmingham, Britain's second largest city, has developed into an international centre which is an exciting hub of economic prosperity making it a great place to live, study and work.

### Programmes available

#### Degree programmes

- > LLM (Professional Legal Practice) (full-time and part-time)

#### Professional programmes

- > LPC (full-time and part-time)

## Bristol

As historic port, Bristol has long been a centre of international trade which has required the support of the legal profession. Present-day Bristol is a city alive with creativity and innovation, having been officially designated a 'Centre of Culture' and a 'Science City' as well as winning the European City of the Year Award in 2008.

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#### Degree programmes

- > LLM (Professional Legal Practice) (full-time and part-time)

#### Professional programmes

- > LPC (full-time and part-time)

## Cambridge

Cambridge is one the world's most renowned centres of academic excellence, as well as being famed for the beauty of its architecture and its idyllic riverside gardens known simply as 'the Backs'. Law has been studied here since the 13th century, and it remains at the hub of academic achievement and culture in the UK, having become a centre for high-tech businesses and research.

### Programmes available

#### Professional programmes

- > GDL (distance learning) – support classes only
- > LPC (full-time and part-time)\*

## Leeds

Leeds is a vibrant city with a lively social scene and plenty to keep you entertained while you undertake your studies. As one of the fastest growing economies in the UK, Leeds draws strength from its legal and financial services industry, with a close-knit legal community that boasts law firms ranking amongst the top ten in the UK.

- > LLM (Professional Legal Practice) (full-time and part-time) (Certain modules for this programme are taught in London.)

### Programmes available

#### Degree programmes

- > LLB (Honours) (GDL Conversion) (full-time and part-time) (Certain modules for this programme are taught in London.)

#### Professional programmes

- > GDL (full-time and part-time)
- > LPC (full-time and part-time)
- > BPTC (full-time and part-time)

#### Short programmes

- > Summer School (one week 'taster')

## Liverpool

Liverpool is the UK's fourth largest city, named as European Capital of Culture in 2008, and with several locations around its centre designated World Heritage Sites. It has long been a significant centre of finance and business as well as culture, with a particularly strong legal community which reflects that heritage, including numerous leading firms.

### Programmes available

#### Professional programmes

- > GDL (distance learning) – support classes only
- > LPC (full-time and part-time)\*

## London – Holborn and Waterloo

London is one of the world's most exciting cities. Diverse and dynamic, historical and multicultural, the capital is not only at the centre of British cultural and business life, it is a major player on the international legal and commercial stages.

London is home to some of the world's largest international and national law firms as well as many high street and specialist practices.

BPP has two law schools in London, one in Holborn and one in Waterloo.

## Holborn: Programmes available

### Degree programmes

- > LL.M (Commercial Law) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.M (Comparative Law) (full-time and part-time)\*
- > LL.M (Financial Regulation and Compliance) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.M (International Business Law) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.M (Professional Legal Practice) (full-time and part-time)

### Professional programmes

- > GDL (part-time)
- > LPC (full-time and part-time)
- > BPTC (full-time and part-time)
- > BTT (part-time)

The MA (Law with Business) is offered on a full-time and part-time basis at our state-of-the-art business school in the City of London.

## Manchester

Manchester is a cosmopolitan city with thriving nightlife and a bustling social scene – and, with a student population of over 60,000, is well suited to students' needs.

It is also one of the largest legal and commercial centres in the country. Whether you are interested in corporate and commercial work, clinical negligence or criminal law, you will have an opportunity to train in firms with leading national and international reputations.

## Waterloo: Programmes available

### Degree programmes

- > LL.B (Honours) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.B (Business Law) (Honours) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.B (Honours) (GDL Conversion) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.M (Professional Legal Practice) (full-time and part-time)

### Professional programmes

- > GDL (full-time and part-time)
- > LPC (full-time and part-time)

### Short programmes

- > LL.B and GDL Revision Programme (one day – one week)
- > Summer School (one week 'taster')

## Programmes available

### Degree programmes

- > LL.B (Honours) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.B (Business Law) (Honours) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.B (Honours) (GDL Conversion) (full-time and part-time) (Certain modules for this programme are taught in London.)
- > LL.M (Professional Legal Practice) (full-time and part-time) (Certain modules for this programme are taught in London.)

### Professional programmes

- > GDL (full-time and part-time)
- > LPC (full-time and part-time)

### Short programmes

- > Summer School (one week 'taster')

## Newcastle

With a long and significant history in the development of UK industry, Newcastle is now the commercial and educational centre for the north-east of England. With a thriving legal community that reflects this heritage and status, it has also become renowned for the quality of its entertainment and nightlife.

## Programmes available

### Professional programmes

- > GDL (distance learning) – support classes only
- > LPC (full-time and part-time)\*

## Distance learning

Our aim is to give our programmes the flexibility to be completely accessible, even if that means bringing them to your door. With BPP's distance learning you get exactly the same learning materials and levels of tuition as attending students – just in a more convenient form, including lectures and tutorials online. You can even blend your learning and attend some classes at law school and do the rest online.

## Programmes available

### Degree programmes

- > LL.B (Honours) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.B (Business Law) (Honours) (full-time and part-time)
- > LL.B (Honours) (GDL Conversion) (full-time and part-time)

### Professional programmes

- > GDL (full-time and part-time)

Distance learning GDL support classes are available in Cambridge, Dublin, Liverpool and Newcastle.

For more information on our locations, please visit: [www.bpplawschool.com/locations](http://www.bpplawschool.com/locations)

\* Subject to validation.

# Locations

Professional Skills Course,  
Continuous Professional Development,  
Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test,  
Higher Rights of Audience Qualification,  
New York Bar.

Whether you're a trainee solicitor who needs to complete your PSC, or already qualified and looking for ways to increase your expertise and develop your career, BPP offers over 300 CPD courses and additional legal qualifications at a wide range of locations across the UK. Please refer to the individual course details starting on page 56 to find a venue near you.



For general information about our courses or to make a booking at any of our UK locations, please contact our Client Care Team on 0845 226 2422 or email [enquiries@bpp.com](mailto:enquiries@bpp.com)

Courses on offer at each location vary, please see [www.bpp.com/pd](http://www.bpp.com/pd) for individual course details.

# Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL)

The GDL (or CPE) is a conversion programme enabling graduates in any non-law subject, overseas law graduates, those holding non-qualifying law degrees and non-graduates with significant vocational experience to convert to a career in law. After completing the GDL you can progress to the LPC (for intending solicitors) or the BPTC (for intending barristers).

As the leading provider of the GDL, at BPP we offer the 'Distinctive GDL' which comprises special features in addition to the foundation modules required by solicitors' and barristers' governing bodies. Our programme is designed to help you make the transition from undergraduate study to the legal profession and give you a competitive advantage in practice, whether studied full-time, part-time or via distance learning.

What's more, we provide a free optional professional skills programme for all GDL students to give you a head start in your legal career. In Leeds and Manchester we can organise work experience for you as well.

## Preparing you for practice

The GDL may be the first experience you have of law, so we have designed a programme that offers both a solid academic grounding and preparation for the realities of legal practice, including:

- > an induction programme which assumes no prior knowledge of law
- > training in legal research, analysis, application and communication
- > developing commercial awareness
- > regular individual feedback on written work and extensive exam technique practice
- > extra-curricular online legal writing workshops
- > strong personal tutor support network
- > comprehensive BPP manuals and casebooks, written by BPP examiners
- > the opportunity to gain experience and put what you learn on the GDL into practice through BPP's award-winning Pro Bono Centre

- > the flexibility to balance your studies with work, family and other commitments, with the option of part-time study, distance learning and personalising your timetable during the core teaching period on the full-time programme

BPP is the exclusive provider of the GDL for nine leading firms: Bircham Dyson Bell, Davies Arnold Cooper, Dewey & LeBoeuf, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Herbert Smith, Hogan Lovells, Norton Rose, Reed Smith, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, Slaughter and May, Taylor Wessing and Withers.

## What makes BPP's GDL unique?

- > Tutorials available live or online. Online tutorials are also recorded allowing you to review them again later
- > Regular consolidation seminars allowing you to catch up on areas you missed first time around or revisit subjects where necessary
- > Lectures are available in four formats\* – live in the lecture theatre, on DVD (an introductory box set covering the entire programme is included in the fees), and as MP4 and MP3 files. At BPP we use technology to complement rather than replace traditional face-to-face teaching – the four lecture formats give you the freedom to enhance your learning and make use of all options, and to study when is convenient for you
- > The only GDL in the country to feature the following free optional programmes:
  - GDL Extra so you can specialise in areas related to practice
  - Company Law programme
  - GDL Professional Skills programme

\* Formats available are subject to differ according to mode and location.

## Programme content and assessment

The programme begins with an introductory module on the English Legal System followed by the seven foundation modules that are taught using a one-hour tutorial and a one-hour lecture per module per week on the full-time programme (although Law of the European Union, as a half module, is taught differently).

## GDL Extra – your chance to specialise

Every GDL student in the country studies the same seven foundation modules, but BPP's 'GDL Extra' makes optional supplementary subjects available. We also offer an optional programme in Company Law.

This means, as a BPP student, you have an immediate advantage – you can demonstrate to any prospective employer that you already have genuine interest and expertise in a specialist area of law.

## GDL Professional Skills

Every GDL student at BPP has the chance to undertake an optional skills programme, through which they will develop and hone the professional skills and attributes necessary to succeed as a legal professional. The focus on this optional programme is on written and oral communication skills, with guidance from practitioners as well as academics on what will be required at the vocational stage of training and ultimately in firms and chambers. The aim is to give you an edge over other law graduates and GDL students in securing that vital training contract or pupillage and on the vocational stage of training itself.

## Work experience

If you are a GDL student at our law schools in Leeds or Manchester you can take part in our work experience scheme. This includes a programme of activities, such as a commercial awareness workshop, pro bono work, a one-day or more placement at a law firm and various legal career talks. In today's competitive market this kind of experience looks outstanding on your CV and will help you secure a training contract.

	Modules	Assessment
Full-time (1 year)	<b>Introductory module</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Legal System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-hour computer-based test</li> </ul>
	<b>Foundation modules</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constitutional and Administrative Law</li> <li>Contract Law</li> <li>Criminal Law</li> <li>Law of Equity and Trusts</li> <li>Land Law</li> <li>Law of the European Union</li> <li>Law of Torts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exam</li> <li>Exam</li> <li>Exam</li> <li>Exam</li> <li>Exam</li> <li>Computer-based test and coursework</li> <li>Exam</li> </ul>
	In addition, you will complete an independent research essay on a topic chosen from a wide range of titles, a case analysis test, a statute analysis test and a further piece of coursework.	
	<b>Optional subjects</b> <p><b>GDL Professional Skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Client Care</li> <li>Ethics</li> <li>Oral Communication Skills</li> <li>Presentational Skills</li> <li>Written Communication Skills</li> <li>Work experience in Leeds and Manchester</li> </ul> <p><b>GDL Company Law programme</b></p> <p><b>GDL Extra:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence and Forensics</li> <li>Intellectual Property Law</li> <li>International Law</li> <li>Law in the City</li> </ul>	These subjects are not assessed.

For details of the structure of the part-time and distance learning programmes and module descriptions, please visit: [www.bpplawschool.com/programmes/gdl](http://www.bpplawschool.com/programmes/gdl)

## Flexible learning

To give the flexibility to balance your studies with work, family and other commitments, we offer more study options than any other leading provider. Full-time programmes starting in September or January take one academic year, part-time programmes starting in January take 18 months and those starting in September take two academic years. BPP's study modes include:

- > full time
- > distance learning (with unlimited online access and optional face-to-face classes)
- > part-time day
- > part-time evening (one or two evenings per week)
- > part-time Saturday
- > part-time distance learning (with unlimited online access and optional face-to-face classes)

If your circumstances change after registration you can switch between modes and on the full-time programme you can even personalise your timetable during the core teaching period following induction, subject to availability.

Many students value the flexibility this approach offers, for example:

- > attend on two or three days a week\*
- > do the entire programme online by watching lectures at times to suit you and logging into remote tutorials at scheduled times\*
- > start early, finish early: 8/9am – 1.30pm
- > tutorial crunch: classes scheduled to give you a long weekend every week\*

### January start

You also have the option of a January start for the GDL. The programme is the same length as the one starting in September for the full-time and accelerated to 18 months for the part-time (January 2011 – June 2012). The content on both modes is exactly the same as our programmes starting in September, but all lectures are online rather than live.

The GDL is available in **Leeds, London (Holborn and Waterloo)** and **Manchester**.

**We also provide support classes for the distance learning GDL in Dublin.**

## More time with your tutors

In addition to tutorials and lectures we provide regular catch-up sessions, providing you with the chance to:

- > go over difficult areas
- > explore issues in more depth
- > gain more practice on exam questions

In Leeds and Manchester, we also run a fortnightly GDL Surgery. This is your opportunity to meet with tutors of every module, on an informal basis to clarify any issues that you have with your work.

You can drop in on your own, in pairs or in small groups. You can also listen to other students' queries and join their discussions.

## Feedback

Regular feedback throughout the programme is essential, to enable you to monitor how you are doing and to help you identify how to improve before you reach your final exams.

In addition to working closely with you on your set work, we provide feedback via our practice paper system. This is your chance to submit extra written work throughout the core teaching term to tutors for their comments and guidance.

To give you a head start, in the first four weeks of the GDL you can attend extra-curricular online legal writing workshops designed to help you tackle the weekly practice papers.

## What if I'm exempt from part of the GDL?

Our GDL includes a high level of flexibility for those who are exempt from parts of the programme. Such exemptions may be available if, for example, you have a Scottish law degree or have studied a substantial amount of law at undergraduate level.

Part-exempt students may study the remaining GDL modules they require on a full-time, part-time or distance learning basis.

## LLB (GDL Conversion)

At BPP, you can graduate with an undergraduate degree in Law (LLB) after completing your GDL by studying for as little as an extra three months. This looks great on your CV and is internationally recognised. Please see page 30 for further details.

\*Lectures provided via DVD, and MP4 and MP3 files.

## Progressing onto the Legal Practice Course, Bar Professional Training Course or one of our LLMs

Places on our LPC, BPTC and LLMs are very popular. However, students who successfully complete our GDL are guaranteed\* a place on our LPC and LLMs.

For prospective barristers, the Bar Standards Board does not permit such guarantees. However, in the majority of cases we can usually offer students who successfully complete our GDL a place on our BPTC.

\* This promotion is subject to availability of places on the chosen course and to students complying with any third party requirements before joining the course. If you require a student visa to enable you to study with BPP you are responsible for obtaining the necessary visa and for ensuring that your attendance is satisfactory to meet your visa requirements. Terms and conditions apply in respect of the BPP LPC and LLM courses, these terms and conditions are available by e-mailing [admissions@bpp.com](mailto:admissions@bpp.com)

## Fees

For details, visit: [www.bpplawschool.com/fees](http://www.bpplawschool.com/fees)

### Is law for me?

If you are unsure whether a career in law is for you or if you want to get a 'head start' before commencing the GDL, BPP's popular week-long Summer School gives you an insight into the study and practice of law. Please see page 22 for further information.

## Admission requirements

- > Minimum lower second class UK honours degree  
or
- > Overseas graduates from a UK NARIC-listed university issued with a Certificate of Academic Standing (COAS) from the Bar Standards Board or Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)  
or
- > Mature non-degree holders with suitable vocational experience

International students whose first language is not English must demonstrate a sufficient command of English by holding an IELTS level 6.5 score (or equivalent).

Places at BPP fill up quickly so you are advised to apply as early as possible. Priority is given to applicants who have placed BPP as their first choice.

## How do I apply?

### Full-time – September start

Apply online at [www.lawcabs.ac.uk](http://www.lawcabs.ac.uk) or contact:

The Central Applications Board  
PO Box 84, Guildford, Surrey GU3 1YX  
Tel: +44 (0) 1483 451 080

### Full-time – January start

Please apply directly to BPP at:

[www.bpplawschool.com/apply\\_now](http://www.bpplawschool.com/apply_now)

### Part-time – September and January start

Please apply directly to BPP at:

[www.bpplawschool.com/apply\\_now](http://www.bpplawschool.com/apply_now)

### Full-time & Part-time – Distance Learning

Please apply directly to BPP at:

[www.bpplawschool.com/apply\\_now](http://www.bpplawschool.com/apply_now)

*"I benefited greatly from the structured yet flexible method of teaching at BPP, especially the availability of learning materials online, which helped consolidate my understanding of the syllabus and prepare me for the rigours of the GDL exams."*

**Nicolas Ghazi**

**Full-time GDL Manchester, 2009/10**



# In-house / tailor-made corporate programmes

BPP helps organisations to achieve success by ensuring that they can recruit, develop and retain the best possible trainees and employees. BPP now provides training programmes on an in-house basis to many of the FTSE 100 and 350 – but it's not limited to our standard programmes. We also offer individually tailored versions of existing programmes or completely bespoke solutions – and, because of BPP's degree-awarding powers, they come with full academic accreditation.

BPP College was granted degree-awarding powers in September 2007, in recognition of our quality and excellence. This means that in addition to the standard, academically certified programmes outlined in this prospectus, we are also able to customise existing programmes or develop bespoke programmes to precisely suit your needs – all underpinned by the academic rigour you expect from us. We can even validate existing in-house training programmes or design new programmes with a specific sector focus.

We can tailor study modes, too, working with you to create flexible full-time or part-time programmes to be delivered at our own superbly equipped centres, in the workplace or anywhere in the world via e-learning. BPP's e-learning option has been developed as an effective alternative to classroom training – particularly useful where you have a large, geographically dispersed function. With BPP you really do have the flexibility to study wherever you want, whenever you want – and you are always guaranteed the same quality of delivery.

Naturally, all BPP's tutors are experts in their field – many of them practitioners with industry experience. Programme content is also academically rigorous and continually reviewed through our close associations with leading companies, organisations and professional

bodies, and regularly updated to take into account new methodology, regulatory changes and business theories. Recently developed programmes have included a bespoke MBA programme for a large international law firm, a top talent programme for a world famous global technology company, a bespoke graduate training scheme for a national public sector body and a series of interactive Business Simulations for the graduate intake of a major international accounting and consulting firm.

We cover a wide range of professions from banking to finance and from leadership to sales. Whatever your area of business, whether you are looking to sponsor trainees on existing programmes, tailor a programme to your needs or provide rigorous training in-house, BPP prepares trainees for the real world – your world.

**To find out more about our corporate offering, request a dedicated brochure from admissions by calling 0845 077 5566 – or ask to speak directly to one of our business development team to discuss your organisation's individual training needs.**

# Life after BPP (xBPP)

Completing your programme at BPP Law School is just the first step – we are committed to supporting you as you develop and grow throughout your career, from simply keeping you up-to-speed with news about your contemporaries to providing you with practical benefits and opportunities to help you progress further.

## **xBPP – BPP’s alumni network**

Your connection with BPP and your fellow students and delegates doesn’t have to end when you complete your course. In fact, we actively encourage our alumnis to stay in touch – with us, and with each other. To make this possible, graduates of BPP Law School programmes\* are invited to join xBPP, our alumni association. xBPP provides members with a range of benefits free of charge including:

- > social events and reunions
- > professional and networking events
- > discounts on further study at BPP

\* Excludes CPD.

In addition, you will receive the quarterly xBPP e-newsletter emailed directly to your inbox. This keeps you up-to-date with the latest news both from BPP and from some of our notable alumni. It also features details about some of the ways you can remain involved in the life of the law school after your programme has finished, such as through our innovative ‘Access to Practice’ scheme.

For more information on xBPP, please visit:  
[www.bpplawschool.com/alumni](http://www.bpplawschool.com/alumni)

# Visit us

We are always happy to show you around any of our law schools.

We also run open days and evenings during the week and at weekends for you to meet our staff and ask any questions you may have. These sessions provide a fun and interactive way to:

- > find out more information about your chosen programme
- > sample our teaching
- > obtain specialist careers advice

> meet current BPP students and members of our alumni who are now working in practice

> see the quality of BPP's facilities and resources

All event dates can be found on our website. If these dates are not suitable, please contact admissions to arrange a personal tour at a time convenient for you.

BPP participates in numerous law fairs and university careers events throughout the year.

Please visit: [www.bpplawschool.com/visit\\_us](http://www.bpplawschool.com/visit_us) for more information.

# Contact us

If you have any queries about undergraduate degrees, masters degrees, the GDL, the LPC, the BPTC, the Summer School or Revision programmes, or would like to book a place on one of our open days or evenings, or arrange a personal tour, please contact admissions:

## Admissions

BPP University College of Professional Studies  
Aldine House  
Aldine Place  
142-144 Uxbridge Road  
London  
W12 8AW

Tel: 0845 077 5566

Fax: 020 7404 1389

Email: [admissions@bpp.com](mailto:admissions@bpp.com)

Web: [www.bpplawschool.com](http://www.bpplawschool.com)

For enquiries about PSC, CPD, QLTT, NYB or HRAQ or to book a course, please contact our Client Care team:

## Client Care team

BPP  
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Boulton House  
Chorlton Street  
Manchester M1 3HY  
Tel: 0845 226 2422  
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Email: [enquiries@bpp.com](mailto:enquiries@bpp.com)  
Web: [www.bpp.com/pd](http://www.bpp.com/pd)

# Funding and scholarships

BPP offers a fully flexible approach to fee payment including funding options with partner banks, scholarships, bursaries and a range of special student discounts. For information about fees for all programmes, please visit [www.bpplawschool.com/fees](http://www.bpplawschool.com/fees)

## Special offers

- > Students attending our short programmes who then go on to study one of our degree or professional programmes will receive a 20% refund on their short programme fees
- > BPP offers a 20% discount to current or former BPP GDL, LPC or BVC/BPTC students starting the LLM (Commercial Law), LLM (Comparative Law), LLM (Financial Regulation and Compliance) or LLM (International Business Law) in 2011

## BPP's scholarship scheme

To widen access to the legal profession, BPP operates a scholarship scheme for exceptional individuals demonstrating a strong desire and level of commitment to qualify as a lawyer.

Qualification for the scheme is based on a number of criteria including academic ability and financial need. For further details of the generous scholarships available, please visit: [www.bpplawschool.com/funding\\_and\\_scholarships](http://www.bpplawschool.com/funding_and_scholarships)

## Annual competition with Lawyer 2B

BPP partners Lawyer 2B to run a competition each year offering a free place on both the GDL and the LPC. The competition is launched in October and details can be found at: [www.bpplawschool.com/funding\\_and\\_scholarships](http://www.bpplawschool.com/funding_and_scholarships) or [www.thelawyer.com/lawyer2b](http://www.thelawyer.com/lawyer2b)

## Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)

The SRA offers a bursary scheme for GDL and LPC students along with a Diversity Access scheme to which BPP donates several free places each year.

Closing date for receipt of applications is usually in April prior to the start of your programme in September. For more information, please contact the SRA:

Tel: 0870 606 2555

Web: [www.sra.org.uk](http://www.sra.org.uk)

## Earning while learning

If you are concerned about funding your qualification, all BPP's programmes are available in part-time study modes offering flexibility to balance your studies with work, family and personal commitments.

## Payment Plans

To help spread the cost we offer payment plans, including monthly installments on many of our programmes. For details, please visit: [www.bpplawschool.com/fees](http://www.bpplawschool.com/fees)

## Student finance including student loans

If you are intending to study the LLB or LLB (Business Law) then you may be eligible for student finance. For more information on student finance and how to apply, please visit: [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)

## Other funding options

There are a number of other funding options available.

For further details, please visit:

[www.bpplawschool.com/funding\\_and\\_scholarships](http://www.bpplawschool.com/funding_and_scholarships)

More than 500 law firms, companies, not-for-profit organisations and government departments choose to sponsor their employees to study at BPP Law School, including:

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