

International Year One (IYOne)

Law

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

The NCUK International Year One in Law (IYOne Law) programme is a first-year undergraduate equivalent programme that builds students' knowledge and skills in the field of Law. It prepares and qualifies international students for entry to the second year (FHEQ Level 5¹) of appropriate undergraduate degree courses offered by NCUK Universities.

NCUK Universities recognise the programme as meeting their entry requirements for international students, with progression contingent on students satisfying the performance criteria published in the NCUK Course Finder. The list of accepting universities can be seen on the university pages of the [NCUK website](#).

NCUK guarantees students a place on a programme of study at one of the NCUK Universities provided that the student performs to the level specified by the [NCUK Guarantee](#).

AIMS

The aims of the NCUK IYOne Law programme are to:

- ⇒ To provide students with a knowledge of concepts and applications of Law at first year undergraduate level (FHEQ Level 4).
- ⇒ To prepare students for progression to second year (FHEQ Level 5) undergraduate study in Law in NCUK Universities.
- ⇒ To enhance the subject knowledge, learning skills and English language proficiency of students to enable them to communicate and study Law effectively and confidently at undergraduate level in a UK or other university where English is the medium of instruction.
- ⇒ To cultivate a commitment to good practice in academic work, and in particular an awareness of the serious adverse implications of plagiarism and other areas of academic malpractice.
- ⇒ To provide students with the necessary personal and key skills to enable them to develop as independent autonomous learners.
- ⇒ To give students experience of different approaches to teaching and learning and to the methods that are used to assess learning.

¹ Framework for Higher Education Qualifications. The FHEQ is published by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), which is the organisation responsible for assuring the quality of university degree provision in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- ⇒ Learn effectively, conform to accepted academic practice and integrate rapidly into undergraduate Law courses in NCUK Universities.
- ⇒ Demonstrate specific subject knowledge including the ability to make sound judgements in accordance with the basic concepts and theories of Law.
- ⇒ Employ a wide range of generic and specialised skills including the ability to analyse and evaluate complex legal issues.
- ⇒ Make effective use of a range of generic and subject specific study skills and information and communication technologies.
- ⇒ Produce innovative and original work.
- ⇒ Demonstrate their learning through a range of learning assessment methods.
- ⇒ Use general, academic and law-related technical English confidently in a Western academic environment and demonstrate a proficiency in English language to a standard of at least NCUK EAP grade 'B'.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The NCUK IYOne Law consists of 1200 hours of study in total (600 guided learning hours, 600 independent study) and is generally delivered over one academic year (other teaching patterns are also possible). Students will study 5 compulsory modules.



In addition, the NCUK English for Academic Purposes module is compulsory for students unable to demonstrate English language proficiency at least of NCUK EAP Grade 'B' and a 'C' in each skill component or equivalent, and optional for all other students.

PROGRAMME DELIVERY

The IYOne Law programme is specified to be delivered over a single academic year. The programme is divided into two semesters of 15 weeks' duration. Normally teaching weeks will have a timetabled class contact time of at least 20 hours per week.

The programme may be delivered over shorter or longer periods of time. Additional guidance for Study Centres on how to appropriately timetable the programme is given in Appendix B.

NCUK specifies minimum timetabled contact hours for its programmes but does not set a maximum class contact or total study time; it is recognised that many Study Centres will apply higher than minimum contact times to meet the learning needs of their students.

Total Number of modules	5 subject modules
Total number of weeks	28 weeks of directed study over 2 semesters plus 2 weeks dedicated to examinations
Directed Study Hours per module per week	5 hours per module
Directed Study Hours per week	4 modules x 5 hours = 20 hours
Total Directed Study Hours	20 hours per week x 30 weeks = 600 hours
Independent Study Hours	Approximately 20 hours per week (Assuming 5 hours per module) Total = 20 hours x 30 = 600 hours
Total Learning Activity	600 directed study hours + 600 independent study hours = 1200 hours

The duration of each semester may vary according to the timing of local public holidays. Semesters may be interrupted by periods of holiday where necessary.

The programme may be delivered face-to-face or in blended/online modes as agreed with the Study Centre at the time of accreditation.

CLASS SIZES

Subject class sizes may be varied according to the activity e.g. lecture, seminar and tutorial. The principle to be applied to timetabling and class size should be to give students the opportunity to experience different forms of learning and to maximise opportunities for small-group work and for the development of independent learning skills. In general, NCUK would not expect tutorial or seminar groups to exceed 16 students but class sizes for lectures may be larger.

Staffing of the programme should allow for some one-to-one contact for each student.