

# LONDONEX

## Course Overview and Syllabus

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### Introduction

Welcome to the LondonEx Program. We are excited to have you join us in London for what we expect to be a transformative experience. We look forward to working with you as you experience the practice of law for the first time, in an international environment, learning more about lawyering in a global world and more about yourself.

Below is an overview of important aspects of the LondonEx 2019 program. It outlines Student Learning Outcomes, course expectations, the schedule of classes and other events, and miscellaneous items.

Note: Nothing in these policies should be read to preclude a student from utilizing an approved educational accommodation.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Through the course of your placement experiences, legal activities and participation in Orientation, weekly lectures, Friday “case rounds” discussions, weekly reflective writing and timesheets, site visit events, and informal conversations with program faculty and other students, you are expected to:

- Strengthen basic legal skills as are appropriate for your placement setting;
- Improve your comprehension, interpretation, and analysis of law applicable to your placement;

- Speak and write effectively about the law in a manner appropriate to the audience.
- Learn to receive, evaluate, and incorporate professional and mentor feedback;
- Effectively collaborate with professional colleagues;
- Experience the practice of law in an international setting or judicial context;
- Reflect on and appreciate the differences in the education and training of lawyers in the UK and in the US, and the impact of these differences on the practice of law and the justice system;
- Reflect on your placement experience and structured learning activities for a better understanding of the British legal system, the role of lawyers in the UK, and the impact of culture on lawyering, professional environments, and legal results;
- Identify skills and attributes of a successful lawyer practicing in an international practice setting; and
- Appreciate the important roles lawyers play in society, and recognize the impact of law on people and institutions.

### Overview of Course Schedule

As described below in more detail, the course involves several parts. They are as follows: 1) your placement experiences with your mentor; 2) introductory activities and orientation; 3) lectures, activities, and “Context, Culture and Case” discussions; 4) weekly reflective writings and submission of timesheets; 5) and final week and final projects.

During the summer term, you will be spending no more than 50% of your time at your placement, with the remainder of your time on structured educational activities. These include all other components of the course identified above as well as time spent preparing for activities, producing reflective writings, completing time sheets, preparing your final presentation, and structured learning time at your placement (to be discussed during orientation.)

Orientation and structured learning activities occur on Thursday and Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>, and Monday - Friday, May 20-24<sup>th</sup>. Your time at your placement begins on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (due to the bank holiday on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.) That week, you will be at your placements Tuesday- Friday. Beginning on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will be at your placements Monday - Thursday. The week of July 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be at your placement half-days Monday - Thursday, participating in structured learning half days, and engaging in student

presentations and discussions on Friday. Additionally, there will be a visit to the Supreme Court on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Course Expectations

**Placements:** You are expected to be at your placements on the designated days, unless you and your mentor have coordinated about a different arrangement (such as participating in a placement activity elsewhere or a pre-arranged absence.)

**Structured Learning Activities:** You are expected to participate in all activities unless you have a conflict with placement-related activities or extenuating personal circumstances. These activities include orientation, site visits, lectures, and “Context, Culture and Case” discussions. There are several social activities with mentors and friends of the College of Law that you should plan to attend as well.

**Reflective Writing:** A weekly reflective writing shall be submitted every week beginning the week of May 28<sup>th</sup>. The reflective writing should be of approximately 600 words and submitted via email to Mary Helen by 10:00 p.m. every Thursday.

**Final Project:** During the final week of LondonEx, the week of July 1<sup>st</sup>, students will work at their placements half days from Monday to Thursday, from 9:30-1:00. For the remainder of those days, 1:30-5, you will engage in structured learning, preparing Final Presentations. This provides you with 14 hours of presentation preparation time, ample time to present a polished, well-developed presentation. Faculty will hold daily Office Hours at Faraday House from 1-5 PM on these days to discuss any issues or questions that may arise. Students will work in pairs and prepare a presentation based on one of the themes developed during Orientation (British legal education, ethics and professionalism, the British court system, British constitutional law and the parliamentary process, and criminal and civil access to justice.) A separate document will be posted to the course website on Blackboard providing more specific information about the final presentations. Students who have been pre-approved to leave the program early will prepare an individual final paper in lieu of a presentation.

### Assessment and Grading

This course is pass/fail. Those students enrolling from a different law school that requires a letter grade will receive a grade. Your work will be assessed based upon the following criteria:

- Your reflective writings;
- Informal formative assessment during structured learning activities;

- Informal formative assessment by your placement mentors on your legal work;
- Summative assessment by your placement mentors at the end of the summer term; and
- Summative assessment on your final project.

### Learning Environment:

The College of Law and the Syracuse University London Center recognize that our individual differences can deepen our understanding of one another and the world around us, rather than divide us. During all of our activities, you will be treated with respect, and individuals of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, genders, gender identities, gender expressions, national origins, religious affiliations, sexual orientations, and abilities - and other visible and nonvisible differences - are welcome. We encourage you to share your experiences and perspectives with each other, and expect all members of the class to contribute to a respectful, welcoming, and inclusive environment.

### Learning Accommodations

Students with a disability who need an accommodation should contact the Dr. Kate Hammer (kahammer@syr.edu), Learning Advocate for the SU London Centre, as soon as possible to discuss your accommodation(s).

### Laptops and Electronic Devices

Laptops are permitted during structured learning activities as long as they do not interfere with discussions. Professional courtesy requires that you turn off all electronic devices during LondonEx's formal activities, activities at your placements and obviously, while visiting courts, historic sights, and with people in the legal community.

### Staff Support for LondonEx

Dan Potheary-Smith provides support for the LondonEx program. Dan will be the first point of contact on any issues related to housing, and for many of the logistical issues related to our programming. Dan can be reached at [dpotheca@syr.edu](mailto:dpotheca@syr.edu).

### Faculty Contact Information

Faculty will be in the office at Faraday House and with students on May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>, and during the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. After that, faculty will be in London and generally available to support you. We will be available by phone and email, and available to meet with students having questions, wishing to brainstorm placement-related matters, wanting to talk about their experiences, etc. Our schedule at Faraday House will vary.

## COURSE SYLLABUS & SCHEDULE OF ORIENTATION EVENTS AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

*Unless otherwise indicated, all orientation and program activities will be held at the  
SU London Centre  
(Faraday House, 48 Old Gloucester St, Holborn, London WC1N 3AE)  
Phone: +44 020-7400-9310*

### Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> (travel-casual attire)

Please refer to the SU London Centre's Arrival & Orientation information for details and events on Thursday, May 16.

### Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> (casual attire)

- 9:15 - 10:15 Welcome and opening discussion of course syllabus, course expectations, orientation schedule, etc.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 101
- 10:30 - 12:00 London "scene-setting" at the British Museum with a discussion of the Museum's collections and contested artifacts.  
Address: Great Russell St, Bloomsbury, London WC1B 3DG
- 12:30 - 2:00 Group lunch at Spaghetti House  
Address: 20 Sicilian Ave, Holborn, London WC1A 2QD
- Assignment:** In anticipation of the lectures on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, students are expected to have read *Gatekeepers Training Hurdles: The Training and Accreditation of Lawyers in England and Wales*, Duncan, Nigel (2004). Available in your orientation packet.

### Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> (casual attire)

- 9:30 - 10:00 Welcome and discussion of timesheets, orientation program updates, etc.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102

- 10:00 - 11:00 Lecture with Ashley Brickles-Shapiro, L'10  
College of Law and LondonEx alumna, Ms. Brickles-Shapiro, will offer advice gained from her LondonEx experience and current perspective as an American lawyer now working and living in London.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102
- 11:00 - 1:00 Travel to King's College. Lecture with Chris Howard, King's College Department of Legal Practice. Mr. Howard will provide an overview of the British legal education system, the various types of legal practitioners, and the various pathways to practice.  
King's College, Dickson Pool School of Law, Moot Court
- 1:00 - 2:00 Students will be free to have lunch on their own on the Strand.
- 2:30 - 4:30 Tour of London's Inns of Court with London Walks.  
The group will reconvene from lunch outside the entrance to the Middle Temple Inn, located at Middle Temple Lane (approximately 3 minutes' walk from Kings College).
- 7:00 Theatre: "Admission," Trafalgar Studios with discussion following with cast and Becca Farnum, SU London Internship and Community Relations Manager  
Address: 14 Whitehall, Westminster, London SW1A 2DY  
Tickets will be distributed by SU London Centre staff. The show begins at 7:30.

**Assignment:** During Orientation week, please prepare a brief statement of your learning goals for the LondonEx program (no more than 500 words.) Your statement should take into account what you have learned about your placement during the Wednesday and/or Thursday learning time, as well your own assessment of your current strengths as well as the challenges you face as a budding lawyer. More details will be provided. Your learning goals are due by Friday at 10:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*(professional attire)*

- 10:30 - 11:30 Lecture with Professor McNeal: Overview of U.S. legal ethics and professional responsibility.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102
- 12:30 - 6:30 Travel to/from Faraday House to Woolwich Crown Court for observation and discussion of the British legal system with Judge Christopher Kinch

Address: 2 Belmarsh Way, London SE28 0EY

Travel Details: We will plan to go as a group. Take the Central Line from Holborn Tube Station to Bank Station. Change and take the National Rail from Canon Street to Plumstead. Return travel in reverse.

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
(*business casual attire*)

9:30 - 12:30 Facilitated learning exercises with Barrister and Professor, Nigel Duncan, City College Law School. Professor Duncan will oversee two in-class group exercises and discussions covering practical matters of ethics. Bring your laptop.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102

**Assignment:** On Wednesday and Thursday, students have the afternoon free and are expected to spend time on the following activities: (i) make a brief visit to placement site if expected; (ii) learn how to navigate to/from placement site (iii); perform independent self-study of placement site; (iv) read at least one article from these online legal blogs/new sources: [The Justice Gap](#), [Henry Brooke's Blog: Musings, Memories and Miscellanea](#), or [David Allen Green's Law & Policy Blog](#); and (v) make an independent site visit to any number of "legal London" sites including, but not limited to, the Old Bailey, the Royal Courts of Justice, the Tower of London, the British Library (home of the Magna Carta), etc. We will have informal discussions of these visits at a later date.

**Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
(*business casual attire*)

9:30 - 10:45 Lecture on British Constitutional Law by Professor Rodney Austin, University College of London.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102

11:00 - 12:30 Lecture on the British legislative process, distinctions with the U.S. system, and the relationship between EU and U.K. law by Keith Best, Political Academic.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102

**Assignment:** See above assignment for Wednesday, May22.

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
(*business casual attire*)

9:30 - 10:45 Lecture on British criminal law and the public criminal defense system by Greg Powell, Solicitor with Powell Spencer & Partners.

SU London Centre, Room OGS 102

11:00 - 12:00 Lecture on access to justice and provision of civil legal services to the poor in London by Sue James, Solicitor with the Hammersmith & Fulham Law Centre.

SU London Centre, Room OGS 102

12:00 Lite lunch provided at SU London Centre

12:30 - 3:30 Travel to/from Hackney Law Center for site visit. Lawyers and staff discuss the landscape of pro bono work in London and the U.K. and the provision of legal services to indigent clients.

Address: 8 Lower Clapton Rd, London E5 0PD

### Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

*(casual attire)*

7:30 Theatre: Witness for Prosecution, County Hall  
Address: Belvedere Road, Lambeth, London SE1 7PB  
Tickets will be distributed by SU London Centre staff.

### Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Given that Monday of this week is a Bank Holiday and students begin their placements on Tuesday, no group meetings or events are planned for today and students are expected to report to their placement as if a regular work day so as to ensure you get 4 'work-days' that week. Friday programming for the group will commence on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

*(work attire)*

5:30 - 7:30 Discussion with Barrister Miranda Grell  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102  
Lite dinner fare provided.

### Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>

*(professional attire)*

9:00 - 11:30 Heighten Reflections: Your Experiences, Your Surroundings by Dr. Kate Hammer on awareness in personal and professional experiences in London.  
Faraday House Student Lounge, Basement Level

12:00 - 2:00 Lunch at the Middle Temple Inn  
Middle Temple Lane  
After lunch, we will walk to the nearby Royal Courts of Justice for a group photo.

2:30 - 3:30 Visit Royal Courts of Justice

4:00 - 6:00 Travel to/from British Parliament for visit and tour of Parliament (tour begins at 4:20) and discussion of lawmaking in Britain.

**Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
(*work attire*)

5:30 - 7:30 Lecture with Peter Jennings, Master of the Bench, Middle Temple Inn. Discussion of ethical and professional dilemmas encountered and addressed by members of the Middle Temple Inn and on the ongoing ethics training offered to new barristers.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102  
Lite dinner fare provided.

**Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
(*work attire*)

5:30 - 7:30 Lecture with Barrister David Wingfield. The SU London Centre is hosting an evening lecture for its internship/externship students with Mr. Wingfield, who is barred in New York State, a Canadian Barrister and Solicitor, and a member of the Middle Temple Inn. He will discuss his experience and perspective on the international practice of law.  
SU London Centre, Faraday Auditorium  
Lite dinner fare provided.

**Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
(*work attire*)

5:30 - 7:30 Lite Dinner + “Context, Culture and Case Rounds” discussion  
Students should come prepared to discuss their placement experiences, observations, and reflections.  
Faraday House Student Lounge, Basement Level  
Lite dinner fare provided.

**Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**  
(*work attire*)

4:00 - 8:00 London Legal Walk  
Students are encouraged to participate in this **\*optional\*** walk + networking event that raises funds to support public legal aid. Space is available to join the Andrew and Mary Helen on the AIRE Centre team, or join a team that your placement may be sponsoring. Details can be found online at: (<http://www.londonlegalsupporttrust.org.uk/our-events/london-legal-walk-2019/>). Reach out to Andrew if you plan to walk or have questions.

### Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

*(work attire)*

5:30 - 7:30 Workshop and discussion with MSCI, led by Olga Pulickal, MSCI Inc.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102  
Lite dinner fare provided.

### Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

*(work attire)*

5:30 - 7:30 Lecture on the General Data Privacy Regulations (GDPR), led by Kenny Mullen, Withers LLP  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102  
Lite dinner fare provided.

### Friday June 21<sup>th</sup>

*(casual attire)*

9:15 - 10:00 Coffee and “Context, Culture and Case” Discussion  
Students should come prepared to discuss their placement experiences, observations, and reflections.  
Faraday House Student Lounge, Basement Level

10:00 - 11:30 Lecture with Jim Bergeron, Political Advisor to the Commander of the Allied Maritime Command, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, on the application of international law in public and private practice.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102

11:45 - 1:00 Discussion and lunch with Nuala Mole. Founder and Senior Lawyer at the AIRE Centre  
Faraday House Student Lounge, Basement Level  
Lite lunch fare provided.

1:15 - 2:30 Lecture with Charlie Loudon, International Legal Advisor with REDRES, on domestic prosecution of international crimes using universal jurisdiction.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102

2:45 - 4:00 Lecture on international immigration law.  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102

**Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*(work attire)*

5:30 - 7:30 Panel discussion on “Women in the Law: Workplace Issues”  
SU London Centre, Room OGS 102  
Lite dinner fare provided.

**Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*(professional attire)*

6:30 - 8:30 Annual Drinks Reception at the Middle Temple Inn  
Reception with mentors, program speakers, alums, and friends of SU.  
(Please alert us to lawyers with whom you are working who are new to the program so we can send them an invite.  
Address: Prince’s Room, Middle Temple Inn, Middle Temple Lane

**Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*(casual attire)*

2:00 - 3:30 Lite Fare and “Context, Culture and Case” Discussion  
Students should come prepared to discuss their placement experiences, observations, and reflections.  
Faraday House Student Lounge, Basement Level  
Lite dinner fare provided.

**Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*(professional attire)*

6:00 - 8:00 Seminar on Crime & Punishment by the Old Bailey Insight & Legal London group  
Address: St Mary Moorfields, 4-5 Eldon St, London EC2M 7LS

**Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*(work attire)*

6:00 - 9:00 Annual dinner with placement mentors and students.  
Address: TBD

**Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*(professional attire)*

1:00 - 4:00 Visit and tour of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.  
Address: Little George St, Westminster, London SW1P 3BD

**Last week of July 1st:**

Students will work half-days at their placements Monday - Thursday of this week. The afternoons of Monday - Thursday will be spent at the SU London Center or other locations working on group or individual final projects.

Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

9:15-11:45 Student Presentations

11:45-12:30 Lunch Break (lite fare provided)

12:30-3:00 Student Presentations

3:00-4:00 Lite Celebration (Details to follow)