The LLM in the theory and practice of clinical legal education

Why?

‘Clinic’ is now a recognised and increasingly common component in many law schools, at home and abroad. This programme is unique in that it focuses on the rationale for and the design and delivery of ‘hands-on’ methods of studying law from both educational and professional practice perspectives. On completion, LLM students should be equipped to establish and run clinical courses.

Who?

The programme will appeal to those wanting to develop their knowledge, skills and values as law teachers and/or as legal practitioners. It can be studied on a full or part-time basis and (subject to visa requirements) is likely to draw in a cohort from across the Common and Civil Law worlds. Completion of this LLM may be a springboard to a PhD.

What?

Not only do students on this LLM address, in an applied way, the theories derived from educational ‘best practice’ and relevant professional practice rules but they also put those principles into effect through their supervised casework and mentoring of others engaged in clinical classes. The programme comprises of 3 compulsory modules that cover the principal theoretical and professional practice considerations, followed by a range of electives that allow the student to use this framework in the context of specialist legal subjects and a comparative study. To complete the programme a dissertation, on a subject of the student’s choice, is required. The whole focuses on improvements in access to justice.
When?
The LLM in ‘Clinic’ is offered for the first time in October 2014. It builds on years of prior experience but takes the study of clinic to a new level. It is delivered by a team of highly experienced academics and lawyers.

Where?
The University of York is a well-respected institution that regularly features amongst the top ten universities in the UK and the premier 100 in the world. York Law School is similarly well regarded, in part for its teaching and research quality (it was ranked overall 7th amongst all UK law schools in the 2013 National Student Survey and 5th in The Guardian league tables), but also because it is the only law school in the country that uses problem-based learning (‘PBL’) as the main vehicle for study. All law students on taught programmes – both undergraduates and postgraduates – follow the PBL approach to their studies. We are convinced that this produces a deeper and more critical understanding of law and the legal process.

York itself is a beautiful city with a rich cultural history and a vibrant day to day life, much of which revolves around the University.

And now?
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www.york.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply.

A limited number of scholarships may be available and funding is possible from donor agencies under good governance and access to justice programmes.

We look forward to hearing from you.