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## YEARS OF KNOWLEDGE

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LEADERS IN LEATHER



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**BLC Leather Technology Centre is a world leading centre of excellence in leather, leather products and leather supply chain support. BLC services include leather and leather product testing, chemical testing, footwear testing, problem solving, environmental and social audits, technical consulting and leather training courses.**

Delivered by industry experts, BLC leather training courses are aimed at providing delegates with a better understanding of the unique characteristics of leather, its product performance, quality and testing. Specialist courses address issues relating to chemical and product safety, cleaner technologies, environmental and eco issues as well as aspects such as mould management.



“ You really have given me  
**Amazing confidence**

to discuss our products knowing I fully understand all the procedures, tests and techniques used in the creation of our bags and accessories. ”

Mulberry Company (Design) Ltd.

## Mould in Product

1/2 DAY

Mould in leather is a common problem which is not easily rectified; this half day course will give you the knowledge you need to reduce the risk of mould in your leather products.

### Key topics:

- Understanding the cause and prevention
- How to investigate mould
- Tracing the origin
- Ensuring your shipment is not exposed

### Course dates

21 February      25 October

### Ideal for...

product manufacturers and retailers.

### Course cost

Members	Non members
£145 +VAT	£175 +VAT

## Chemical Compliance and Product Safety

1 DAY

Leather manufacturing involves a complex chemical process; enhance your knowledge in this key legislative area.

### Key topics:

- Understanding potential risks in leather
- Examine commonly found restricted or banned chemicals
- Where are restricted chemicals added in manufacture?
- Setting appropriate chemical limits and specifications
- Global variations in legislation

### Course dates

16 February      23 August

### Ideal for...

those involved in product compliance, customer services, product technologists, buyers, quality and legal staff.

### Course cost

Members	Non members
£199 +VAT	£299 +VAT

## Understanding Leather

1 DAY

Enhance your knowledge of leather; this introduction to leather will give you a basic understanding of leather.

### Key topics:

- Overview of leather production
- Understanding leather types and descriptions
- Leather problems and solutions
- Visit to model tannery
- Sourcing questions

### Course dates

14 February	21 August
17 April	23 October
26 June	4 December

### Ideal for...

those who need to have an overview of leather, such as designers, buyers, quality control and retail staff.

### Course cost

Members	Non members
£199 +VAT	£299 +VAT

## Safety Aspects in Footwear

1 DAY

Safety is a critical element of footwear; this course will improve knowledge and safety of footwear.

### Key topics:

- How to check your footwear is safe for retail
- Chemical risks
- Physical risks
- What to test
- Physical risk identification
- Understanding lab assessments

### Course dates

12 April	16 August
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### Ideal for...

those involved in product compliance, customer services, footwear technologists, buyers, quality and legal staff.

### Course cost

Members	Non members
£199 +VAT	£299 +VAT

## Leather Products and Dry Cleaning

1 DAY

This course covers what you need to learn about your leather products and how to keep them looking at their best.

- Understanding leather manufacturing and processing
- Construction – how are your products constructed?
- Problems in manufacture, processing and solutions
- Tour of dry cleaning centre
- Understanding dry cleaning
- Correct product labelling

### Course dates

27 June

### Ideal for...

designers, product technologists and quality control staff.

### Course cost

Members	Non members
£199 +VAT	£299 +VAT

## Practical Leather Finishing

1 DAY

Many finishes can be applied to leather to create fashionable effects; this course will give you an insight into what is and is not achievable.

### Key topics:

- Finish your own leather
- Understanding fashion effects
- Finish problems and solutions
- Colour matching
- Leather performance improvements

### Course dates

15 February	22 August
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### Ideal for...

designers, product technologists and quality control staff.

### Course cost

Members	Non members
£255 +VAT	£355 +VAT

## Leather Accessories Workshop

1 DAY

Leather accessories are a popular consumer choice; this course will give an understanding of what does and doesn't work to help improve product performance.

### Key topics:

- Overview of accessories manufacture
- Identifying problems and solutions
- Construction issues and solutions
- Buying questions – what you should be asking
- Understanding leather types and descriptions

### Course dates

18 April	24 October
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### Ideal for...

designers, buyers, sourcing, quality and retail staff.

### Course cost

Members	Non members
£199 +VAT	£299 +VAT

## Transportation Leather

1 DAY

This course covers a range of specialist and legislative aspects relating to automotive and other transportation leathers.

### Key topics:

- Creating awareness of specialist transportation leathers
- Material supply and traceability
- Design and construction issues
- Legislation and specifications
- Problems and solutions

### Course dates

24 April

### Ideal for...

designers, product technicians, buyers, quality and production staff.

### Course cost

Members	Non members
£245 +VAT	£345 +VAT

More courses 

## One day cont'd...

### Effective Selling of Leather Furniture

1 DAY

Leather upholstery is extremely popular with consumers and understanding leather in greater detail can improve the sales conversion process.

#### Key topics:

- Upholstery leathers and identification
- Suitability of leather type to customer
- Understanding natural defects and customer mis-use
- Leather processing
- Problems and solutions
- Different leathers in upholstery and construction

#### Course dates

15 May 13 November

#### Ideal for...

designers, retailers, sales staff, technologists and customer service staff.

#### Course cost

Members	Non members
£199 +VAT	£299 +VAT

## Two & five day courses

### Comprehensive Leather Training

2 DAY

This two day course is perfect for those who need to have a greater understanding of leather.

#### Key topics:

- An in-depth understanding of leather processing
- Supply chain management
- Sourcing
- Raw material to finished product
- Specification management
- Labelling guidance
- Legislation
- Problems and solutions

#### Course dates

20-21 March 18-19 September

#### Ideal for...

those who need to have a more detailed understanding of leather as a material, such as department heads, product designers, buyers, product technologists and quality control staff.

#### Course cost

Members	Non members
£495 +VAT	£595 +VAT

### Practical Leather Technology

5 DAY

The ideal course for anyone who wants to learn all there is to know about making leather.

#### Key topics:

- Practical aspects and science of leather making
- Tan, dye and finish your own leather
- Hair removal, tanning, and re-tanning
- Material management
- Learn to eliminate tanning technical problems
- Understand control points in leather making

#### Course dates

21-25 May 5-9 November

#### Ideal for...

those who are heavily involved with leather, such as supply chain staff, tannery staff, leather buyers, footwear technologists or those who need to top up their leather technology knowledge.

#### Course cost

Members	Non members
£950 +VAT	£1250 +VAT

## International courses

BLC runs regular leather training courses in Hong Kong and in the USA and can tailor courses to meet a wide range of needs around the world and deliver them in a variety of languages.



**Leather swatches** - All delegates will receive a complimentary leather identification kit which will help distinguish different leather types.

Prices subject to VAT at current UK rate.

Prices correct at time of print.

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All cancellations will incur a minimum administration charge of £50.00 plus VAT. Cancellations by 5pm 20 working days before the course will incur a charge of 50% of the course fee. There will be no refund of the course fee if the cancellation is notified after 5pm on the 20th working day before the course date. Bookings are processed on the understanding that this cancellation clause has been read and accepted by the delegate.

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