Bachelor of Laws with Honours

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). These regulations are available online via the Open University 'Student Policies and Regulations' website at https://help.open.ac.uk/documents/policies.

Withdrawal of qualification
Approval has been given for this qualification to be withdrawn. The final date on which it will be awarded is 31 December 2026.

Short title
LLB (Honours)

Award letters
LLB (Hons) (Open)

Entry requirements
None (Q05, Q79).

Entry to the graduate entry route (Q75, Q80) requires a first degree or master’s degree awarded by a UK Higher Education Institution or other recognised degree awarding body, or an equivalent qualification from an overseas HEI.

Maximum duration of study
Q05, Q79: 16 years
Q75, Q80 (graduate entry route): 12 years

See additional rules for the time limits for a qualifying LLB.

Credit requirement
Q05, Q79: 360
Q75, Q80 (graduate entry route): 240 (Stage 2 and Stage 3)

Stage 1 (120 credits)
60 credits are from a specified compulsory module at OU Stage 1 and 60 credits are from specified modules at OU Stage 1 or 120 credits are from specified compulsory modules at OU Stage 1

Stage 2 (120 credits)
120 credits are from specified compulsory modules at OU Stage 2

Stage 3 (120 credits)
120 credits are from specified compulsory modules at OU Stage 3 or 90 credits are from specified compulsory modules at OU Stage 3 and 30 credits are from specified core option modules at OU Stage 3
Maximum transferred credit
Q05, 120 at OU Stage 1
Q79: 240 at OU Stage 1 and Stage 2
Q75, Q80: zero

Maximum age of credit transfer
16 years

Unique study requirement
Q05, Q79: 120 at Stage 3
Q75, Q80: 90 at Stage 3

Additional rules
To be awarded a qualifying LLB, you must normally complete the qualification within 6 years (Q05, Q79) or within five years for the graduate entry route (Q75, Q80). Extensions to the qualifying LLB period on the grounds of exceptional circumstances will be considered by the Teaching Committee.

For students who studied Stage 1 before 2014, the Law Programme may have permitted an exemption from the previous compulsory module at OU Stage 1. Students who were permitted such an extension are required to complete an alternative 60 credits from other OU undergraduate-level modules.