



Looking to kick off your career as a legal professional? Look no further: the **Qualifying Law Degree (QLD)** is the one for you.

You'll delve into all the must-knows of the UK and EU legal system, building up an in-depth knowledge of law - and all the job smarts you'll need too.

This QLD is recognised by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board.

Being a successful lawyer is all about applying your legal knowledge to a complicated situation and providing a well-reasoned solution.

Each year, you'll explore the core principles of law. Once you've got this under your belt, you'll be free to pick two of the four optional modules*.

Modules are:

Year 1 (Level 4)

Foundations in Legal Skills

Every good career is built on a firm foundation - and here's yours. This module will kick you off with all the basics, including all the academic, legal, professional and work skills needed to succeed in your career.

English Legal System

How much do you know about how law is made and applied in England and Wales? Well, this will fill in the gaps. You'll find out about the differences between case law and legislation, you'll analyse how the legal system and parliament rub along together - not to mention how the EU fits in. You'll also start learning the jargon, to help you understand about the judiciary, delegated legislation and categories of law.

Criminal Law

Once you've nailed the basics of criminal law, you'll weigh up criminal liability, offence development and different defences - in both case law and legislation. You'll even look at the future of criminal offences - and get practical by using real-life scenarios.

Law of Contract

You know all those contracts you've read but not quite understood? Not any more. This module untangles all the elements of English contract law and how it relates to EU law. When you've finished, you'll be able to talk about the principles of contract law and show what those principles mean in real life.

Constitutional and Administrative Law

The constitution may go back a few years but it's always changing. Take a whistle-stop tour through history to pin down all the important principles, including Parliamentary supremacy, the Separation of Powers, the Rule of Law and, again, the impact of the EU.

How will you know when you've got it? You'll understand constitutional and administrative law in context - and be able to use it to solve problem scenarios.

Law and Ethics

Understanding the law is one thing - but what about ethics? This module will put the spotlight on civil and human rights, how to advise your clients and where your responsibilities lie. We'll throw you a few knotty problems to get your teeth into, too.



Year 2 (Level 5)

Law of Tort 1 – Tort of Negligence

The law of tort is considered in Tort 1 and Tort 2. In law, tort is a civil wrong and you'll learn about a variety of them.

You'll apply a critical eye to the best-known area of tortious liability and negligence. Is a duty of care owed to the injured person? Has someone breached that duty? Did that cause the injury? Could you have known the injury might happen? And what can be done about it?

Law of Tort 2 – Land and Other Torts

In Tort 2, we will cover tortious liability further. We're talking things like trespass, defamation and nuisance. With your critical hat on, you'll think about all the aims, principles and issues - and you'll show you can get stuck into a spot of legal research.

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

You'll have touched on this in the first year but here you'll really get to grips with human rights. What rights and freedoms do we really have? How much power do the police wield? What's the relationship between individuals and the state?

Law of Property

Welcome to the nuts and bolts of land law, titles and co-ownership. Property law includes all sorts of rights and you'll soon get the hang of them all.

European Union law

Europe has peeped into a few modules but it takes centre stage here, including the history, the key cases and its relation to domestic law.

Pro Bono and Professional Practice

Now's your chance to boost those transferable skills that employers love - either through work placements, your own employment or professional activities such as visits to schools, prisons, women's/men's centres.

Year 3 (Level 6)

Law of Evidence

Set your beady eye on the law relating to collecting and using evidence - and what proof really means. This module takes in important cases, as well as the Human Rights Act 1998.





Equity, Trusts and Wills

How did equity develop and how does it compare to common law? If you don't know now, you soon will. You'll understand the ABCs of trusts and scope out the skills you need to draft a will.

International Commercial Law

The international marketplace is busier than ever and you're going to know all the laws about trading in it. You'll master export rules and regs, international agreements - and what all this means in practice for companies.

Legal Research Methods and Project

Over to you now (but we'll be on hand to help out). You'll plan, research, draft, and write a research project, including all the ethical issues it throws up.

Optional Modules* (choose 2):

Family Law

Family law takes in relationships, children, child abduction and domestic abuse. In such sensitive areas, you'll need negotiation skills and legal drafting, as well as a thorough understanding of how family relationships work.

Employment Law

That heady mix of employee, employer, trade unions, the government and the EU. You'll look at the nitty-gritty of worker's rights, the global downturn, employee and child protection - and notch up plenty of transferable skills to use in the workplace.

***Optional modules are subject to availability.**

Company Law

What's it like to be in business today? What ethical impact do companies have on our society? From sole traders to big corporates, you'll get the all-round view of business types, as well as how to finance and run them - and what happens when businesses fail. Plus, the exciting bit comes when you get to set up your own mock business. You're hired.

Intellectual Property Law

What can the law do for creative types? Intellectual property law is the hot topic here. Using real life examples, you'll get up close and personal with the internet, creative industries, international law, trade, service marks, patents and copyright. And you'll understand the principles behind the whole shebang.



“Doing the law degree has opened a lot of new job opportunities which I did not have before. It made me more marketable within the job sector.”

Miriam Aziz

Law Student



Course duration and hours of study

This course will take 3 years to complete. Your course will be delivered through a blend of online and face-to-face teaching, compressing the amount of days you need to be at the study centre.

You can find out more information on the course page, visit www.arden.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call our admissions team on:

0800 268 7737 for more details.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for this course you must have either:

Two subjects at GCE A level or equivalent, plus passes at grade C or above in three subjects at GCSE level or equivalent; or completed a recognised Access Programme or equivalent.

For students whose prior learning was not taught in English:

IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.

If you have work experience

We're happy to consider an application from you if you can show us you have the motivation to study the programme.

