

Lancaster
University



Law
Undergraduate Degrees 2027



Welcome

At Lancaster we believe in offering those studying for a degree in law a broad learning experience. You'll benefit from a wealth of opportunities; from gaining practical experience by being part of our Legal Advice Clinic, or running our successful Law Society, to travelling overseas as part of our study abroad programme.

During your time with us, we will support and encourage you to consider and develop your 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 including Magic Circle firms in London and begin to establish links of their own. We also support students in their trajectory towards a wide range of non-legal careers in, for example, policy development and consultancy.

Teaching on our law degrees, 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 you will be learning from experts in their field. They are passionate about their impact on wider society and are dedicated to sharing this with you. If you wish to pursue a career in research, you can study more in-depth dissertation-focused modules to develop a deeper engagement with critical research. This often leads on to further postgraduate study.

We are 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.



- We have strong links with the legal professions.
- You'll learn through practice opportunities with our Legal Advice Clinic and StreetLaw module.
- We have numerous active student-run law societies that organise mooting and negotiation competitions, and a range of careers-focussed and social events.
- We have excellent facilities including a state-of-the-art mock court room.
- Dedicated law careers support provided by practicing lawyers who offer support for applications, and with preparation for interviews.
- We are a global School of Law with a sister department in Lancaster University Ghana and students and staff from around the world.
- You'll be taught by academics conducting world leading, impactful research which informs your learning.
- Excellent academic advisor system for extra support during your studies.

Degree title		Degree (Hons)	UCAS code	Course duration (years)	Typical A level offer
Law		LLB	M100	3	AAB
Law (Placement Year)		LLB	M104	4	AAB
Law (Study Abroad)		LLB	M101	4	AAB
Law (Clinical Learning)		LLB	M103	3	AAB
Law with Criminology		LLB	MM12	3	AAB
Law with Criminology (Placement Year)		LLB	MM14	4	AAB
Law with Criminology (Study Abroad)		LLB	MM15	4	AAB
Law with Politics		LLB	M1L2	3	AAB
Law with Politics (Placement Year)		LLB	M1L3	4	AAB
Law with Politics (Study Abroad)		LLB	M1L4	4	AAB
Criminology and Law		BA	MM13	3	BBB
Criminology and Law (Placement Year)		BA	MM16	4	BBB
Criminology and Law (Study Abroad)		BA	MM17	4	BBB

Visit our website for more information on degree options, scholarships and entry requirements [lancaster.ac.uk](https://www.lancaster.ac.uk)



Made for *learning*

Everybody learns differently, and our tutors use differentiated learning and assessment methods to help you achieve your full potential.

We offer various methods of assessment across our law modules, including:

- Coursework
- Exams
- Problem questions
- Portfolio
- Reflective report
- Dissertation
- Oral presentations
- Innovative assessments, e.g. podcast recording or blog writing
- Multiple choice tests

You will have access to your lecturers and tutors during office hours to clarify any questions you have about your learning. You'll also have an academic advisor who remains throughout your degree to advise you on all aspects of your academic learning.



Mock Court Room

The Bruce Sewell Mock Court Room is a state-of-the-art facility that allows you to experience simulated court activities, both as part of your degree and for extra-curricular purposes. The court room is used to teach you mooting, advocacy, and litigation. It also helps increase your employability by providing you with simulated court activities.

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. This means you are well-prepared to conduct advocacy in the modern courts.



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LLB Hons Law

Lancaster University



Maddy, recent graduate

Lancaster stood out to me due to the diverse range of expertise offered by its staff, which is one of the key factors which drew me to the University. The faculty members bringing this pool of knowledge has been highly beneficial to me, especially when considering my dissertation in final year. Having access to staff with such varied areas of specialisation means I can receive guidance on a range of potential research areas, allowing me to have specific feedback and support.

Something that inspires me in my degree at Lancaster is being an active member in a society. I am the Senior Outreach Officer for the Junior Lawyers Against Poverty Society, and in this we use our legal knowledge to fight to eradicate poverty and make access to justice a resource available to all members of our society. Joining a subject-related society has provided me with confidence in my ability to fight for things that are important to me and to use my voice to shape a better society.

Ultimately, to any student considering studying law at Lancaster University, whilst the degree is academically challenging, there is an amazing support system in place, and you would be joining an incredible community of staff and students.

Gain *real-world* experience

We provide many different opportunities to integrate work experience into your studies. From the year-long work experience gained on a placement year degree, to short term internships during vacation and real-world engagement in taught modules. You'll graduate with a strong CV, ready for the next step towards your career.

Placement year

You can opt to study your degree with a placement year (also known as a year in industry). On this degree you spend your third year working in a graduate-level, professional job in a sector of your choice before returning to complete your final year at Lancaster University. Securing a placement is a competitive process and we support you with personalised coaching and professional guidance.

Legal advice clinic

You can gain practical experience in this clinic as part of your degree. This enables you to gain invaluable experience delivering legal advice to clients, developing your communication skills, practising interviewing, drafting advice, and managing case files.

Street Law module

StreetLaw is currently offered as a final year module. 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. On this module, you research, design, and deliver the interactive sessions, whilst being supervised by a legally qualified member of staff.

Internship scheme

You'll gain sector-relevant work experience with these internships. Apply in all years of study for opportunities in areas such as public affairs, research and policy, business development and events. The scheme offers you an opportunity to gain access to direct work experience while you study.

Lancaster award

The Lancaster Award is a non-academic certificate developed in partnership with employers to help you make the most of your time at Lancaster and to demonstrate the skills you have developed along the way. It is designed to reward the wide range of volunteering activities and placements undertaken by many of our undergraduates. Potential employers increasingly value a profile that includes more than just strong academic results, and the Lancaster Award recognises and validates this.



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Jessica, recent graduate

LLB Hons Law

My favourite thing about being a law student has been the drive to give back to the Lancaster community. I have seen the real-life relevance and impact of my degree in the city and how it can help others, and I have loved every minute of it!

I think that's what truly brings the subject to life for me and allows me to see the fulfilment of all I am learning. This was most evident to me in being a part of the School Tasking Initiative facilitated by the School of Law and its amazing impact for teaching primary school children about the law and encouraging them to pursue higher education.

Meanwhile, I developed employability skills and experience for the legal world, such as professional networking with a top firm like A&O Shearman. In addition, being part of the Legal Advice Clinic has enabled me to work on pro-bono cases at this stage of my career, which has brought me a lot of joy and satisfaction.



Your global *experience*

Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and partner institutions around the world. Your global experience is about living and learning with people from different cultures whether through your course, your college or your students' union.

Study abroad

You can choose to study your degree with a study abroad year. On these four-year degrees, you spend your third year studying at one of our partner universities abroad. Our current partners are in Europe, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong and United States, although availability of destinations varies each year.

Living in another country and studying from a different perspective enhances your subject knowledge and develops resourcefulness for life after university.

Find out more: lancaster.ac.uk/global-experiences
Follow us on Instagram @GlobalLancaster

Vacation travel

You can also discover the world during your vacations. Our Global Experiences team run vacation travel trips to Malaysia which include a mix of academic study and cultural discovery. These trips range from cultural exchanges to studying sustainable practices with world leading experts.

Overseas summer schools

During summer vacation, you can apply to attend a summer school at one of our international partner universities all around the world. Destinations are varied – from Singapore to Italy, Hong Kong to Canada. Explore where you could go: lancaster.ac.uk/overseas-summer-schools

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Perth, Australia

Lancaster University



Beth, recent graduate
LLB Hons Law (Study Abroad)

I chose to study abroad at Murdoch University, Perth, Australia. I absolutely loved my time there - I got to study new topics, learn about new cultures, and travel the entirety of Australia in the breaks.

I was allowed some flexibility in my studies and was able to study criminology and sociological-related subjects, as well as Australian law. This was really insightful to learn more about law, within a global setting. Also considering how the law is impacted by many other factors, and international overlaps.

I absolutely loved being in Australia, my friends and I would go to the beach after class, go on hikes every weekend, and would go camping in the uni breaks. During the 3-month Christmas break, I was able to go backpacking over the east coast of Australia, stopping at Uluru in the Northern Territory on the way back. These months were the highlight of my life so far, and without studying abroad they would not have been possible.

I made so many incredible friends who live across the world - from New York to Helsinki to Kyoto. It's incredible to visit them in such cool places, and so fun when they have been able to visit the UK.

My study abroad year was so incredible, anyone considering studying abroad should 100% do it. Everyone I know who did said it was the best year of their life.

Law

LLB Hons

Human rights breaches, defamatory social media posts and environmental harms - law permeates and shapes all aspects of society. Learn from leading experts as you develop your legal skills. Join in mooting competitions and network with prestigious law firms to create invaluable connections.

This degree is designed to give you a good understanding of law in context and wider societal issues. Building on the foundations of legal knowledge, you'll also learn about issues that are right at the heart of our society such as human rights, litigation funding, legal history, property law and the right to protest. In your final year you can choose a dissertation topic in an area that interests you.

Our modules are focussed on your future career. If you are planning to continue in the legal profession, you'll acquire the knowledge and skills you will need to qualify as a solicitor and pass the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) or to start professional training to be a barrister.

Enhancing your curriculum

We continually review and enhance our course curricula to ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experience, and to make sure that the subject knowledge and transferable skills you develop will prepare you for your future. Information within this publication with respect to courses and modules is correct at the time of publication, and the University will make every reasonable effort to offer courses and modules as advertised. In some cases, changes may be necessary and may result in new modules or some modules and combinations being unavailable, for example as a result of student feedback, timetabling, staff changes and new research.

Year 1

Core Modules

Legal Systems and Sources

Learn about the legal system of England and Wales and begin to understand precedent, court structure and hierarchy and the different legal services and personnel. You will develop the academic legal skills that you need to succeed in your law degree.

Contract Law

Learn about the foundations of legal knowledge governing contracts in England and Wales. Contracts are legally enforceable agreements that provide security to transactions and the basis for a wide range of legal relationships.

Skills, Ethics and Professional Practice

Develop professional skills for a career in law or beyond, including effective communication, professionalism and honesty. You will explore key aspects of the legal profession and delve into the Professional Ethics and the Solicitors' Code of Conduct.

Legal Systems and Justice

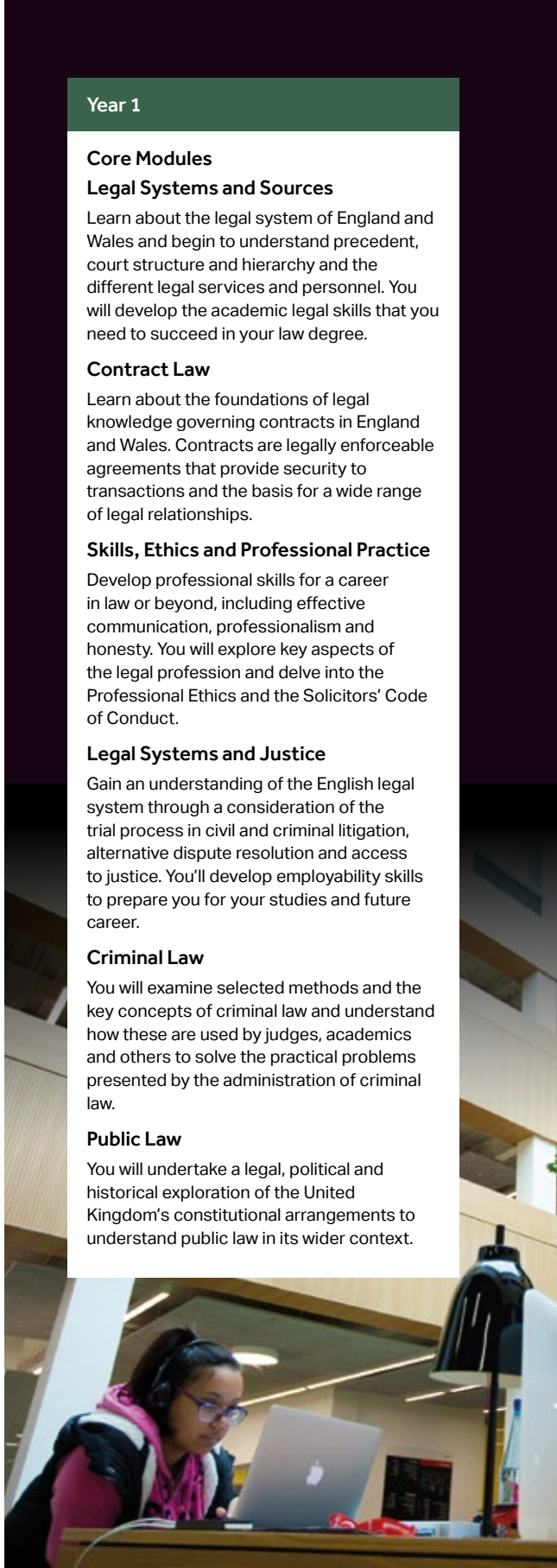
Gain an understanding of the English legal system through a consideration of the trial process in civil and criminal litigation, alternative dispute resolution and access to justice. You'll develop employability skills to prepare you for your studies and future career.

Criminal Law

You will examine selected methods and the key concepts of criminal law and understand how these are used by judges, academics and others to solve the practical problems presented by the administration of criminal law.

Public Law

You will undertake a legal, political and historical exploration of the United Kingdom's constitutional arrangements to understand public law in its wider context.



Year 2

Core Modules

Tort Law

Study core concepts in tort law at an introductory level. Tort law addresses civil wrongs, aiming to provide a legal remedy. The scope of these is broad and cases may include negligence causing harm, nuisances between neighbours and intentional wrongs.

Land Law

This module provides opportunities to work through legal problems from the perspective of a legal practitioner. Through real life scenarios you will gain an understanding of how land law really works.

Optional Modules

- Business Law and Practice
- Employment Law
- Family Law
- International Law
- Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Law
- European Union Law
- Financial Crime
- Human Rights and Civil Liberties
- International Law on Force, Territory and Human Rights
- Law and Young People
- Legal Tech and Innovation
- Organised Crime
- Cybercrime and Cybercriminality

Final Year

Core Module

Equity and Trusts Law

Discover and explore the key themes, concepts and issues prevalent in equity and trusts law today. This module examines and locates the subject within its broad historical context to identify its development and functioning over time.

Optional Modules

- Law Dissertation
- Company Law
- Environmental Law
- Immigration and Asylum Law
- Inheritance Law
- Healthcare Law and Ethics
- Legal Advice Clinic
- Contemporary Issues in Corporate Governance
- Evidence
- Intellectual Property Law and Policy
- Human Rights, Mass Atrocities and War Crimes
- Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending
- Street Law
- Drugs, Crime and Society
- Green Criminology
- Queer Futures
- Confronting the Climate Crisis

Study abroad degrees

You will study abroad at a partner university in your third year. The grades you achieve at your host university will be translated back and be credited to your Lancaster degree.

Placement year degrees

Your third year is spent in a graduate-level work placement and assessed via assignments reflecting on your experiences.



Law (Clinical Learning)

LLB Hons

This course is designed to enhance your legal studies by giving you hands-on practical experience centred on the legal profession, legal skills, and professional knowledge.

Under the supervision of a qualified solicitor or barrister, you will provide professional legal advice to clients in the Legal Advice Clinic. Taking instruction from the client, you will identify the issues, conduct research to resolve this dispute legally and advise the client. You'll gain an insight into how law operates in practice and how those providing legal advice are bound by codes of ethics. Through this experience, you will acquire the competencies of a lawyer particularly in research, fact-analysis and legal analysis.

You can also join the Street Law project and deliver interactive sessions out in the community on topics like cyberbullying. Further hands-on experience can be gained through volunteering and past students have worked with refugee advocacy and environmental organisations.

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Mediation and Conflict Resolution

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- Confronting the Climate Crisis
- Drugs, Crime and Society
- Green Criminology
- Queer Futures

Combined *honours degrees*

You can combine your study of law with a range of other subjects through a combined honours degree. You'll study core modules from each subject, which will enable you to develop the key knowledge needed for both.

Our combined honours programmes offer you the flexibility to explore multiple interests within one degree and understand how different subjects interact to enhance your learning. You will develop a range of subject and career specific skills as well as transferable skills essential to all career pathways.

Law with Criminology LLB Hons

Explore law in the context of wider societal issues, with criminology complementing your legal studies by offering alternative perspectives on crime, punishment and justice. You will examine how crime is portrayed in the media and popular culture, while looking critically at the social, cultural, political and economic contexts of crime and criminal justice through a social justice lens.

Law with Politics LLB Hons

This degree enables you to learn about the issues that are right at the heart of society such as human rights, litigation funding, legal history, property law and the right to protest. You will gain key insight into the relationship between power and the state, domestic and comparative politics, and policy making. You'll analyse power in modern societies, from social injustice and climate change to cultural wars and declining trust in democracy.



Criminology and Law BA Hons

You'll examine key issues from criminological and legal concepts, including criminal law, the English legal system and explanations for crime and offending behaviour. You'll explore how crime and justice are shaped by social, political and economic factors, informing your study of prison systems, modern punishment, and the role of reformative approaches.







Careers and *employability*

We provide many opportunities to prepare you for your chosen career, including events where you can meet and learn more about various law firms and seek guidance on CVs, applications, further training and associated scholarships.

Annual Law Summit

This event brings together barristers, solicitors and representatives of top law firms for law talks and panel interviews. It provides insight into various legal careers, and offers networking opportunities for you.

Law careers fair

This annual fair is aimed at those seeking to enter legal practice. Law firms from across the country attend, providing an opportunity for you to network and learn more about firms you are considering applying to.

Law careers clinic

The School of Law's weekly careers clinic supports you individually with your applications and CV. Delivered by practicing lawyers amongst our staff, we offer mock interviews and provide general careers advice and guidance.

Inns of Court

For those seeking a career at the Bar, we have strong links with the Inns of Court. In previous years, we have run a trip there and speakers from the Inns of Court have also delivered talks at the University.

Inns of Court scholarship assistance

As part of the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) application process, you may be eligible for a scholarship to support you during your studies. We work with you to review your application and to advise the most appropriate scholarship available to you.





Careers *service*

Both during your degree and after you graduate the University provides dedicated, specialist support. Our careers service has connections with some of the world's top graduate recruiters, high growth businesses and employers across diverse sectors. We run a range of initiatives to suit everyone's career aspirations.



Mentoring scheme

This scheme aims to match you with a mentor who is an established professional in your career of choice. You will have a dedicated mentor who you can reach out to for advice and receive application assistance and CV review.

Workshops

These workshops focus on developing your skills in areas such as leadership and communication to prepare you for the world of work. Career management workshops are also available where you can receive CV and application advice. Aimed specifically at law students, 'Alternative Careers to Law' is an annual event which provides guidance for those 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. You are then given feedback on your 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 Ml6 and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). You will be 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.



Graduate *destinations*

With a law degree, and with the high-level skills you'll gain, you'll be ready for roles in the legal sector and beyond. As well as law expertise and experience, you'll be the type of graduate employers want – a strong communicator and an excellent problem solver.

Within the field of law, you can choose to pursue careers such as (some require further training):

- Solicitor
- Barrister
- In-house lawyer
- Court personnel
- Paralegal

Alternatively, a law degree sets you up for many professional roles outside the law sector.

Other popular career choices from recent Lancaster graduates include:

- Accounting
- Business
- Marketing
- Human resources
- Finance
- Teaching



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Consultant to Clifford
Chance and Keystone
Law, and ACAS
Arbitrator.

Lancaster University



Chris Goodwill,
graduated in 1983

LLB Hons Law

After leaving Lancaster, I took an LLM at Cambridge and then qualified as a solicitor, specialising in employment law. Since 1986, I have been with the same law firm, Clifford Chance. I became a partner in 1995 and global head of employment law in 2003. The firm, which belongs to the 'Magic Circle', has provided me with an endlessly challenging and highly rewarding career due in part to those at Lancaster who set me on the road to the 'city'.

I have Lancaster to thank for some enduring friendships. A number of us still meet up occasionally to reminisce and visit old haunts, we are soon recounting (and embellishing) our shared experiences as students. I was very pleased to be asked to be an ambassador for the University and to have an opportunity to offer a message of support to those debating whether to embark on student life at Lancaster. My answer is an unequivocal 'yes' - you may be about to start the best years of your life. I retired as a partner in 2019 but continue as a consultant to the firm and also to new model law firm, Keystone Law. I have also been appointed as an ACAS Arbitrator and am a Trustee of Brightside, a charity that provides mentoring services for school and university students.



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