

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	LLM Law and New Technologies				
4	Programme Code(s)	TMLLNEWT_C				
5	UCAS code	N/A				
6	Home Department	Law Department				
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Dip, PG Cert				
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time				
9	Mode of Study	FT	x	PT	x	DL
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7				
11	Other teaching depts or institution	N/A				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A				
13	<u>QAA Benchmark Statement</u>	N/A				

14	Programme Rationale & Aims
	<p>New technologies are transforming the way society operates. The way we communicate, the way we work, the way we do business, the way we fall in love, the way we travel, our relationship with the earth and the environment, and ultimately the way we understand ourselves as humans: new technologies are changing us inside and out.</p> <p>These changes have profound consequences for the law. Birkbeck's LLM degree in <i>Law and New Technologies</i> is an innovative research-led programme designed for graduates. It offers graduate students the conceptual tools and practical knowledge needed for a critical understanding of the two-way relationship between law and technology.</p> <p>At Birkbeck we are particularly focused on a critical understanding of law and of technology. Students on this course will study technology as a historical and social phenomenon in order to put the legal questions into a wider context.</p> <p>The programme is centred around seminars in which you will engage with critical discussions in contemporary challenges posed by new technologies. uses technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience.</p> <p>The Programme aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver the systematic knowledge and skills to critically appraise technology's emergent role in society • Enable students to comprehensively understand contemporary legal and policy challenges in relation to technology and to develop practical and autonomous modes of responding to those challenges

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support students to understand the application of regulatory frameworks regarding technology at an advanced level • Equip students for practice or research in the field at an advanced and marketable level • Offer flexible, blended learning using Birkbeck's Moodle system.
15	Entry Criteria
	A second-class honours degree (2:2) or above in law or in any degree programme related to the aims and content of the programme. Relevant work experience will be considered.
16	Learning Outcomes
	<p>Upon completion of the programme, students will be expected to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand key regulatory theories as systematically applied to new technology; • Understand and autonomously apply a range of theoretical approaches to technology; • Understand and apply contemporary legal rules and concepts to emergent questions concerning a range of technological questions in a systematic and advanced fashion; • Critically appraise legal and regulatory proposals concerning technology in a nuanced and proactive modality; • Engage with emergent legal and policy discussions regarding new technology.
17	Learning, teaching and assessment methods
	<p>The course is delivered via seminar teaching, taught in the evenings. Materials and introductory lectures will be available via our online learning platform, with seminars reserved for advanced discussion and debate. Students will take two compulsory modules during the first term which introduce key concepts in, first, understanding our relationships to new technologies and, second, key theories and challenges in the regulation of new technologies. Students then choose from a range of optional modules including modules specifically designed for law and technology students seeking to study in-depth issues around the regulation of new technologies. Students can complete their degree with four optional modules or three optional modules plus a research project module.</p>
18	Programme Description
	<p>Advancing technology is transforming the way society operates, changing the way we communicate, the way we work, the way we do business, the relationship with the earth and the environment, and ultimately the way we understand ourselves as a society. All of these changes have profound consequences for the law, which both shapes the potential of technology even as it in turn is transformed by technology. Birkbeck's intensive LLM degree in Law and New Technology is an innovative research-led programme designed for law and non-law graduates. It offers them the conceptual tools and practical knowledge needed for a critical understanding of the two-way relationship between law and technology.</p>

19	Programme Structure			
Full-Time programme – 1 year				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	LALW059S7	Critical Approaches to Technology	30	Compulsory
7	LALW060S7	Regulating Technology	30	Compulsory
7	Various	Option*	30	Option
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		*Indicative Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour, law and technology (LALW061S7) • Data, Surveillance, and Insecurity (LALW015S7) • Property and Technology (LALW062S7) • Law of the Digital Economy (LALW063S7) • Regulating New Technologies and Uncertain Risks (LALW036S7) • Law Masters Research Project (LALA004S7) 		
Part-Time programme – 2 years				
Year 1				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	LALW059S7	Critical Approaches to Technology	30	Compulsory
7	LALW060S7	Regulating Technology	30	Compulsory
7	Various	Option*	30	Option
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Year 2				
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
7	Various	Option*	30	Option
7	Various	Option*	30	Option
7	Various	Option*	30	Option

Status*

CORE – Module must be taken and passed by student; COMPULSORY – Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board; OPTIONAL – Student can choose to take this module

Year of entry: 2021/22



20	Programme Director	Bernard Keenan
21	Start Date (<i>term/year</i>)	Autumn 2020
22	Date approved by Education Committee	Autumn 2019 (by Chair's action)
23	Date approved by Academic Board	Spring 2020
24	Date(s) updated/amended	29 November 2019