



British Law Centre

Diploma in *English Law* and *Legal Skills*



About the **BLC**

The British Law Centre (BLC) was established in 1992 as a joint venture between the University of Cambridge and the University of Warsaw. Since then, the flagship Diploma in English law has been provided in major education centres throughout Central and Eastern Europe.

In 2016, we conducted extensive market research, inviting BLC stakeholders (existing students at all BLC centres, graduates and law firm sponsors throughout the CEE region) to provide feedback on the course curriculum, the duration of the Diploma and its teaching methodology. General conclusions included a desire for more practical *legal skills* training, a greater emphasis on English commercial law, and continuation of small group-based learning.

Following these consultations, extensive changes were made to the core curriculum of the Diploma, to introduce greater emphasis on legal skills and to prepare students for the commercial realities of providing legal advice.

Each module on the 1-year *Diploma in English Law and Legal Skills* provides detailed knowledge of the relevant legal topic, whilst also providing the backdrop for students to learn a dedicated legal skill. The substantive law topics and legal skills covered throughout the Diploma are discussed later in this brochure.

We also offer an optional second-year of studies, leading to the award of an *Advanced Diploma in English Commercial Law and Legal Skills*. This focuses on advanced aspects of commercial law, intellectual property law, international trade and EU cross-border instruments. It continues to place considerable emphasis on practical legal skills training.

Our small-group teaching is practical and interactive. Our experienced team of native English speakers comprises recognised experts in a variety of fields. Whether you currently work as a lawyer, or plan to, or simply wish to improve your written and spoken English whilst developing a range of other skills, the BLC Diploma can help to make your career goals a reality.

The 1-Year *Syllabus*

01: Substantive *Law*

1. English Legal System

Learn the foundations of the English legal system, including precedent and the courts system. This module also includes training in litigation skills.

2. Contract Law

Learn how a wide range of contracts are negotiated, concluded, implemented, interpreted and breached. Advise clients on a broad scope of contract-orientated disputes, including available remedies.

3. Tort law

Learn about non-contractual civil obligations, including the nature and application of the duty of care at common law, the basis for the tort of negligence and available remedies.

4. Equity and Trusts Law

Learn about trusts and their modern commercial application and use as a civil remedy for misappropriation, and the rules governing the transfer of property interests.

02: Practical *Legal Skill*

English Legal System

Develop the skills of effective legal research, fact management, case analysis and oral advocacy, using realistic case scenarios.

Contract Law

Develop the practical skills of negotiation and drafting contracts based on English law. They also improve skills required to provide client advice.

Tort Law

Develop the practical skills of client interviewing techniques, written advocacy, oral advocacy on non-factual issues (points of law) and analysing relevant precedents.

Equity and Trusts Law

Develop the practical skills of mooting and receive practical guidance on effective CV writing and interview skills.

Contact *us.*

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