

2025-2026 UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION ROUTES

EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN LAW LEVEL 4/5

This document outlines the available **Top-Up progression routes for students who have successfully completed the Extended Diploma in Law – Level 4/5**. Students may progress to a UK university to complete the **Final Year (Level 6)** in a **Law-related degree programme** and obtain a full UK Bachelor's degree through the Top-Up system.

What is a Top-Up Degree?

A **Top-Up Degree** allows students who have completed Level 4 and Level 5 to enter directly into the **final year of a bachelor's degree program (Level 6)** at a UK university. Instead of studying a full three-year degree, students complete only the **final year**, provided they meet the university's academic and language requirements.

How Does the Top-Up System Work?

1. Students complete **Level 4 and Level 5** at our college.
2. Eligible students apply to a UK university offering a **Top-Up programme** relevant to their field of study.
3. Upon acceptance, students enroll directly into **Level 6 (Final Year)**.
4. After successfully completing the final year, students are awarded a full **UK Bachelor's degree**.

Steps to Apply for a Top-Up Degree

Students who wish to progress to a university Top-Up programme must follow these steps:

1. Complete Level 4 and Level 5 on Time

Students must complete their qualifications **within the specified deadlines**.

Failure to graduate on time may result in **missing the university intake cycle**, requiring the student to wait for the next admission period. (see Important Dates for Top-Up Degree)

2. Submit a Written Final Year Progression Request

Students must submit a **written request** to our college indicating their intention to progress to the Final Year before starting Level 5.

3. Meet English Language Requirements

Most UK universities require proof of English proficiency such as:

- IELTS
- TOEFL
- or equivalent recognised certificates

Students who do not meet the language requirement must improve their English independently and obtain the necessary certification before applying.

4. Apply to Selected Universities

Students may:

- Apply to universities listed by our college, or
- Apply independently through the **UCAS system**

5. Research University Requirements

Each university has its own:

- Entry criteria
- English score requirements
- Module expectations
- Application deadlines

It is the **student's responsibility** to ensure that they meet these requirements before applying.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TOP-UP DEGREE

Top-Up Degree Progression Schedule

The table below lists the official deadlines for students completing Level 4 and Level 5 who plan to progress to a UK university through the Top-Up system.

Important Dates Table – Top-Up Progression

University Intake	Eligible Level	Final Assignment Entry Deadline	University Application Deadline	Offer Acceptance & Document Submission Deadline
Jan 2025	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of September 2025	2 nd week of December 2025	2 nd week of January 2025
April / May 2025	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of January 2025	2 nd week of April 2025	1 st week of May 2025
September 2025	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of June 2025	2 nd week of August 2025	1 st week of September 2025
September 2025	Level 6	2 nd week of June 2025	2 nd week of August 2025	1 st week of September 2025
September 2025	Level 7	2 nd week of June 2025	2 nd week of August 2025	1 st week of September 2025
January 2026	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of September 2025	2 nd week of December 2025	1 st week of January 2026
April / May 2026	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of January 2026	2 nd week of April 2026	1 st week of May 2026

Important Notes Regarding Deadlines

1. A **limited number of UK universities** offer admissions for the January intake.
2. Similarly, **April/May intakes are also limited** and may not be available at all universities.
3. Only students who **successfully pass all assignments by the listed final submission dates** will be eligible to begin the Top-Up application process.
4. Students are required to submit the **final assignment for each module at least three weeks before the official deadlines** stated above.
5. Submission for each subsequent module is only allowed after the **successful completion of the previous module**. Therefore, students must ensure that all Level 4 and Level 5 assignments are completed and passed before the application deadlines.
6. Late submissions or incomplete modules may result in students being **deferred to the next academic intake**.

Deadline Responsibility Statement

It is the sole responsibility of the student to monitor and meet all academic and university deadlines. Failure to complete assignments within the required timeframe may result in delays in Top-Up progression or loss of available university places.

University Progression Routes – Top-Up Universities

Below is the list of universities where students who have completed the **Extended Diploma in Law Level 4/5** may progress to a UK university through the Top-Up system. The table shows the available Top-Up programmes, intake dates, and application links.

Extended Diploma in Law Level 4/5

Progression Routes

University	Top-Up Program	Start date	Top Up Program Links
Bangor University	LLB Law	September 2025	Visit program page
Bloomsbury Institute London	LLB Law & Legal Practice, 1-Year Top-Up	October 2025	Visit program page
Nottingham Trent University	Legal Practice Top-up (distance learning) LLM		Visit program page
University of Bolton	LLB (Hons) Law	26/01/2026	Visit program page
University of Bolton – WINC (delivery partner)	LLB (Hons) Law	26/01/2026	Visit program page
Carlow Institute of Technology	Law (LLB)		Visit program page
University of Chester	Policing, Law and Investigation (Top-Up)	2026-2027	Visit program page
Coventry University	Law with International Legal Study LLB (Hons) top-up	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
University of Derby	Law (LLB)		Visit program page
University of Lancashire	LLB (Hons) Law Top-up	January May September	Visit program page
University of Law	LLB Law Top-up		Visit program page

London Metropolitan University	Graduate Law (Top-up) (Distance Learning) LLB (Hons)	– UK – September 2025 Part-time Distance Learning – UK – September 2026 Part-time Distance Learning – Overseas- September 2025 Part-time Distance Learning – Overseas- September 2026 Part-time Distance Learning	Visit program page
Solent University	LLB (Hons) Law *A “top-up route” entry option is available: students with a Foundation Degree, DipHE, HNC, HND, or modules completed at another university may enter directly into the 2nd or 3rd year. *Additionally, the LLB (Hons) Law with Business page includes the term “Top-up route.”	2025 2026	Visit program page
University of Aberdeen	The University of Aberdeen offers articulation and advanced entry routes for students holding an HNC / HND or equivalent qualifications. This means that in some cases, entry to Year 2 or Year 3 of certain programmes is possible.		Visit program page

Aberystwyth University	LLB Law Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
Anglia Ruskin University	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2025 January 2026	Visit program page
Arden University	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	Unknown	Visit program page
Aston University	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
Bath Spa University	Bath Spa publishes that for <i>foundation degrees</i> , “you may be able to apply to progress to a compatible honours degree and complete a top-up year to get an honours degree.”		Visit program page
Birkbeck	Law LLB Consultation with admissions is required.	October 2025 October 2026	Visit program page
University of Bedfordshire	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	January September	Visit program page
Birmingham City University	Law- LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
Bournemouth University	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2025	Visit program page
University of Bradford	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	2025-2026 2026-2027	Visit program page

University of Brighton	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	2026 2027	Visit program page
UWE Bristol	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	2026/27	Visit program page
Cardiff Metropolitan University	Cardiff Met states that they consider credit transfer and module exemptions / advanced entry: "applicants may enter into 2nd or 3rd year dependent on numbers."		Visit program page
Chichester (University of Chichester)	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	2025-2026 2026-2027	Visit program page
De Montfort University (DMU)	Law LLB (Hons) - with optional placement year Consultation with admissions is required.	2025/26	Visit program page
University of Dundee	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2026	Visit program page
University of East London (UEL)	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	Unknown	Visit program page
University of Essex Online	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	October 2025 January 2026 March 2026 May 2026 July 2026 October 2026	Visit program page
Glasgow Caledonian	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	Sep 26	Visit program page
University of Gloucestershire	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.		Visit program page

Goldsmiths, University of London	LLB Law Consultation with admissions is required.	2026	Visit program page
University of Greenwich	Law, LLB Hons Consultation with admissions is required.	2026/27	Visit program page
University of Hertfordshire	Bachelor of Laws LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	2025/26 2026/27	Visit program page
University of Hull	LLB Law Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2026	Visit program page
University of Kent	LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2026	Visit program page
Kingston University	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	2025 2026	Visit program page
Leeds Beckett	Laws (LLB) Consultation with admissions is required.	21 Sep 2026	Visit program page
Leeds Trinity University	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
University of Leicester	Leicester has a "UK Law Degree Transfer Programme" which allows students from partner institutions to enter Year 2 or Year 3, depending on qualification.		Visit program page
University of Lincoln	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	2025/26 2026/27	Visit program page

Liverpool John Moores (LJMU)	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	2025/26 September	Visit program page
London South Bank (LSBU)	LLB (Hons) LAW (MAIN PATHWAY) Consultation with admissions is required.	September	Visit program page
Middlesex University	Law LLB Consultation with admissions is required.	2025/26 2026/27	Visit program page
Northumbria University	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2026	Visit program page
Open University	The OU offers Law Diplomas (which cover the initial parts of the honours degree), which can be “top up to a full honours degree in just two years.” Their Bachelor of Laws (LLB Honours) programme is structured with flexible / distance learning options.		Visit program page Visit program page
University of Plymouth	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.		Visit program page
Royal Holloway	Law LLB Consultation with admissions is required.	2026	Visit program page
University of Salford	Undergraduate LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2025	Visit program page
SOAS	College of Law LLB Consultation with admissions is required.	September	Visit program page
University of Southampton	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.		Visit program page Visit program page

University of Stirling	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2025, September 2026	Visit program page
University of Sunderland	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required	2025/26	Visit program page
Swansea University	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.		Visit program page Visit program page
Ulster University	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.	2026/27	Visit program page
University of Westminster	Law LLB Honours Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2026	Visit program page
University of Winchester	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.		Visit program page Visit program page
University of Wolverhampton	LLB (Hons) Law Consultation with admissions is required.		Visit program page
University of Worcester	Law LLB (Hons) Consultation with admissions is required.	September 2026	Visit program page
Wrexham Glyndŵr (Wrexham University)	LLB Law Consultation with admissions is required.	2025, 2026	Visit program page
York St John University	York St John's LLB (Hons) course listing shows that Points of entry: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 are available. For Third Year entry, the listing states that applicants must have completed the first two years (i.e. 240 credits) in a similar subject, and module mapping / alignment is required.		Visit program page