

Law Faculty Transition FAQs

Will there be any change to my course?

In practice you will experience very few changes in your day-to-day study as a result of this move. The professional accreditation will remain and there will be no change to the status of the Qualifying Law Degree, the Common Professional Examination Course or the Legal Practice Course.

What is the timescale for completing the move?

The move to the Faculty structure has already taken place but the full transition of Law will be completed by September 2015 in time for the next academic year. Working groups have been set up to discuss various aspects and ensure a smooth, including groups looking at Education and Student Experience.

Will the Law Library be maintained?

Yes. The move to the Faculty of Media & Communication will not result in any changes to the Law Library or the facilities in the Cobham Library. Melissa Bowden will continue as the law subject librarian.

Where will I find the Programme Administrators, assignment hand-in box and Placement Office?

For the remainder of this academic year there will be no change to any of these, and they will continue to be based in Christchurch House. You will be notified in due course about arrangements for the next academic year.

I applied to be in this Academic School. Will I now be graduating from somewhere different?

All of our students graduate from Bournemouth University, rather than from a particular School or Faculty, and this will continue to be the case after we move to the Faculty of Media & Communication. Your degree certificate will state the name of the course that you graduated from and that the degree is from Bournemouth University – there will be no change to your qualification or certificate as a result of the move. To provide continuity law students graduating in 2015 will graduate as part of the Faculty of Management ceremony.

Will my lecturers and tutors be affected?

All law staff have been consulted on the proposed move and now look forward to working as part of the new Faculty to ensure we continue to provide excellent academic and professional law courses. It is not intended that there will be any changes to the management of the law courses and the impact on your lecturers and tutors should be minimal. If you do have any concerns, please contact SUBU President, Chloe Schendel-Wilson at supresident@bournemouth.ac.uk

Why is Law becoming part of the Faculty of Media and Communication?

The Faculty of Media and Communication will comprise various academic groups that have an excellent reputation in their own disciplines. They will all have academic strength, as demonstrated by the recent national research exercise REF2014, but also, as with Law, the courses are designed to prepare students for a career in their chosen profession. We believe Law students will benefit from being part of this environment which creates graduates that are ready to excel and are sought after by employers.

It is proposed that under the Faculty structure there will be more emphasis placed on the profile of individual disciplines. This will enable Law at BU to have a higher internal and external profile which will benefit existing students and alumni.

We expect the Faculty structure and being part of the Faculty of Media & Communication will enable us in due course to introduce additional optional units on the undergraduate LLB.

Law and the Media School already enjoyed a strong collaborative research portfolio and below are some examples of this which you may find of interest:

In 2013 staff from both Schools reported on work commissioned by the Intellectual Property Office on the first large-scale empirical study of the economic effects of parody undertaking a comparative study of commercial music, videos and amateur parodies on YouTube, selected for its status as the leading online video platform. The legal treatment of parodies in seven jurisdictions that have implemented a copyright exception was also compared. Regulatory options for benefiting from a parody exception to copyright infringement were identified and it was recommended that the IPO and the Government move ahead with a planned copyright exception for parody, on the grounds that it would offer small but measurable economic benefits to both rights holders and parodists. This work directly informed the changes to legislation allowing parody of copyright works came into effect in October 2014.

Last month law, in association with the Swedish National Defence College collaborated with the staff across the Faculty to hold a [symposium of Moscow's Hybrid War in the Ukraine](#).

Another joint project is the [copyright use portal](#); an online resource aimed at making UK copyright law accessible to creators, media professionals, entrepreneurs, students, and members of the public. The goal is to inform creators about how to protect their work, how to license and exploit it, and how to legally re-use the work of others.