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At Lancaster we believe in offering those studying for a degree in Law a broad learning experience. This is why we have made a wealth of opportunities available to our students; from gaining practical experience by being part of our Law Clinics, or applying for a placement year; to travelling overseas as part of our study abroad programme.

During their time with us, we support and encourage all of our students to consider and develop their career prospects; and to explore the many opportunities both within and beyond the legal sector. Those wishing to pursue a legal career can benefit from our strong links with the legal professions and begin to establish links of their own.

Teaching on our Law modules at Lancaster, we have a world-leading team of researchers, who train judges, prosecutors and police officers from all over the world; shaping both law and policy. Our staff advise the United Nations, the OSCE, the EU, and national and local criminal justice agencies; which means that, at Lancaster, our students are learning from those who are experts in their field.

We are also proud of our international links, being a founding member of Lancaster University Ghana, the first campus in West Africa to be established by a UK university. We welcome students from all across the world to study with us and also provide outgoing international travel opportunities for our Lancaster based students, helping them to broaden their horizons within an increasingly globalised world.

I hope that you decide that Lancaster University Law School is somewhere you would like to study. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or my Admissions team.
We have strong links with the legal professions including reserved work experience placements for students.

+ You’ll learn through practice opportunities with our Law Clinic, Miscarriages of Justice Clinic, and StreetLaw programme.
+ We have an active student-run Law Society who organise mooting and negotiation competitions, and a range of careers and social events.
+ Dedicated careers support is given by practising lawyers who provide support for applications, and with preparation for interviews.
+ Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, we have a fund dedicated to enhancing our students’ employability, through an access to the professions scheme.
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We are a research intensive Law School and over 80% of our research was rated as internationally excellent or world leading in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (2014). Our students are taught by world leading researchers whose work impacts on practice and policy both nationally and internationally.

Dr Amin Al-Astewani, Lecturer in Law

Amin focuses on the role played by religious tribunals in Western legal systems. He has led cutting-edge research on a novel type of religious tribunal in the UK, namely Islamic Shariah tribunals. After conducting fieldwork research at four of the most prominent of these tribunals, Amin submitted written evidence to Parliament on the legal status of their decisions and practices, as part of the government’s first public review of Shariah councils in the UK. His evidence was subsequently cited by over twenty media outlets, including internationally. As part of his engagement with communal organisations and bodies, Amin has also advised the UK Board of Shariah Councils on the legal status of Islamic Tribunals. He continues to offer his expertise and advice to both policy-makers and Shariah councils on the legal status and role of Islamic tribunals in the modern English legal system.

Dr Catherine Easton, Reader in Law

Catherine’s work focuses on the interaction between law and technology and covers aspects of data protection, accessibility and intellectual property. She is a co-investigator on an EU-funded project that examines the use of technology in crisis management and, through this, has worked with partners such as Airbus and the cloud computing provider CloudSigma. Catherine also acted as the Chair of the Internet Governance Forum’s Internet Rights and Principles Coalition and, through this, organised a number of workshops such as one in Istanbul on the right to online freedom of expression. She has been awarded a British Academy small grant to investigate the regulation of driverless cars from a disability-rights perspective.

Professor Sigrun Skogly, Professor of Human Rights Law

Sigrun specialises in human rights obligations, particularly related to economic, social and cultural rights. She is currently focusing on two areas: extraterritorial human rights obligations, and business and human rights. Sigrun has worked actively with organisations outside of academia, including the human rights organisations FIAN-International focussing on the right to food as a human right. She is a founding member of the International Consortium on Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations, gathering together several hundred individuals and non-governmental organisations to promote universal protection of human rights. She has also worked closely with the UN human rights system, including the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
All of our Law degrees meet current professional regulatory requirements and are designed to prepare students for the new Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) and future Bar training.

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LLB (Hons) Law Pathways

Students studying on our LLB Law degree can choose, from their second year, to specialise by following one of three pathways, after which they will be awarded a named degree (see page 19 for more information). The pathways enable you to pursue your own interests and specialise from an early point in your studies, and the in-depth knowledge you’ll gain will help you to stand out from the crowd when applying for graduate roles.

Learning through practice

At Lancaster University Law School, we believe that one of the best ways for students to learn is through practice, and we offer all students the chance to embed this either into their studies or as an extra-curricular activity.

Miscarriages of Justice Clinic

Students can be involved with the Miscarriages of Justice Clinic as both an extra-curricular activity and as an assessed, optional module. Students investigate ‘real life’ cases where there has been a potential miscarriage of justice, with a view to referring the case to the Criminal Cases Review Commission. This experience gives students an excellent opportunity to work on real criminal cases as an undergraduate, and is run by solicitors and barristers who supervise the work. The Clinic and the assistance it provides is undertaken on a Pro Bono basis to persons convicted of a crime but who have maintained their innocence and exhausted their appeals process. Students gain an understanding of the process involved in handling a case file as well as the appeals procedure. They are encouraged to think ‘outside of the box’ and exercise analytical skills which are beneficial not only for a legal career but can be transferred to any profession. They are presented with the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of those involved in the criminal justice system.

The Clinic has close links with the Centre for Criminal Appeals (CCA). The CCA is a charity run by lawyers and investigators dedicated to freeing innocent prisoners and preventing future miscarriages of justice; each year clinic students work on a case with the CCA team providing further invaluable experience. The Clinic also collaborates with criminal solicitors who work on criminal appeals and has been invited to assist on cases by appeal teams.

See also Law Clinic and StreetLaw on following pages.
Law Clinic

Students can work in the Law Clinic as part of their degree. Being involved in the Law Clinic enables students to gain invaluable experience delivering legal advice to clients, developing their communication skills, practising interviewing, drafting advice, and managing case files.

The Law Clinic provides legal advice and information to members of the local community on a range of issues including family, employment, consumer, and tenancy issues. A pop-up clinic moves around organisations within the community.

The aim of the Clinic is to provide high quality legal advice and information while offering practical experience to our Law students. The advice is supervised by qualified barristers and solicitors, and the Clinic works closely with local firms of solicitors who also provide supervision to students. The Law Clinic is committed to sustaining and developing its links with other advice agencies, local firms, and individuals. It is also a member of LawWorks and adheres to their protocol on Pro Bono work.

LawWorks is a charity working in England and Wales to connect volunteer lawyers with people in need of legal advice, who are not eligible for legal aid and cannot afford to pay, and with the not-for-profit organisations that support them.

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Case Study

A client contacted the Law Clinic about circumstances surrounding the preparation of a will for a family member, who had sadly passed away. Their concern surrounded the family member’s age, mental fragility, and possible undue influence exerted by another family member. Students worked with Joseph A. Jones Solicitors to establish whether the case merited further investigation (which it did) and to give the appropriate advice to the client.

The advice the students gave included: explaining the grounds upon which a will may be challenged; the preliminary investigations that should be conducted prior to a costly appointment with a specialist solicitor; and the 6-month time scale within which the client should act. The client was instructed to make enquiries with the solicitor who had prepared the will regarding the circumstances and records surrounding its preparation, and, in order to establish capacity, to seek statements from the medical professionals who cared for the relative and the medical records of the deceased. Armed with this advice, the client was able to take appropriate next steps.

Feedback from Law Clinic clients

“I am just writing to say thank you for the advice I received from the Law Clinic. The student advisors were professional and the information I received at the end was very clear and understandable. With their advice, I have now resolved my legal issues.”

“I would just like to say how brilliant the service has been and the letter of advice is exactly what I needed - very useful and extremely professional. Please can you thank the students on my behalf.”

Our students’ work in the Law Clinic

“My time working in the Law Clinic has been very enjoyable and has provided me with a range of skills which I believe will help me pursue my career as a solicitor. I have greatly improved my interviewing and client relationship skills as well as developing my professional legal writing style via the letters of advice. It is very rewarding to know that I am helping the community and providing a service that is in demand.”

Ted Hendey
Final year, LLB (Hons) Law

“My research has allowed me to develop my legal knowledge in areas of law not taught in my degree. Providing help and support to members of the local community has also been a rewarding experience.”

Stella Hadjiloucas
Final year, LLB (Hons) Law
Outstanding Learning Facilities

Our campus is made for learning. Our library, in the heart of campus, has 1,300 technology-enabled workspaces and is built around a central atrium filled with natural light. It is typically open 24/7 in term time.

Dedicated Law Library Provision
Students have access to a range of specialist resources, including textbooks, journal articles, Hansard reports, and statute books. Silent working spaces and group work areas are available. Students also have access to online databases where they can read case law, statutes, and legal journal articles online.

Law School study spaces and meeting rooms
The Law School contains several study spaces for students to undertake quiet study and meeting rooms which can be booked by students for group work.

Law School ‘Hub’
This is stocked with up-to-date legal reading materials for students, including legal magazines and newspapers, as well as the updated annual training contract and pupillage handbook. It’s a great resource for students who want to stay up-to-date with the latest news from the legal world and plan for their future career.

The Learning Zone
A more informal learning space, the Learning Zone has individual working spaces as well as group ‘pods’ which can be reserved in advance for group projects. A laptop loaning service is available, as well as a service desk for students who need support or advice with technology issues.

StreetLaw

StreetLaw is offered to our students as a third year module and as an extra-curricular activity. StreetLaw sessions are delivered by our law students, who put together interactive presentations/lessons on topical issues of the law that will be of interest to school pupils or members of community groups. The aims of the sessions are to inform groups about particular areas of the law and their legal rights and responsibilities. Students research, design, and deliver the interactive sessions, whilst being supervised by a legally qualified member of staff.

Examples of recent StreetLaw projects

School Admissions presentation at a Pre School Centre
Our students presented to parents at a local nursery about their rights surrounding school admissions.

Lancaster District Homeless Action Service & Oak Tree House
Our students delivered presentations on family law issues and police powers.

Campus in the City
Undergraduate and postgraduate students delivered presentations within Lancaster city centre. The presentations covered the importance of making a will, family law issues, consumer rights, social media safety, and facts surrounding Universal Credit.

Alex Darlington
LLB (Hons) Law
Graduated 2019
“StreetLaw is interesting, engaging and great for developing practical skills that will be useful when entering the working world.”

Jess O’Conner
LLB (Hons) Law
Graduated 2019
“It was rewarding to be able to give back to the community, delivering the law in an accessible way to people who might not have been able to gain this information otherwise.

Without StreetLaw, I wouldn’t have been able to develop my public speaking and this skill helped me across other modules that I studied.”
Gain realistic experience in our mock court room

The Bruce Sewell Mock Court Room is a state-of-the-art facility that allows students to experience simulated court activities, both as part of their degree and for extra-curricular purposes.

Unlike many universities, which provide a moot room, this is a properly appointed mock court, providing additional flexibility for us to run simulated trials, not just hypothetical appeal arguments. The mock court room is also designed as an electronic court room, using similar technology to that found in HM Courts and Tribunal System; ensuring that our students are prepared to conduct advocacy in the modern courts.

The court room is used to teach students on mooting, advocacy, and litigation. It also increases students’ employability by providing them with simulated court activities, including conducting examination of students studying to work in other professions (e.g. social work, psychology, and medicine).

The court room is also used by the student-run Law Society, as part of its mooting competitions. The court offers further benefits for outreach activities, for example allowing local schools to conduct simulated court exercises.

About Bruce Sewell

The Mock Court Room is named after Bruce Sewell, a graduate of Lancaster University (Bowland College, 1979) who, with his wife Cynthia, provided a generous donation to help fund the courtroom. After studying at Lancaster, Bruce studied at George Washington University in the USA, receiving his JD (Juris Doctor, a professional-entry degree in the USA) and then entering the California and Washington DC Bars.

After serving in litigation firms, Bruce Sewell joined the Intel Corporation as part of their legal team, ultimately rising to Vice President and Deputy General Counsel. In 2009, Bruce Sewell joined Apple as General Counsel and Senior Vice President Legal, later adding responsibility for Government Affairs to his portfolio.

Bruce retired from Apple in 2017 after eight years of outstanding service to the company. He remains an active businessman and also serves as the President of the Friends of Lancaster University in America.
LLB

Core Modules

Students on all of our LLB programmes and pathways will take the following core modules during the course of their degree. These modules will introduce you to a range of legal topics and help you to understand the ways that law shapes society.

- **English Legal System and Methods**: Introduces you to the central tenets of the English Legal System and supports the development of the legal skills that will see you through your degree. Substantive topics include: the structure of the courts and tribunals, legal precedent, the legal professions, the judiciary, and lay justice.
- **Public Law**: Introduces you to constitutional law, administrative law, and human rights law. You will explore key constitutional principles, the legal framework underpinning the UK judiciary, executive and parliament, judicial review, inquiries, tribunals, the Human Rights Act 1998, and the question of a British Bill of Rights.
- **Law of Contracts**: Focusing on the purpose of Contract Law, you begin by looking at resolution for breach of contract; before moving on to study the formation of contracts, terms of contract, and their interpretation and enforceability. The historical and theoretical aspects of contract law are also considered.
- **Criminal Law**: Immerses you in a broad investigation of criminal law, including legal rules, substantive crimes, the conditions of criminal responsibility, and law in practice. You also explore the scope of law, and its enforcement in a political, economic, moral and social context.
- **Law of Torts**: Provides you with an understanding of the rules contained in, and underlying philosophies behind, tort law. Topics covered include trespass, negligence, vicarious liability, defamation, and privacy.
- **EU Law**: Gives you a firm grounding in the European Union including its institutions, the creation and development of law, and the principles governing relations between the EU and its member states. You are also introduced to substantive law relating to the free movement of goods and persons.
- **Land Law**: Immerses you in real life scenarios to promote an understanding of how the law actually works. Topics covered include: co-ownership of family homes and division of property between cohabitees, mortgage law, landlord and tenant law, and squatters’ rights.
- **Equity and Trusts**: Covers the major types of trust and the key elements required for their validity and operation; as well as relevant aspects of equitable remedies. You will draw upon key current developments in relation to the law of trusts.
- **Law of Property**: Introduces you to constitutional law, administrative law, and human rights law. You will explore key constitutional principles, the legal framework underpinning the UK judiciary, executive and parliament, judicial review, inquiries, tribunals, the Human Rights Act 1998, and the question of a British Bill of Rights.

Optional Modules

In addition to their 8 core modules, students completing the LLB (Hons) Law degree will select up to 9 further optional modules (with a choice from typically over 40 modules). The modules on offer reflect the research interests and specialisms of the academic staff, who are at the forefront of developments in these areas.

- Advocacy
- Company Law
- Competition Law
- Contemporary Crime Problems
- Contemporary Issues in Policing
- Contemporary Issues in the Legal Profession
- Crime and the Media
- Crimes of Power
- Cybercrime and Cybercriminality
- Dissertation
- Drugs, Crime & Society
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Hate Crime
- Health Care Law and Ethics
- Human Rights and Civil Liberties
- Immigration and Asylum Law
- Intellectual Property Law and Policy
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- Introduction to Business Law
- Law and Principles of Taxation
- Law and Religion
- Law Clinic
- Legal Advice Clinic
- Mass Atrocities and War Crimes
- Miscarriages of Justice Clinic
- Organised Crime
- Principles of Commercial Law
- Principles of Employment Law
- Prisons, Punishment and Society
- Private International Law
- Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending
- StreetLaw
- Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Law
- Youth Justice

Modules and degree structure

We keep our degree programmes under constant review, and regularly introduce and update modules. In any academic year, the modules offered may therefore differ from those presented here. Similarly, the structure of our degrees may change, in response to curricular developments and following consultation with students. Please check our website for the latest information: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/study](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study)
You will develop a robust understanding of the theories and principles that underpin health care ethics and health care law. We will engage with theories from both an individual and a societal perspective, helping you to further develop your critical evaluation skills and establish your own ethical viewpoint considering:

- Withdrawing treatment and assisted dying
- IVF
- Surrogacy
- Embryo research
- Abortion
- Conjoined twins

Using the context of the European human rights regime to investigate civil liberties and human rights protection, you will adopt a critical and comparative approach as you gain a comprehensive grounding in the law of human rights.

We will tackle some of the most complex and topical issues facing the world today such as the right to life, freedom from torture, freedom of expression, and capital punishment. Through specific case studies you will engage with issues and questions regarding whistle-blowing and enforced disappearances.

Business is a dynamic and ever-evolving sphere so commercial law has to adapt to ensure that it is responding to the needs of the business community. Our teaching accurately reflects this by focusing on contemporary areas of commercial activity.

We cover both domestic and international transactions and provide you with a holistic picture of the lifespan of commercial transactions. Topics include:

- The evolution of commercial law
- Business organisations
- Sale and bailment of goods
- Methods of payment
- Insolvency
- Commercial dispute resolution

Those choosing to graduate with a specific pathway will select modules relevant to their pathway to build up their expertise in a focused area. Examples of the optional modules associated with each pathway are:

- **LLB (Hons) Law (Commercial Law)**
  - Company Law
  - Competition Law
  - Intellectual Property Law and Policy
  - Principles of Commercial Law
  - Principles of Employment Law

- **LLB (Hons) Law (Human Rights)**
  - Family Law
  - Human Rights and Civil Liberties
  - Immigration and Asylum Law
  - Mass Atrocities and War Crimes

- **LLB (Hons) Law (Criminal Law and Justice)**
  - Evidence
  - Cybercrime and Cybercriminality
  - Youth Justice
  - Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending

Some of our most popular recent optional modules include:
This degree gives students an international and comparative perspective on the Law. Alongside their LLB core modules, students will select options from:

- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- Private International Law
- Mass Atrocities and War Crimes
- Human Rights and Civil Liberties

LLB (Hons) Law
(Clinical Learning)

This degree has two specialisms within it. Students can either choose to work with the Lancaster University Law Clinic throughout their degree; or they can commit to three-years of work with the North Lancashire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). Through engaging with the CAB they can gain official recognition as an advisor. Students undertake the following modules in addition to their LLB core modules (see page 16):

**Lancaster University Law Clinic specialism**

**Year 1**
- Introduction to the Law Clinic

**Year 2**
- Law Clinic
  - OR
  - Optional Module*

**Year 3**
- Legal Advice Clinic
  - OR
  - Miscarriages of Justice Clinic*
  - OR
  - Optional Law Modules*

*For this route, you must have completed Miscarriages of Justice Clinic in Year 2 as an optional module.

**Citizens Advice Bureau specialism**

**Year 1**
- Citizens Advice Bureau Training

**Year 2**
- Citizens Advice Bureau Service
  - OR
  - Optional Module*

**Year 3**
- Citizens Advice Bureau Advanced Advice
  - OR
  - Optional Law Modules*

*For Optional modules, please see page 17.
LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
LLB (Hons) Law with Politics

Alongside their LLB core modules, students on these degrees will also study modules in their second subject:

Law with Criminology

**Year 1**
- Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice

Provides a foundation for understanding the social, cultural, political, and economic processes associated with crime and the criminal justice system.

**Year 2**
- Criminological Thought

Introduces and examines theories that have sought to explain crime, criminality and social control.

**Year 3**
- Optional modules in Law and Criminology

Law with Politics

**Year 1**
- Politics in the Modern World

You’ll explore key themes in the study of modern politics, and gain critical insight into the nature and use of political power in the contemporary world.

**Year 2**
- Optional modules in Law and Politics

**Year 3**
- Optional modules in Law and Politics

My experience of a combined Law and Criminology degree has been excellent. With the core law modules I have been able to gain a solid foundation of various areas of law. With each module being so different, you are able to experience different aspects of law, discovering topics that you may wish to enter into in the future for a career. Aspects of criminology go hand in hand with a law degree thereby allowing for a diverse and enjoyable degree with lots to offer. I’ve also had great support from the School, from academic advisors, seminar tutors, and drop in sessions, so I’ve never been left without the opportunity for help.

Adam Ramsden
LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
Graduated 2019

Gain professional experience on a placement year

On our four year placement year degree you will apply to spend your third year doing a placement with a public, private or voluntary organisation. This experience aims to boost your employment prospects and allow you to apply your academic ideas in practice. Placement applications are competitive, so to give you the best chance of success, you will be supported throughout the process by a specialist team, including taking preparatory modules. If you are successful in securing a placement, you would complete a reflective portfolio upon your return to showcase your experience; then in Year 4, you would return to the University to complete your academic studies.

Previously Lancaster University students have worked in companies such as:
- British Airways
- Deloitte
- Johnson and Johnson
- L’Oréal
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Our placement students work in a broad range of organisations; from large multinational companies around the world to small companies in the North West of England.
LLB (Hons) Law (Study Abroad)

On this four-year programme, students apply to spend their third year at one of our highly-regarded partner universities. While at Lancaster, students follow the same structure of study as those on the three-year LLB Law degree. Whilst studying abroad at one of our partner universities, they continue to study Law or Law-related subjects, providing insight into the way law impacts on societies around the world.

Our current partners include:

Europe (students taught in English)
- University of Bergen (Norway)
- Charles University Prague (Czech Republic)
- Louvain University (Belgium)
- Maastricht University (The Netherlands)
- University of Groningen (The Netherlands)
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- University of Trento (Italy)
- Uppsala University (Sweden)
- University of Zagreb (Croatia)
- VU Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

USA
- Iowa State University
- Michigan State University
- North Carolina State University
- University of Binghamton, New York State
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Missouri, St Louis

Australia
- La Trobe University
- Murdoch University
- University of South Australia

Canada
- University of Ottawa

Other opportunities to go abroad
There are opportunities to take part in a vacation programme overseas at one of our International Strategic Partners in:
- Malaysia
- China
- India
- Ghana

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Meet Charlotte

Charlotte Davis
LLB (Hons) (International Law) graduate 2017, trainee solicitor at Addleshaw Goddard

Studying at Charles University, Prague, was the best thing I have ever done! It was slightly daunting at first when the realisation hit that I was moving to a country where I couldn’t speak the language and knew nobody, but I settled in within days and fell in love with the city. There are so many beautiful things to see during the day, from the historic old town, to exploring neighbouring towns. Moving with three other people from my degree in Lancaster, we all shared a flat together and we would go travelling at the weekends.

Studying at Charles University I met so many different people from around the world, and it gave me a really different perspective on life as I learned about different cultures and people. The experience not only gave me a greater understanding of people, but developed my confidence massively.

Before I went to Prague, I emailed law firms out there, and managed to secure an internship with Bird & Bird for one day a week. This was great, as it allowed me to learn about the Czech legal system, and see Prague in a way I wouldn’t have otherwise. The staff there were lovely and took me out to different restaurants where I would try the local Czech cuisine, which was an added bonus!

My role consisted of proof-reading Czech legal documents in English and delivering presentations to the partners on the English legal system, which was a rewarding and beneficial experience for both parties.

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Week in the life

Yetunde Olashore

Yetunde is a third year LLB (Hons) Law student, and works in the Law School’s Immigration Law Clinic. When she graduates she is planning on attending Nigerian Law School in order to qualify as a solicitor and a barrister in Nigeria.

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Preparing you for a legal career

While we recognise that not everyone studying for a Law degree will choose to pursue a legal career; we do believe that everyone should be given the opportunity to explore that option during their time here. There are many ways that the Law School helps students to do this and below you will find some examples of the opportunities we currently offer.

Work experience and volunteering opportunities

Reserved work experience placements

The Law School’s strong links with the professions means that students are able to apply for work experience placements exclusively reserved for those in the Law School. Placement opportunities include those at local, national, and regional solicitors’ firms and barristers’ chambers; and judicial marshalling, an opportunity rarely afforded to students, where you sit alongside a judge in the Crown Court. See page 28.

Access to the professions placement scheme

Alumni generosity has allowed us to provide a scholarship fund to assist students in gaining work experience in the legal professions. Students can apply for money to support themselves whilst on placement, through assisting with accommodation fees, travel costs and the like. See page 29.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Volunteering opportunities are available for students to work directly within the organisation. Whether it’s providing the relevant assistance to clients as an Advisor, or taking on an administrative role as a Casework Assistant, the Citizens Advice Bureau gives students the chance to give back to the local community using the skills obtained from their degree, as well as obtaining practical experience working with clients.

Work experience bursaries

The Law School provides bursaries to support students who secure other work experience opportunities, covering living costs, the costs of travel and accommodation for the duration of their placements.
Aisha’s experience on our Reserved Work Experience Placement Scheme

I completed a placement with Pannone Corporate LLP via the Reserved Work Experience Placement Scheme. During my placement I, like a trainee solicitor, experienced work in four seats, namely that of, corporate, real estate, employment and dispute resolution. Every day I was challenged to do something out of my comfort zone, by being given high quality work in areas I was unfamiliar with. It was a very realistic insight into what life as a trainee solicitor would be like at Pannone Corporate LLP and I was given plenty of responsibility from day one, which made me feel like a valued part of the team.

I primarily applied for the Reserved Work Experience Placement scheme in order to capitalise on my education and legal work experience. The scheme was a great opportunity for me to gain legal work experience because of being exposed to a broad range of interesting work and opportunities for career progression. I would definitely recommend all law students to apply for the Scheme; not only does it give you a foot up when applying for vacation schemes and training contracts, but it also allows you to truly experience life as a trainee solicitor.

By both studying Law at Lancaster University and gaining relevant legal work experience via the Reserved Work Experience Placement Scheme; I believe that you gain valuable insight on how hard work, focus and determination can decisively bring about the realisation of your ambitions.

Aisha Bhailok
LLB (Hons) Law
Graduated 2017

Access to the Professions Scheme

Through the Access to the Professions Scheme, I secured a Mini Pupillage at St John’s Buildings, Manchester at the end of my first year studying Law. Although daunting, my time at Chambers was thoroughly enjoyable and challenging.

During my three days there, I spent time in the County Court, shadowing barristers in two personal injury claims and two initial hearings for family law matters. Despite being unfamiliar with both of these areas of law, having just completed my first year at Lancaster, I was instructed to find inconsistencies in the claimant’s case by looking through the court bundles.

I filled out the relevant forms and paperwork at court and I also attended a client conference with an instructing solicitor. All of these experiences and the opportunity to liaise with barristers, gave me a fantastic and realistic insight into the workings and day-to-day life of Chambers. The experience really solidified my desire to pursue a career at the Bar.

I applied for the Access to Professions Scheme as, having previously only undertaken volunteer work, I struggled to secure any legal placements. Without the Scheme, I may never have been given such a valuable opportunity so early in my legal career. This incredible experience, which the Law School provided, is one for which I am grateful and one for which I wholly encourage others to apply.

At times, pursuing a legal career can seem difficult and disheartening. This opportunity reassured me that hard work and commitment are recognised; and that no matter your background, if you are determined, you can succeed in your chosen legal career.

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Establishing links with the Professions

We provide many opportunities to prepare you for your chosen career. On the following pages you will find examples of some of the opportunities we currently provide.

Liasing with Lawyers Event
This event welcomes practising solicitors and barristers from around the country to the Law School to give a series of talks on life in legal practice. Students are given the opportunity to network and to ask questions, providing a real insight into the profession.

Judicial Lecture Series
Members of the judiciary visit the Law School to discuss their work and meet with students. For example, Lord Justice Ryder, Senior President of the Tribunals and a Court of Appeal judge, gave a lecture to students on his career and the role of tribunals in forging a path for lawyers seeking judicial office.

Law Clinic Supervision
Those students who secure a place working at the Law Clinic are supervised by practising solicitors and barristers. Not only are students given a practical insight into the work undertaken as a lawyer, but this provides a unique experience to work alongside these professionals as an undergraduate.

For those seeking a career at the Bar

Inns of Court Trip
For those students seeking a career at the Bar, the Law School runs an annual trip to the Inns of Court. Students can experience life as a barrister and talk with current students from the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) as well as practising barristers about choosing this career path.

Inns of Court Scholarship Assistance
As part of the BPTC application process, many students apply for a scholarship to support them during their studies. The Law School works with the student to review the application and to provide general advice on the most appropriate scholarship available for them.

Exploring your career options

Law Careers Fair
The fair, which takes place annually, is aimed specifically at students seeking to enter legal practice. Representatives from law firms across the country attend and provide students with the opportunity to network and learn more about firms they are considering applying to. Regular attendees include Ashurst, Pinsent Masons, and Bird & Bird.

Careers Dinner
This annual event allows students to dine with partners and trainees from law firms. The dinner is a unique opportunity for students to chat informally about their chosen career path, network with key contacts, and receive tips on the application process from the firms themselves. Regular attendees include DLA Piper, White & Case, and Allen & Overy.

Career Mentoring Scheme
This University scheme assigns student participants with a mentor who is an established professional in the student’s career of choice. Students have a dedicated mentor who they can reach out to for advice, and receive application assistance and CV review.

Careers Clinic
Practising lawyers run the School’s careers clinic, assisting students on a one-to-one basis with their applications and CVs, running mock interviews, and providing general careers advice and guidance. Students can make appointments to attend the clinic which runs every week.

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Not everyone studying Law will go on to work in the professions. Other popular career choices from recent Lancaster graduates include:

- Accounting
- Business and related associate professions
- Marketing
- Human resources and Industrial Relations Officers
- Finance
- Teaching

Careers and Employability Workshops

These workshops focus on developing students’ skills in areas such as leadership and communication to prepare them for the world of work. Career management workshops are also available where students can receive CV and application advice. Aimed specifically at Law students, ‘Alternative Careers to Law’ is an annual event which provides guidance for students seeking an alternative career path after their degree.

Mock Interviews

Mock interviews can be arranged through the Careers Service and are tailored to the specific job which has been applied for. Students are then given feedback on their responses and tips on how to stand out at interview.

Careers Fair

A general careers fair takes place each year on campus with stands from a range of employers such as MI6 and BAE Systems. Students are given the chance to learn more about these companies from speaking directly to those who work there. We also invite companies onto campus to deliver employer presentations throughout the year.

Disability Careers Support

The Careers Service provides tailored support for those with a disability. Events include a workshop on disclosing disability to employers, as well as a ‘Talent has no Boundaries’ event in which professionals return to University to discuss their own experience of the transition from student to employee.

Lancaster Award

The Lancaster Award recognises student achievement. In order to receive the Award, students must demonstrate a commitment across various areas such as work experience, volunteering, and campus activity. The Award builds the skills necessary to enhance the position of students in a competitive graduate job market.

Our alumni

Her Honour Judge Carol Atkinson

Designated Family Judge for East London and Deputy High Court Judge

LLB (Hons) Law, graduated 1984

Carol graduated from the Law School in July 1984 and moved to London to sit her Bar Exams. She secured pupillage in a general common law set and was offered a tenancy immediately. She moved chambers once, before leading a merger between the family team at her chambers and the family team at another set, becoming a founding member in 1999 of the busy successful set at Coram Chambers in London, specialising in family law, but also experiencing a truly common law practice.

She was appointed a Recorder in the Crown Court in 2000. Returning to the criminal law after nearly 15 years was both exciting and challenging. She was given civil and private law family tickets and in 2005 was one of the few part-time judges at that time to be given a ticket to hear public law cases.

Rather than apply for Silk, she decided to apply for judicial appointment, and in 2007 was appointed to the Circuit Bench sitting across three jurisdictions – family, crime and civil. In 2010 she was appointed to the Judicial College as a Tutor on the Family Course, where she still lectures.

In October 2013, in anticipation of the implementation of the Family Justice reforms and the division of London into three family justice regions, Carol was appointed Designated Family Judge for East London. She was given a unique opportunity to create the new East London Family Court from scratch across four local county courts with a brand new court building in Canary Wharf, London Docklands. East London now has the largest number of public law cases across the London region and across the country. They also take one half of all of London and Greater London private law and injunction cases. Carol leads a team of 8 Circuit Judges, 20 District Judges, 8 District Judges (Magistrates Court), and many legal advisors and Magistrates.

She was appointed a Deputy High Court Judge in 2011, sitting for a number of weeks a year in the Family Division. She also has a Court of Protection ticket and maintains her sittings in the Crown Court for a number of weeks a year.

Her husband is also a member of the judiciary and together they have happily managed busy careers with family life and their three children.
Andrew Leaitherland,  
**Group CEO (DWF LLP)**  
**LLB (Hons) Law, graduated in 1991**

After joining the Manchester-based law firm, DWF LLP, Andrew became one of the youngest Managing Partners in the UK's legal sector aged only 35. His combination of innovative leadership and focus on values saw DWF LLP named Legal Business, National Law Firm of the Year in 2011, when the firm also topped the Legal Week client satisfaction report for the quality of its legal and commercial advice. Andrew’s energy, drive and vision and his focus on people, profitability and profile led to him being elected to a further three-year term as DWF’s Managing Partner. DWF’s stellar growth since 2006 has seen the firm expand into Leeds, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Birmingham, and London.

Daniel Jacklin,  
**Consultant (Monitor Deloitte)**  
**LLB (Hons) Law, graduated in 2017**

My experience at Lancaster University gave me an ideal start to my career. The combination of great teaching, diverse opportunities, and a friendly community gave me the skills and knowledge I needed to succeed going forward – along with many happy memories and close friends.

Lancaster University Law Society

Our student-run Law Society organises a range of extra-curricular activities, as well as a platform from which its members can launch their careers. The activities on offer will help to make any aspiring professional stand out from the crowd.

**Events that the Society has run in recent years include:**

- In-house mooting competitions with questions set by both the Society and lecturers, and judged by solicitors, barristers, and judges. The Society also participates in a number of external mooting competitions, including the VIS moot, one of the largest mooting competitions in the world.
- An annual negotiation competition, judged by local lawyers, for students with a more commercial focus.
- Pro-Bono activities, which include events and competitions for schools.
- An annual trip to London to visit City law firms and attend workshops. Previous firm visits have included Clifford Chance.
- University of Law and BPP Workshops aimed at increasing students’ skills to prepare them for the job market. These include application workshops as well as CV assistance. One day intensive courses are also organised in which students attend law centres in Manchester to develop a range of skills in preparation for a legal career.
- Law firm talks where representatives from law firms across the country give talks on life in the professions, as well as topical issues in legal practice. Previously, a partner from White & Case discussed the impact of Brexit, and the Government Legal Service ran a workshop on judicial review.

**Social events and sports**

Regular social events, including the annual Law Ball, a summer BBQ to celebrate the end of exams, and the annual overseas trip, which in previous years has visited Berlin, Barcelona, and Amsterdam.

The Law Society also runs a football and netball team, both of which compete in the university leagues, as well as against teams from law firms.

**Important information**

The information in this publication relates primarily to 2021/22 entry to the University and every effort has been taken to ensure the information is correct at the time of printing in May 2020. The University will use all reasonable effort to deliver the courses as described but the University reserves the right to make changes after going to print. You are advised to consult our website at www.lancaster.ac.uk/study for up-to-date information before you submit your application. Further legal information may be found at www.lancaster.ac.uk/compliance/legalnotice.