

**SQE Law Essentials**

**Full and Part Time  
Online Study  
Academic Year 2023 to 2024**

**Course Demands**

31 July 2023

---

## Contents:

1. Introduction .....	3
2. Preliminary Knowledge .....	3
3. Pre-Course Demands .....	4
4. Modes of Study and Attendance Requirements .....	4
5. Summary of Key Learning Outcomes .....	5
6. Learning Pattern and Environment .....	6
7. Assessments .....	8
7.1. SQE Law Essentials.....	8
7.2. SQE1 (not part of the SQE Law Essentials programme- for information) .....	8

---

## 1. Introduction

This document is produced by The University of Law for the information of prospective students. It explains the demands of the course in order that applicants with disability support requirements can assess their ability to undertake the course. Detailed questions about the extent of adjustments which may be made should be addressed to the Disability Support and Inclusion Service. This document may be made available to medical practitioners who may be asked to provide a professional judgement on the ability of an applicant to complete the course.

The information included is an indicative guide for the online SQE Law Essentials course. Students who enrol on the course will be subject to the course regulations in force at that time.

Details of the SQE Law Essentials Course, including subject coverage and the learning environment, can be found on the University website.

This document only covers the requirements of SQE Law Essentials.

## 2. Preliminary Knowledge

Whilst there are no entry requirements for the SQE Law Essentials Programme (unlike the other Law Conversion programmes), applicants should be aware that, to qualify as a solicitor in England & Wales, not only does the individual need to pass SQE1&2, complete 2 years' Qualifying Work Experience and pass the SRA's requirements for character and suitability; they also need a UK degree (or equivalent) in any subject.

The programme has been designed at a level equivalent to the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland - Level 6.

Generic skills associated with the attainment of a recognised first degree in a non-law discipline consistent with the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland Level 6 awards include:

- Ability to acquire through study coherent and detailed knowledge of a new subject.
- Ability to deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry within a discipline.
- Conceptual understanding that enables student to devise and sustain arguments and/ or solve problems using ideas and techniques.
- An appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge.
- Ability to manage own learning to make use of scholarly reviews and primary sources.

---

### 3. Pre-Course Demands

The course materials for the first study block are made available on the Virtual Learning Environment ('VLE') two weeks prior to induction.

Students will benefit most from the course if they have a level of English equivalent to IELTS 6.5 overall with no component below 6.0.

Students do not need any prior legal knowledge to start the course. Although they will need a degree to qualify as a solicitor, there are no entry qualifications for the SQE Law Essentials course.

### 4. Modes of Study and Attendance Requirements

All learning is delivered online via our VLE. The engagement will involve interaction with peers and tutors. This is mainly asynchronously via the VLE. Study is online only, with no Campus attendance.

SQE Law Essentials can be studied full- or part-time. Most weeks will incorporate 2 units (part time) and 3-4 units (full time) – so 20-25 hours' work part time, 30-35 hours' work full time.

The only timetabled sessions are one-hour Live Subject Support Sessions delivered online via Collaborate, once per week per module. These are not taught workshops but more of a chance to catch up with a tutor and ask questions.

---

## 5. Summary of Key Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding of the legal knowledge required for the academic element of the SRA's SQE 1 assessment - comprising 360 multiple choice and single best answer questions (across the academic and practical elements of Functioning Legal Knowledge).

The practical component of the SRA's SQE1 assessment will be studied on dedicated courses, such as the University's SQE1 Preparation Course.

For applicants' information, what follows is a summary of the SRA SQE 1 Assessment Specification – these are the areas students are expected to have knowledge of, and will be assessed in, the SQE 1 assessment. Those which are asterisked are the 'academic' components of FLK, studied in SQE Law Essentials:

### FLK1

- Business Law and Practice;
- Dispute Resolution;
- \*Contract;
- \*Tort;
- \*Legal System of England and Wales;
- \*Constitutional and Administrative Law and EU Law; and
- Legal Services.

### FLK2

- Property Practice;
- Wills and the Administration of Estates;
- Solicitors Accounts;
- Land Law;
- \*Trusts; and
- \*Criminal Law and Practice.

The SRA has prescribed the level of knowledge to be that of a newly qualified solicitor in England and Wales. This means that students must also be able to apply their knowledge of the law to demonstrate the competences required to the level of a newly qualified solicitor.

A student should be able to apply these fundamental legal principles and rules appropriately and effectively at the level required of a competent newly qualified solicitor in practice, to realistic client-based and ethical problems and situations. Each multiple choice/single best answer question in the SRA SQE 1 assessment is followed by five possible answers.

## 6. Learning Pattern and Environment

SQE Law Essentials divides the academic FLK syllabus into the following modules:

Module Name	Study Block (full time)	Study Block (part time)	Number of Units
English Legal System and Retained EU Law	1	1	3
Contract Law	1	1	5
Constitutional and Administrative Law	1	1	5
Tort Law	1	2	5
Criminal Law	2	2	5
Land Law	2	3	5
Trusts	2	3	5

Our courses are delivered using the Prepare – Engage – Consolidate (PEC) Model. This is summarised in the diagram below:



For each unit of study, there will be around 6 hours' preparation, 2 hours' engagement, and 2 hours' consolidation – this may vary from unit to unit, but it is a useful starting point.

Most weeks will incorporate 2 units (part time) and 3-4 units (full time) – so 20-25 hours' work part time, 30-35 hours' work full time.

Indicative weekly study patterns are as follows:

<b>Learning format (based on 10 hours per study unit)</b>	<b>Hours Full Time (indicative)</b>	<b>Hours Part Time (indicative)</b>
Prepare (self-study)	18	12
Engage (self-study)	6	4
Consolidate (including Live Subject Support Sessions)	6	4
	<b>30-35</b>	<b>20-25</b>

Each module comprises roughly 50 hours' study, and is studied across 5 weeks, with roughly 10 hours' study per week. The exception is ELS & REU, which comprises 30 hours' study across two weeks at 20 and then 10 hours per week.

## 7. Assessments

### 7.1. SQE Law Essentials

Formal – Summative

There are no summative assessments for this programme. The programme is purely a preparation course supporting students wishing to acquire knowledge and understanding of the core principles of law underpinning the SRA SQE 1 assessment.

Informal – Formative

The SQE Law Essentials course incorporates formative ‘mock’ assessments which align with the SQE1 assessments. The formative assessments therefore comprise 10 questions taken from each module at the end of that module. Learners will attempt these assessments online during the final week of each learning block.

The final Live Subject Support Sessions will review progress in the formative ‘mock’ assessments to support student progression towards the SRA SQE assessment.

### 7.2. SQE1 (not part of the SQE Law Essentials programme- for information)

Assessments for SQE1 (including any adjustments for candidates with disabilities) are under the control of the SRA’s chosen assessment provider Kaplan. Each FLK paper will last around 5 hours, comprising: Part 1 - 90 questions in just over 2.5 hours, Part 2 - 90 questions in just over 2.5 hours and a break of approximately 1 hour in the middle.

Further information about the SQE assessment and adjustment applications can be found at <https://www.sra.org.uk/students/sqe/supporting-sit-sqe/>

FLK1	S3	S5	30	SBAQ - Centralised SQE1 Assessment
FLK2	S3	S5	30	SBAQ - Centralised SQE1 Assessment