Postgraduate Admissions Statement

LLM Health, Law and Society

Programmes covered

Health, Law and Society (LLM)

Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details. This admissions statement should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Faculty

Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

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Admissions cycle

2017

Application process

Online application
Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the How to Apply FAQs. Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should contact the relevant Admissions Team if clarification is required.

Application Deadline
There is an application deadline for this programme, which is displayed on the individual programme page within the University course finder.

Required documents
All documents must be translated into English. Degree certificates and transcripts should be certified copies and list subjects taken and grades/degrees achieved. If your degree is not yet complete, please provide
transcripts of subjects taken and marks achieved to date. All documents must be uploaded into the online application form unless otherwise noted. Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload additional documents into the ‘Post-submission uploads’ section. You can find information about how to upload documents to your application form in our How to Apply FAQs.

Required documents for this programme are:

- Two references
- Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
- Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
- Personal statement
- English language certificates if English is not your native language and your undergraduate degree was not in an English speaking country (please see the English Language Requirements for a list of English speaking countries)

Interviews
Interviews are not part of the selection process for this programme.

Correspondence with applicants
Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up their application form account. Applicants should ensure that this profile email address is kept up-to-date.

Admissions criteria

Academic entry requirements
Applicants would be expected to hold an upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent professional experience) in disciplines associated with the focus of the programme. A degree in law would not be a prerequisite.

It is anticipated that the LLM could be a springboard for careers in health, social advocacy, law and policy, and is therefore an appropriate programme of study for people already working in these fields and with existing qualifications related to those fields.

It is also anticipated that the LLM would be of interest to recent graduates in Law, Policy, Politics, and cognate fields, and of interest to persons wishing to go on to a research career.

Candidates with degrees from other disciplines, equivalent qualifications or relevant work experience may be admitted if they can demonstrate their potential for higher degree work.

Overseas students with equivalent qualifications should supply a transcript of their examination results (an official English translation if the original is in a language other than English). For information on international equivalent qualifications, please see our International Office website.

Recognised Prior Learning is currently not accepted.

Previous or professional experience is not required.

English language criteria for non-native English speakers
For applicants whose first language is not English, it is necessary to achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test specified in Profile B of the University’s English Language Requirements Policy. You can find information about the University of Bristol’s Pre-Sessional English courses at the Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website.
Reference criteria
Applicants should arrange for referees to provide electronic references, which can be submitted through the online application system. Non-electronic references should be on headed paper, with clear contact details and signed by the referee. We require two academic references. Applicants who have previously studied at undergraduate and postgraduate level should provide an academic reference relating to each qualification. Professional references will only be accepted from applicants who are working in a health, social advocacy, policy or legal field (or other related area) and who completed their education more than five years ago.

Personal statement criteria
In your statement you should describe the reasons for your choice of postgraduate programme and why this is important to you. Please also explain why you are applying to University of Bristol, why you think you are a suitable candidate for your programme of study, and how your choice of programme fits with your future career plans.

Additional requirements
There are no additional requirements for this programme.

Selection process and offers
Selection process
All applications are considered in accordance with the University’s policy on equality and diversity. The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

The initial assessment and recommendation is undertaken by the Postgraduate Admissions Team, with the final decision on an application made by the Postgraduate Admissions Tutor. Criteria against which applications will be assessed:

- Performance in undergraduate degree
- English language ability (where applicable)
- References
- Personal statement

Decisions
Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into their application.

An unconditional offer will be made to successful applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met.

Where academic requirements have not yet been met, successful applicants will receive a conditional offer to meet those requirements. The deadline for meeting conditions is 1st August prior to the commencement of the course.

If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Deferrals
Applicants are able to defer their place for one year, after which applicants will need to re-apply.

Deposits
International self-funded students are required to pay a deposit of £1000. You can pay this deposit online at http://bris.ac.uk/online-payments/deposits using a credit or debit card. Alternatively you can pay through our
PaytoStudy account at www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy. PaytoStudy is an international payment solution which offers competitive exchange rates. Where PaytoStudy has a local bank account, all wire fee charges will be eliminated and you will be able to pay in your local currency to a local bank account.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the International Deposits Refund Policy which is available at http://www.bris.ac.uk/academicregistry/office/policies/idrp.html. You may pay your deposit in advance of meeting the conditions of your offer. If you subsequently fail to meet the conditions attached to your offer and are therefore rejected from your course on academic grounds then a refund will be made to you. To make the payment you will need your student number which you will find in your offer letter.

**ATAS**

An ATAS certificate is not required.