

Programme Title: BSc Business with Law



Programme Specification (UG)

Awarding body / institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Name of award and field of study:	BSc Business with Law
Name of interim award(s):	Certificate in Higher Education (CertHe), Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE)
Duration of study / period of registration:	3 Years
QMUL programme code / UCAS code(s):	UBSF-QMBUSM1 / UMBUSLAW
QAA Benchmark Group:	N100 Business
FHEQ Level of Award :	Level 6
Programme accredited by:	
Date Programme Specification approved:	
Responsible School / Institute:	School of Business & Management

Schools / Institutes which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme:

School of Law

Collaborative institution(s) / organisation(s) involved in delivering the programme:

N/A

Programme outline

BSc Business with Law is designed for students who aim for a career in business and management but have an interest in law and wish to have thorough understanding of how it functions in the modern business world. It is essential for persons who prepare to work in the business world to have an understanding of how law works and affects their business. This joint honours degree programme will give students a solid foundation of business and law, and there will be a mix of core business and law modules from both Schools.

This programme last 3 years. In year one, students will take eight compulsory modules: BUS142 Contemporary Legal Issues in Business Management, BUS107 Business and Society, BUS128 Applied Economics, LAW4114 Contract Law I: Formation and Vitiation, BUS022 Managerial Accounting, BUS141 Fundamentals of Management Studies and Skills, LAW4010 Contemporary Issues in Law and Business and LAW4115 Contract Law II: Terms, Breach and Remedies. In year two students take four compulsory modules, LAW5104 Tort Law for Business, BUS245 Introduction to Finance, BUS212 Ethics and Business, and BUS237 Corporations and Social Responsibility, choosing the remaining four modules from a wide variety of SBM Level 5 elective modules. In the third year, student take two compulsory modules, BUS304 International Business and BUS3XX Sustainable Business Law and Policy, and six electives modules, of which at least for need to be from the School of Law.

Aims of the programme

The programme aims to provide students an opportunity to business and law subjects which would help them to develop a multidisciplinary understanding of the business world, and how today's business & commerce operate. It not only offers the opportunity to obtain key business knowledge and skills alongside a systematic understanding of law as a distinctive discipline. It also aims to develop students' versatile skills and perspectives and prepare them for life and work, to broaden students' academic and professional horizons.

The overall aims of the programme are that:

1. Students will have the competency to be ethical participants in economy and society;
2. Students will have the competency to be subject experts;
3. Students will have the competency to be excellent oral and written communicators; and
4. Students will have the competency to be critical thinkers.

What will you be expected to achieve?

Students who successfully complete the programme will demonstrate achievement in all the following areas.

Please note that the following information is only applicable to students who commenced their Level 4 studies in 2017/18, or 2018/19

In each year of undergraduate study, students are required to study modules to the value of at least 10 credits, which align to one or more of the following themes:

- networking
- multi- and inter-disciplinarity
- international perspectives
- enterprising perspectives.

These modules will be identified through the Module Directory, and / or by your School or Institute as your studies progress.

Academic Content:

A 1	Knowledge and awareness of a range of subjects, fields, theories and approaches applicable to business and management of people and organisations in a business context.
A 2	Knowledge and understanding of analytical tools used to analyse and interpret management problems, challenges and risks in a changing context.
A 3	Knowledge and understanding of concepts, values, principles and rules of legal systems within which the businesses operate and how this system affects business activities.
A 4	Critical understanding of the economic, social and political environments which affect human relations in an organisation and the implications for its structure and culture.

Disciplinary Skills - able to:	
B 1	Evaluate, extrapolate and synthesise relevant literature and empirical data and competently apply these to different business and management contexts.
B 2	Bring together information and materials from a variety of different sources, recognise and rank them in terms of relevance and importance.
B 3	Apply concepts, principles and rules of business law to real-world and hypothetical situations in order to provide arguable conclusions, apply analytical skills to investigate unfamiliar problems.
B 4	Apply management theory to the analysis of a broad range of actual management problems and make a critical judgment.

Attributes:	
C 1	Learn continuously within academia and beyond and to employ relevant information and knowledge in understanding different contexts.
C 2	Acquire research skills and values which can provide different approaches to problem solving and decision making in a business context.
C 3	Act independently in planning and undertaking tasks in areas of law already studied and undertake independent research in areas of law not previously studied.
C 4	Develop knowledge and analytical skills that are transferable to employment including negotiation and communication skills.

How will you learn?

SBM promotes active learning within a context of clear learning objectives. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. All modules make use of an online learning environment. Most modules have a weekly course element and in some this will require collaborative group work. We expect informal work groups to emerge particularly in the more numerically based subjects. Clear guidance on basic and supplementary reading is given.

SBM also recognises the value of independent work at final year level for undergraduates. We consider it important to develop the ability of students to undertake basic research through both practical and theoretical means and to develop the ability to write sustained, coherent narratives. In order to enable students to develop their skills we will offer extensive modules requiring independent work using written and presentational skills.

How will you be assessed?

SBM schedules an annual Business Management Examination Board which considers all student academic profiles and agrees classifications and progression routes. Modules are assessed by a combination of coursework, presentation, in-course tests and a final examination. Clear guidance on coursework requirements is given, emphasising approaches to coursework of various types and how to avoid plagiarism, together with rules and procedures. Examinations are typically a two-hour paper undertaken at the end of each semester. Examination papers will be reviewed by an Internal Moderator and then by External Examiners. All exam papers go through a moderation marking procedure. A selection of first class and failed scripts together with a representative sample of intermediate scripts are sent to the External Examiners for quality control and approval of marks. Undergraduates have one opportunity to re-sit failed modules: for first and second year students the only opportunity is the late summer resit period or in exceptional circumstances, in the following year's main examination period. Re-sit module marks are capped at 40%.

How is the programme structured?

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BSc Business with Law is a three-year joint degree programme, taught within the University's modular system. Students are required to take 120 credits each year. Two thirds of modules are provided by SBM and one third by Law. All modules from SBM are 15 credits, modules from Law School are either 30 credits or 15 credits.

In Year One, there are six compulsory modules from SBM and two compulsory modules (30 credits) from the Law Department. In Year Two, there are four compulsory modules. Three compulsory modules from SBM, one compulsory Tort Law for Business module (15 credits) from the Law Department, and students need to choose another 15-credit law module provided by law school. Students can choose the remaining 45 credits from a wide variety of elective SBM modules in Levels 5.

In Year Three, there are two compulsory modules from SBM, and students must choose at least 60 credits from level 6 Law modules and the remaining 30 credits from either Law or SBM level 6 modules

The range of modules available each year can vary from year to year.

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 1

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Business and Society	BUS107	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Applied Economics	BUS128	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Contemporary Legal Issues in Business Management	BUS142	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Contract Law I: Formation and Vitiation	LAW4104	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Introduction to Accounting and Finance	BUS170	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2
Fundamentals of Management Studies and Skills	BUS141	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2
Contemporary Issues in Law and Business	LAW4010	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2
Contract Law II: Terms, Breach and Remedies	LAW4105	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 2

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Operations Management	BUS002	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Microeconomics for Managers	BUS208	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Persuasive Strategies in Marketing	BUS220	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Business and History	BUS262	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1
Research Methodology	BUS007	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Human Resource Management	BUS014	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Entrepreneurship	BUS025	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Advertising	BUS213	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Financial and Management Accounting	BUS282	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1
Creative Industries	BUS233	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Corporations and Social Responsibility	BUS237	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 2
Responsible Leadership	BUS243	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Technologies in the Workplace	BUS223	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Entrepreneurial Learning	BUS230	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Labour Law: Contract Law, Dismissal Rights and Workplace Justice	LAW6159	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Climate Justice	LAW6179	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
United Kingdom Human Rights Law	LAW6019	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Animal Rights	LAW6175	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1

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Tort Law for Business	LAW5104	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1
Law and Globalisation	LAW6463	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
International Environmental Law	LAW6459	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Employment Law: Tribunal Practice and Procedure	LAW6027	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Law of the Digital Markets	LAW6XXX	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 3

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Managing Diversity	BUS305	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Financial Markets and Institutions	BUS340	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Employment Relations	BUS320	15	6	Compulsory	3	Semester 1
Global Supply Chains	BUS326	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Macroeconomics Modelling and Policy	BUS330	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Firm Governance and Strategy in the Institution Context	BUS338	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Strategic Management: Concepts and Cases	BUS361	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Labour Law: Contract Law, Dismissal Rights and Workplace Justice	LAW6159	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Intellectual Property - Copyright and Related Rights	LAW6455	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	BUS300	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1

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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
International Business	BUS304	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Organisational Change and Development	BUS317	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Corporate Law and Governance	BUS329	15	6	Compulsory	3	Semester 2
Company Valuation	BUS331	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Business Computing	BUS337	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Startups and Incubators	BUS342	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Principles of Evidence-Based Management	BUS354	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Mentoring and Coaching	BUS344	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Social Network Analysis	BUS346	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Corporate Insolvency Law	LAW6158	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Chinese Law and Institutions	LAW6453	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Intellectual Property - Industrial Property	LAW6456	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Law and Globalisation: Companies, International Trade and Human Rights	LAW6003	30	6	Elective	3	Semesters 1 & 2
Revenue Law	LAW6026	30	6	Elective	3	Semesters 1 & 2
Company Law	LAW6036	30	6	Elective	3	Semesters 1 & 2
Competition Law	LAW6048	30	6	Elective	3	Semesters 1 & 2
Health Law	LAW6163	30	6	Elective	3	Semesters 1 & 2
Global Business and Democracy	BUS352	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2

What are the entry requirements?

SBM will apply its standard advertised entry level of AAA. Excludes General Studies and Critical Thinking. Non-native English speakers are required to have a minimum of IELTS 7.0 or equivalent.

How will the quality of the programme be managed and enhanced? How do we listen to and act on your feedback?

The Programme director will be responsible for the academic content and quality of the programme and any changes to the curriculum in addition to ensuring a regular liaison with Department of Law to maintain a consistent quality of teaching across the programme.

The SBM teaching services and quality control teams are responsible for the overall administrative delivery of the programme, ensuring Department of Law is provided with all necessary student and organisational information in order to effectively deliver its module(s) and general QMUL administration for students on the programme, including any issues relating to registration, complaints, pastoral care, appeals, and award for the programme.

The overall management and enhancement of the programme lies with the SBM's undergraduate Teaching and Learning Committee chaired by the Associate Dean, Taught Programmes.

The Staff-Student Liaison Committee provides a formal means of communication and discussion between SBM and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year in SBM together with appropriate representation from staff within the school. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. Staff-Student Liaison Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

SBM operates a Teaching and Learning Committee, which advises the School Director of Taught Programmes on all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at school level including monitoring the application of relevant QM policies and reviewing all proposals for module and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board. Student views are incorporated in the committee's work in a number of ways, such as through student membership, or consideration of student surveys.

SBM operates an Annual Programme Review of their taught undergraduate and postgraduate provision. APR is a continuous process of reflection and action planning which is owned by those responsible for programme delivery; the main document of reference for this process is the Taught Programmes Action Plan (TPAP) which is the summary of the school's work throughout the year to monitor academic standards and to improve the student experience. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of the NSS and module evaluations.

What academic support is available?

The induction week before the start of Semester A provides introductory talks on all the services and support mechanisms available within the school and college. The plasma screens within the school may also update on timetabling, events and support services within the school. The virtual learning environment (QMplus) has information on the different modules and supervisory advice for dissertations as well as personalised teaching timetables. Students are also advised on the support services available in the Language and Learning Unit. A module talk is held at the start of the module selection process to enable students make informed choices when selecting their electives for the following academic year.

Academic Programme Director(s)

SBM has a Joint Programme Director along with the Director(s) of this programme, who are able to support students through their studies, if they encounter any difficulties of a personal nature which are having an impact on their studies they can meet with either of the Directors for support.

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Academic Advisors

Every student is allocated an Academic Advisor who they can approach should they have any queries or issues related to their academic studies or academic development. Students are expected to see their advisor at least once each semester.

Office Hours

All academics have dedicated office hours published on the website so students may visit them to discuss any aspect of their learning on specific modules.

PASS Scheme

The Peer Assisted Study Support (PASS) scheme aims to increase first year students' understanding of concepts central to their academic lives. In addition, the scheme seeks to develop leadership, management, and communication skills in second and third year students who serve as PASS mentors.

How inclusive is the programme for all students, including those with disabilities?

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate, postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.

Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:

- Finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia
- Applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Arranging DSA assessments of need
- Special arrangements in examinations
- Accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders)
- Specialist one-to-one "study skills" tuition
- Ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille)
- Providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants)
- Mentoring support for students with mental health issues and conditions on the autistic spectrum.

Programme-specific rules and facts

All first year (level 4) students are automatically registered for first year modules. In April/May, first and second year students will receive module information and will be required to register their module choices for the following year.

Second year students must study 6 level 5 modules from SBM and LAW5001 Tort Law.

Third year students can take any 4 of the level 6 modules on offer and remaining 60-credit level 6 modules from law school.

Students are not permitted to take any credit bearing language modules which substitute one or two of their business modules in any developmental year. The School encourages students to take a non-credit bearing language module as part of the College's Language Strategy and where applicable will meet any associated costs.

To progress from the first year to the second year students must have passed at least 90 credits at level 4 and have an average mark of 40.0 across all modules taken.

To progress from the second year to the third year students must have passed at least 195 credits at levels 4 and 5 including a minimum of 90 credits in the second year and have an average mark of at least 40.0. This means that if a student only passed 90 credits in their first year they will have to pass a minimum of 105 credits in their second year to progress to the third year.

To graduate students need to pass at least 315 credits, including at least 90 credits at level 6 and have a College Mark of 40.0 or higher.

Links with employers, placement opportunities and transferable skills

Graduates from this programme will have developed a range of cognitive and practical skills together which will be applicable to

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be different context beyond academia.

SBM offers a range of internships available to students throughout their academic programme of study. SBM also works closely with the Careers Service and has a dedicated Internship Coordinator located in the SBM office to locate possible placements, internships and to help create effective CVs to reach potential employers. Throughout each academic year, the School invites a series of external speakers from a range of employers that integrates with a variety of modules.

Programme Specification Approval

Person completing Programme Specification:

Dr Fernando Barrio

Person responsible for management of programme:

Dr Fernando Barrio

**Date Programme Specification produced / amended by
School / Institute Education Committee:**

**Date Programme Specification approved by Taught
Programmes Board:**