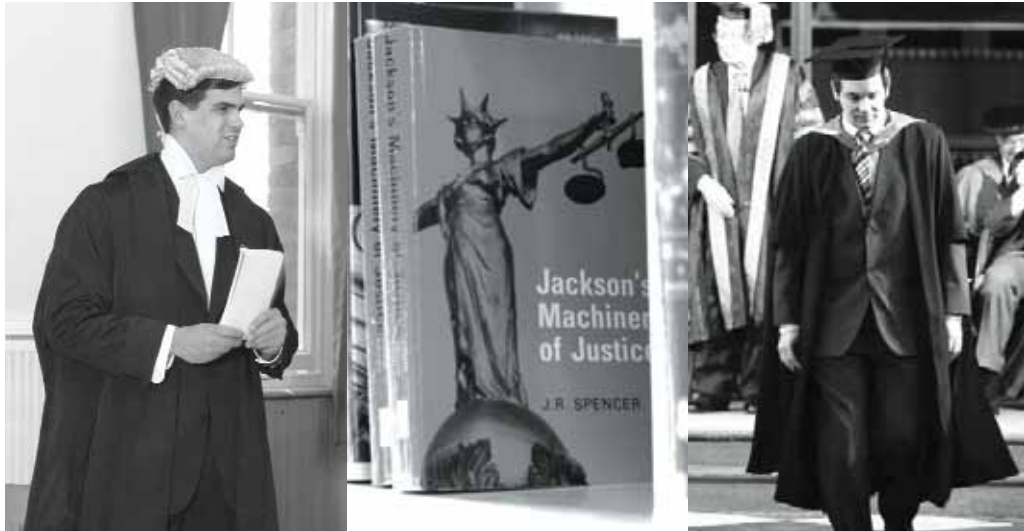


LAW BY PART TIME STUDY AT



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Law at the University of Buckingham

The Law School at the University of Buckingham is one of the largest University law schools in the United Kingdom. Recognised as innovative and dynamic, we have achieved worldwide recognition for our 2-year full-time law degree, offering sound academic training to students from many different backgrounds wishing to study at undergraduate and postgraduate level. A well-balanced mixture of nationalities and age groups contribute to the Law School's enriching environment. Building upon our innovative approach, and the recognition gained by our full-time law degree, we have, since 1993, been running a successful part-time Qualifying law degree. This

part-time course is designed to offer a unique method of study, combining the convenience of distance learning with weekly attendance at seminars for tailored guidance and support. We welcome students from a wide variety of backgrounds: some may already have achieved a professional qualification and are looking for a change in direction; others may be returning to education after a long absence; others still may wish to enter the legal profession as a solicitor or barrister. Experience shows that all our students bring their own valuable contribution to the programme, and all can be successful in gaining a law degree (LLB), whatever their background, provided they demonstrate sufficient commitment and motivation. In return, our part-time students will benefit from stimulating teaching from dedicated and

enthusiastic staff who will help them develop the analytical and research skills necessary for the successful study of law.

We look forward to welcoming you to Buckingham.

Judith Bray

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LLB (Hons) by Part-time study

Teaching Arrangements

Our Part-time LLB programme follows a traditional academic year and term structure, so you will benefit from the traditional breaks of full-time students. The year starts in late September or early October, with examinations taking place the following June. During term time, teaching takes place on Wednesday evenings, in the form of two, 1.5-hour seminars. The first seminar begins at 6:30pm and the evening ends at 10pm. There is a half-hour break between the two seminars, during which coffee and refreshments are served. Attendance is compulsory. Two subjects are covered each evening, the subjects rotating on a pre-set

timetable. In addition to the contact teaching hours, you will have to make a substantial commitment to private study and seminar preparation. The seminar groups are small and seminars are largely interactive, giving you ample opportunity to explore any areas of difficulty. You study three subjects each year (90 units) and therefore complete your degree (360 units) in four years. Of the twelve subjects studied, eight are compulsory law subjects and four are law options. The normal pattern of courses is:

Year 1

Introduction to Legal Studies

Constitutional & Administrative Law/Criminal Law

Law of Contract/Law of Torts

Year 2

Law of Torts/Law of Contract
Criminal Law/Constitutional & Administrative Law
Law of the European Union

Year 3

Land Law/Law of Trusts
Law Option (1)
Law Option (2)

Year 4

Law of Trusts/Land Law
Law Option (3)
Law Option (4)
Options may be selected from the following list, with availability in any year dictated by demand and available resources.

Law Options

Commercial Law

Company Law
Criminology
Law of Evidence
Employment Law
Intellectual Property Law
Family Law
International Law
Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
Sports Law

Materials

In common with any distance-learning programme, you are provided with a comprehensive range of materials, but additionally benefit from weekly seminar sessions, totalling 3 hours, during which you explore the law via a range of study materials. This unique feature allows you to study at your own convenience at home, with

exploration of any areas of difficulty taking place during the weekly seminars. At the beginning of each year, you will receive copies of the recommended course textbooks and casebooks for each subject to be studied in that year. You will also receive a comprehensive 'study pack' containing seminar study notes and materials, exercises, revision guidance notes and pointers, together with relevant cases and articles.

Our fees are inclusive of all study materials, textbooks and examination fees.



Examinations and Assessment

Assessment for each subject consists of an examination, which takes place annually in June and is worth 70% of your final mark, and coursework assignments submitted during the course of the year, worth the balance of 30%. Exceptionally, during the first year, 'Introduction to Legal Studies' is assessed continuously by a variety of exercises and a short multiple-choice test at the end of the year. All First Year students also sit a compulsory test in their remaining two subjects at the end of their first term of study, in order to assess their suitability for progression. This test does not contribute to their final mark in those subjects, however, and is simply a method for monitoring progress.

On successful completion of the programme you will be awarded a Bachelor of Laws (LLB Hons) degree and will be entitled to use the letters LLB (Buckingham) after your name. Your Honours degree will be classified either as first-class, upper second-class (2:1), lower second class (2:2), or third class Honours. Your degree is a 'Qualifying Law Degree', which satisfies the professional bodies' first stage of legal education - this is known as the 'Academic Stage of Training'. When you have successfully completed this Academic Stage you are eligible to apply for the second, 'Vocational Stage'. Graduates from Buckingham with a second class honours LLB or better are guaranteed a place at the College of Law on its Legal Practice Course (Vocational Stage), leading, after completion of a 'training contract', to qualification as a solicitor.

Personal Guidance

Our aim is to provide you with the legal skills that allow you to understand and apply the law, together with a capacity for legal analysis. Subject tutors are available to discuss subject-related problems. In addition, members of staff are available for guidance, advice and support.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for this programme. However, all applicants are invited to attend an informal interview so that we can determine whether you are suitable for study at undergraduate level. Motivation and work experience are taken into consideration, and applications are welcome from potential students of all ages.

Fees

The fees are inclusive of all study materials, including textbooks, casebooks, registration, examination fees and teaching. Fees are payable termly in advance, but can also be paid by monthly standing order, interest free, by arrangement with our Finance Office.

The Next Step

To apply please complete the application form, available from the Margaret Darrell, Course Secretary (her contact details are at the front of this brochure). It can also be downloaded from our website. You can use the back page of the form to include more detailed information about any work or life experiences you feel relevant to your application.

We look forward to welcoming you at Buckingham.



Current and Former Students



I had always wanted to do a degree programme but the last thing on my mind was to pursue a daunting course like a Law degree. My main challenge was to find something that would allow me to continue working full time, study and attend lectures without compromising on my working hours. After a lot of research, I found that the part-time Law degree with the University of

Buckingham would meet all my needs. I must say I was very reluctant to take on a programme which I knew would be time-consuming and required me to commit 4 years. However, the person I spoke to at the University encouraged me to take up the course and, after serious thoughts, I decided to give it a try.

Time flies, I can't believe I'm already in 3rd year, and I have not regretted my decision. The lecturers simplify the course. So far I have enjoyed every subject I have been taught. Also, the written support modules are very helpful, which is one of the advantages of pursuing the part-time degree with the University of Buckingham especially when working full time. The Wednesday seminars are brilliant. It is not a lecture. We have very

practical and interesting discussions.

I am currently working in the Charity sector.

The programme has given me a very wide understanding of the work we do, not to mention the confidence I have gained and am still gaining! Friends are already asking me for legal opinions! As to the future prospects I can already foresee job opportunities within my organisation but also beyond. If you are thinking of pursuing a career alongside working, I will certainly recommend this course. No doubt the thought of exams is intimidating, but they take place only once a year and the lecturers ensure you are very well prepared for them. I have often asked tutors for help via email, and their prompt responses are always appreciated, especially where EU law is concerned!

Rita Acquah



It had long been a personal ambition to study for a law degree, but being a working mother of three children, I knew that a full time course would not be possible. When I found out that I could study for the LLB (Hons) (a law degree) part-time at Buckingham, I was delighted and decided to take the plunge. There is no doubt that the course is tough but the lecturers are of such a high calibre, they

inspire you to push on and succeed. I certainly appreciate the personal weekly contact in the form of seminars. Balancing a day job and family with studying many evenings and often at weekends is extremely challenging, and requires a great deal of self-discipline, but it can be done and it is very rewarding. There are also the traditional holidays to catch your breath, including the long summer so it is not all work, work, work... However, you need to be prepared to balance the workload and assignment deadlines with life's other commitments, especially during term time.

The subjects are varied and the lecturers bring them to life so that they become very interesting. There is also a good network of support amongst the students and a strong sense of camaraderie. I am now nearly

halfway through and am determined to press on, complete the degree, and look forward to the career options that will arise as a result.

Tamara Saunders



The law has always fascinated me, but my training was in accountancy and so my interest was more or less amateur in nature. However, my ongoing role as the Regional Financial Controller for a blue chip company and my regular contact with clients and suppliers involves complex legal and contractual matters, and this made me think seriously about a legal qualification.

As a result, I decided to join the Buckingham 4-year part-time law degree. I have found the tutorials to be of a very high quality and the study modules extremely useful. The tutors are supportive and provide useful feedback, go through past exam papers and provide some useful tips in dealing with both problem and essay questions. Assignments throughout the academic year to strict deadlines keep the students focused and ready for the exams that take place in the summer.

The part-time students sit for the same exams as the full-time students and overall I would say that Buckingham provides a highly focused qualifying law degree. Although privately funded, as an accountant I can certainly say it is 'value for money' and has helped me considerably in my career.

Clarence Philipperi



I have been a Project Manager for over 10 years, managing many complex initiatives for various blue chip organisations. However, about 5 years ago, I realised there was a gap in my range of skills, and that gap was legal know-how. I felt I would be in greater control of my projects if I also had a good understanding of their legal dimensions. This insight brought me to Buckingham Law

School, and its 4-year Part-time Law degree.

When I embarked on my Law degree at Buckingham Law School, I was delivering projects that involved increasing dependence of legal factors. I have found that the Buckingham Law degree has played a significant role in my ability to assess the implications of these legal factors, not least because they no longer seem like double Dutch, allowing me to interact meaningfully with my lawyers and actively contribute to the solution of problems raised by legal regulation. Combining legal skills with my traditional delivery skills has made me a more versatile and resourceful manager.

Michael Chambers (LLB 2009)



During my business career I have developed my various skills through maintaining a continuous programme of study relating either to my direct job function or to the interests of the Company that employs me, mainly relating to Health and Safety, Human Resources and Commercial Contract. This led me to the further need to understand more of the legal aspects associated with each

of these areas.

Clearly the first year of such an intensive course was rather daunting due to me being so much older (50+), however, with masses of support from the lecturers and of course my fellow students I quickly learnt that by working in small groups of like minded students of various ages it was possible to bring together a structure to the learning process that helped put things into perspective. I am now approaching the end of the programme and consider that whilst the intensity remains constant the acquisition of knowledge has become more fluid in most areas.

Maggie Ryde (LLB 2006)



I chose a law degree through my previous involvement in the fire service teaching all manner of legislation. The whole aspect of undertaking a demanding four-year course as a mature student has stretched my intellectual abilities and widened my personal horizons. I have found a huge level of personal satisfaction in achieving a difficult qualification. I started my course in 1994 as a

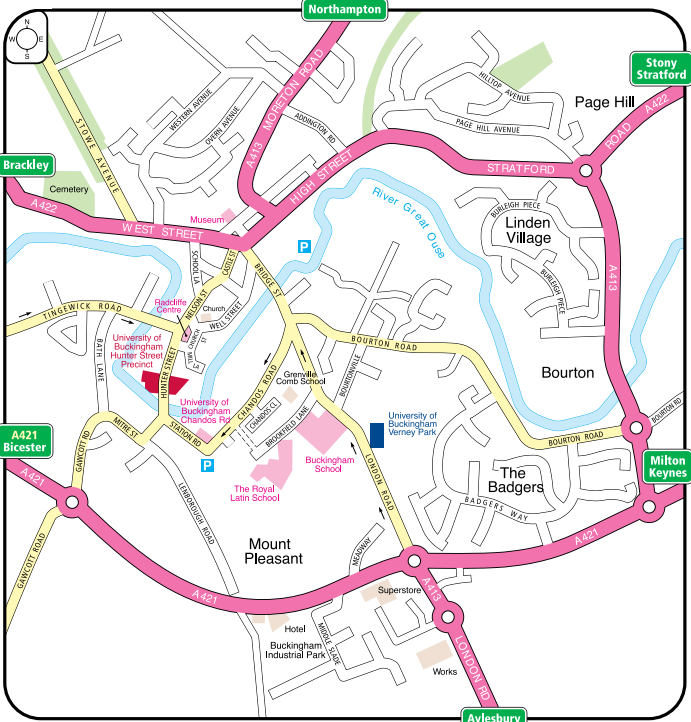
Divisional Officer, my intention was to simply achieve a pass to help me with my career in the fire service. I achieved a 2:1 (Hons) at the end of the course, have been promoted to Assistant Chief Fire Officer and passed the Home Office interviews for the Brigade Command Course - when completed this will entitle me to graduate with an MA. I am probably the only Assistant Chief Fire Officer with a law degree in the UK fire service and this rare qualification will be in demand as the service faces an increasingly litigious future.

The camaraderie from the small group of students with whom I studied has provided much needed mutual support and generated a network of friends in a range of different professions.

Andy Goves (LLB 1999)

Location:

The University occupies two sites within the town boundaries. They are Hunter Street, with the adjacent Chandos Road Complex just five minutes away, and Verney Park, a short drive away from Hunter street, or fifteen minutes on foot, where the Law Library is located. The Part-time LLB programme is taught at the Chandos Road complex in the seminar rooms on the ground floor. This building also includes a 186-seat lecture theatre, a smaller lecture theatre, and a fully equipped language centre on the first floor.



**Those teaching on the Part-time LLB
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