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# Welcome

Professor Catherine Easton  
Head of Lancaster University  
Law School

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 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 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. They are passionate about their impact on wider society and are dedicated to sharing this with our students. Those wishing to pursue research careers are able to choose more in-depth dissertation-focused modules to develop a deeper engagement with critical research, often leading towards further postgraduate study.

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, we are extremely proud of the choices we are able to offer you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or my Admissions team.

# Law at Lancaster



**11<sup>th</sup>**  
for Law  
*Times Good  
University Guide  
2023*



**9<sup>th</sup>**  
for Law graduate  
prospects  
*Guardian  
University Guide  
2023*



**8<sup>th</sup>**  
for quality of  
teaching and  
student experience  
*Times Good  
University Guide  
2023*

- + We have strong links with the legal professions.
- + You'll learn through practice opportunities with our Legal Advice Clinic and StreetLaw module.
- + We have an active student-run Law Society who organise mooting and negotiation competitions, and a range of careers and social events.
- + We have excellent facilities including a state-of-the-art mock court room.
- + Dedicated careers support is given by practising lawyers who provide support for applications, and with preparation for interviews.
- + We are a global Law School 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.

## Our internationally renowned staff

We are a research intensive Law School and are ranked 6th in the UK for research impact, with 88% of our impact rated as outstanding in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (2021). 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. Amin has also advised both the UK Board of Shariah Councils and the Muslim Women's Council 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 Siobhan Weare,  
Senior Lecturer  
in Law**



Siobhan's research explores the socio-legal responses to, and experiences of, male survivors of sexual violence. She has conducted the UK's first study on 'forced-to-penetrate' cases, interviewing male survivors about their experiences of this form of sexual violence. There has been extensive media coverage of her work, including by Channel 4 News, You Magazine, BBC Radio FiveLive, LBC Radio, and The Sun. Siobhan has also presented her research

to police forces across the UK, third sector support services, and policymakers, and has influenced policy and practice related to supporting male survivors of sexual violence. She is co-leading on the 'Justice in Covid-19 for Sexual Abuse and Violence' project. The research team will be exploring the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on criminal justice journeys of adult and child survivors of sexual abuse, rape, and sexual assault.

**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 (focusing 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.

# Degrees and entry requirements

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.

Degree title	Duration	UCAS code	Typical offer
LLB (Hons) Law	3 years	M100	AAB
LLB (Hons) Law (Clinical Learning)	3 years	M103	AAB
LLB (Hons) Law (International Law)	3 years	M102	AAB
LLB (Hons) Law (Placement Year)	4 years	M104	AAB
LLB (Hons) Law (Study Abroad)	4 years	M101	AAB
LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology	3 years	MM12	AAB
LLB (Hons) Law with Politics	3 years	M1L2	AAB

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

## 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.

**LLB (Hons) Law  
(Commercial Law)**

**LLB (Hons) Law  
(Human Rights Law)**

**LLB (Hons) Law  
(Criminal Law and Justice)**



# Legal Advice Clinic

**Students can work in the Legal Advice Clinic as part of their degree. Being involved in the Legal Advice 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 Legal Advice 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 Legal Advice 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.

## Case Study

A client contacted the Legal Advice 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 six-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 Legal Advice Clinic clients

"I am just writing to say thank you for the advice I received from the Legal Advice 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 Legal Advice Clinic

### Sam Rae, LLB Law (Clinical Learning)

During my time in the Lancaster University Legal Advice Clinic, I have had the opportunity to work on a wide variety of cases such as consumer rights, education discrimination, and divorce. I have also written a piece for the Lancaster Guardian and attended an interview with BBC Radio Lancashire. Working in the Legal Advice Clinic has allowed me to develop key skills required within private practice such as legal research, client care and communication. Similarly, it has also broadened my perspective on how the law impacts the day to day lives of the local community and the importance of affordable, easily accessible legal advice.

The Legal Advice Clinic offers a truly unique experience in which students can expand and develop a repertoire of skills not necessarily utilised on a traditional LLB programme. Not only does this greatly enhance your CV, provide discussion points in interviews, and give you the opportunity to understand what it is like to work in private practice, but it also gives you a sense of the direction in which you may wish to pursue your future career.

### Keenan Taku, LLB Law

There is simply no substitute to practical legal education, and I can say without hesitation that the Legal Advice Clinic module has prepared me for private practice the most. Taught by experienced, practicing solicitors, I feel far more prepared to enter the legal industry after undertaking a range of real-life-tasks: from drafting statements of case and letters of advice, advocating in a mock interim injunction and even interviewing real clients. The skills I have developed, including advocacy, legal research, and letter drafting, will prove invaluable in the working world.

# Specialist modules

## StreetLaw

StreetLaw is offered to our students as a third 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. Students research, design, and deliver the interactive sessions, whilst being supervised by a legally qualified member of staff.

## Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Throughout this module, you will follow a simulated commercial litigation case, all the way from the first client interview through to trial. You complete the key stages of a commercial litigation case, including drafting pleadings, conducting a simulated disclosure and inspection exercise and considering witness evidence. The module is assessed by an advocacy assessment in the mock courtroom and a take home portfolio exercise. This practical module, taught by a practising solicitor, develops key skills such as legal drafting, legal research and oral communication.

## Beata Kolodziej, LLB Law (Clinical Learning)

The Civil Litigation module gives students the chance to work on all key stages of the litigation process. I particularly enjoy the range of tasks I am expected to do throughout the module, which differ from preparing a group presentation to performing a mock mediation. The fact that the tasks are varied and directly relate to professional litigation lawyers' responsibilities is very motivating. I believe that the module helps students acquire a unique set of skills whose development is not possible by taking more theoretical modules. The experience of delivering advocacy and drafting documents prepares students to work in the legal environment and gives them an advantage in the competitive recruitment process.

## 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.

### Schools and community engagement

Our StreetLaw students research, design and deliver interactive lessons to school pupils and sixth form students, both in person and by virtual methods. Recent topics have included social media and the law, cyberbullying and the law, employment law, discrimination, hate crime, and police powers. In addition, our students regularly deliver talks to local charities, support groups, and community organisations.

## Domonique West, LLB Law

As an aspiring solicitor, drafting letters of advice in the Legal Advice Clinic and documents in the Civil Litigation module was a fantastic opportunity for me. It helped to develop my legal drafting skills which in turn improves my employability. Few other modules can provide this opportunity which helps you to stand out in a particularly competitive industry.

Not only does the Legal Advice Clinic provide personal benefits in terms of my studies, but aiding someone in a difficult time by sharing my knowledge is extremely rewarding. Seeing how grateful clients are for the support which we provide makes the process even more brilliant.



# 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.

# 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 helps increase students' employability by providing them with simulated court activities, including conducting examinations 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 (Hons) Law

### 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.

#### 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 cohabitantes, mortgage law and landlord and tenant law.

#### 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.

## LLB (Hons) Law

### Optional modules

In addition to their seven core modules, students completing the LLB (Hons) Law degree will select up to eleven 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.

- + Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- + 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
- + Employment Law
- + Environmental Law
- + EU Law
- + Evidence
- + Family Law
- + Hate Crime
- + Health Care Law and Ethics
- + Human Rights and Civil Liberties
- + Immigration and Asylum Law
- + Inheritance Law: Wills and Succession
- + Intellectual Property Law and Policy
- + International Human Rights Law
- + International Law
- + Law and Religion
- + Legal Advice Clinic
- + Mass Atrocities and War Crimes
- + Organised Crime
- + Principles of Commercial Law
- + Prisons, Punishment and Society
- + Private International Law
- + Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending
- + StreetLaw

*Information contained in this booklet with respect to modules is correct at the time of publication, and the University will make every reasonable effort to offer modules as advertised. In some cases changes may be necessary and may result in some modules and combinations being unavailable, for example as a result of student feedback, timetabling, staff changes and new research. Please check our website for the latest information. [www.lancaster.ac.uk](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk)*

## LLB (Hons) Law

### Optional modules

The following optional modules have been popular with our students:

#### Health Care Law and Ethics

You will develop a robust understanding of the theories and principles that underpin health care ethics and health care law. You 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
- + Medical negligence
- + Abortion
- + Confidentiality

#### Human Rights and Civil Liberties

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.

You 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.

#### Principles of Commercial Law

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
- + Carriage of goods by sea
- + Methods of payment
- + Insolvency
- + Commercial dispute resolution



## LLB (Hons) Law

### Pathways

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

#### 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
- + Sex Crimes and Sexual Offending

## LLB (Hons) Law (International Law)

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)

Alongside their LLB core and optional modules, students work in the Lancaster University Legal Advice Clinic throughout their degree and take the following modules to support their clinical learning:

### Year 1

Law, Business and Technology

### Year 2

Mediation and Conflict Resolution

### Year 3

Advanced Clinical Learning

+

Optional Module  
See page 17 for optional modules.

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Optional Module  
See page 17 for optional modules.

# Gain professional experience on a placement year

On our four-year placement year degree you will apply to spend your third year working in a professional paid role in a sector of your choice. Placement year roles are available in most sectors with a wide variety of roles on offer which could complement your degree subject knowledge, or offer some insight into an exciting new area of work. This experience aims to boost your employment prospects and allows you to explore the links between your subject discipline and the ever-changing world around us. Placement applications are competitive, so to give you the best chance of success, you will be supported throughout the process by a specialist team, personalised coaching and support on offer throughout your second year. You return to the University in Year 4 to complete your academic studies.

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.

Previously Lancaster University students have worked in companies such as:

- + British Airways
- + Deloitte
- + Johnson and Johnson
- + L'Oréal
- + PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)



– Sharon Tapfumaneyi spent her placement year as a Legal Intern with PT Associates in Leicester.

# Jake's placement year



For my placement year, I moved to London to work as a paralegal in the 'Healthcare Professionals' department at mid-sized law firm RadcliffesLeBrasseur LLP.

We assisted medical professionals who were defending themselves against various allegations brought by their regulatory bodies. The cases could involve allegations of poor medical practice, dishonest or disreputable conduct, or even allegations of criminal behaviour. I also gained significant experience in defending high-value negligence claims.

It's hard to describe quite how advantageous the work placement was. But here's just a few examples of the kind of work I did there which included organising and attending meetings with clients and counsel, putting together evidence bundles utilised in the High Court, writing legal articles, and acting as point-of-contact for clients.

A particular highlight was the trips to Manchester (staying at the Hilton, no less!), attending and reporting on our clients' hearings at the Medical Practitioner's Tribunal. The experience was definitely thorough and challenging, yet I always had fantastic support from my firm and the University's careers team. In fact, I was supported from start to finish with putting together my CV, cover letter reviews, mock interviews, and frequent support whilst on placement. This support made the year even more rewarding.

My placement was a transformative experience – I returned with so many new skills, new friends and connections, and with unrivalled insight into the industry I aimed to enter. If you are up for the challenge, a placement year is a seriously unmatched opportunity!

**Jake Chadwick**  
LLB (Hons) Law with Politics  
(Placement Year)  
Graduated 2021



## 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)

- + Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium
- + Maastricht University, Germany
- + Università degli Studi di Trento, Italy
- + Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
- + Universitetet i Bergen, Norway
- + Uppsala Universitet, Sweden
- + Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Prague

### North America

- + Iowa State University
- + North Carolina State University
- + University of Colorado, Boulder
- + University of Missouri, St Louis

### Australia

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

We also offer vacation travel opportunities to all students, regardless of degree scheme. These are typically short trips (up to 3 weeks) that include meeting local students and businesses as well as academic study and cultural discovery. Past destinations have included China, Ghana, India, Malaysia, and the USA. Find out more:

[www.lancaster.ac.uk/global-experiences](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/global-experiences)



– Iowa, USA.

*Please note that overseas opportunities may be impacted by international travel or Government border restrictions. Destinations are given as a guide only as places at overseas partners vary each year.*

## Laura's year in Norway

Studying at the University of Bergen in Norway was the best decision I could have made, and I would encourage anyone to try a study abroad exchange. Moving to a new country where I knew nobody and did not speak the language during the pandemic was daunting but I settled in so quickly with the help of the University and the housing organisation where I stayed.

During my time there I had the opportunity to take courses not available at Lancaster, such as the Law of the Sea and its Uses. I found most law courses focused on comparisons between civil and common law approaches. I also started learning the language and culture of Norway, which encouraged me to travel and see more of it for myself. I was able to tour all around the country, including a trip to Tromsø, where I was lucky enough to see the Northern Lights!

I spent time volunteering in the student centre, 'The Academic Quarter', which was amazing for meeting new people and learning more about the culture of Norway. This was especially good for meeting Norwegian students since many of them did not live in the accommodation where I was staying. As well as volunteering opportunities, they also have group get-togethers and an end of semester party where I was voted the best exchange student for the summer semester.

I have made friends from all over the world that I still speak to after returning to England. It was very interesting to learn about other countries and cultures.

The city of Bergen is also famous for its mountains; the views and hiking trails are spectacular whatever the weather. Hopefully, I will be able to visit again as soon as possible.

**Laura Atkinson**  
LLB Law (Study Abroad)  
Studied in Bergen 2020-21



# 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  
Recent graduate





## 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.

### Liaising 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.

### Legal Advice Clinic Supervision

Those students who secure a place working at the Legal Advice 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

For those seeking a career at the Bar, the Law School has strong links with the Inns of Court. In previous years, the Law School has run a trip to the Inns of Court. Speakers from the Inns of Court have also delivered talks at the University.

#### 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 those 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 aims to match 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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# Careers outside of law

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 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 MI6 and BAE Systems. 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.

## Specialist Careers Support

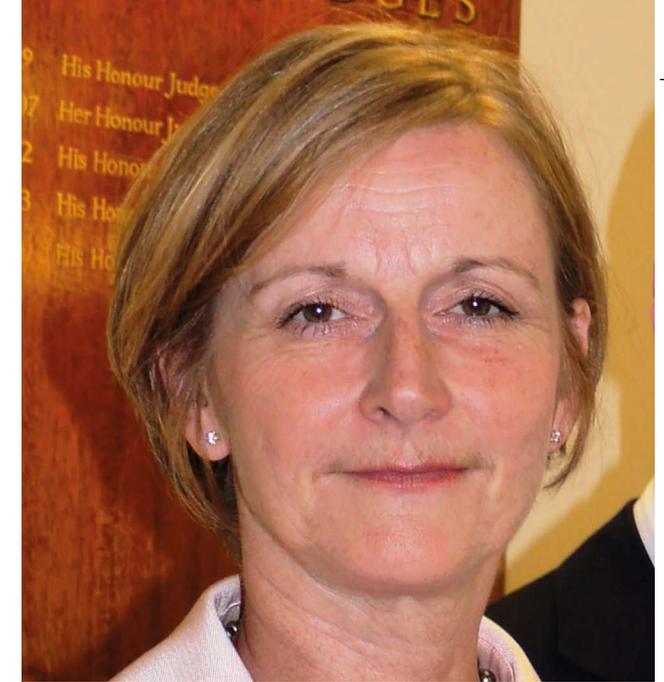
If you have a disability or experience challenges relating to your health and wellbeing, you may feel you need extra support when planning your career. In addition to our general careers services, we also provide specialist information and support throughout your studies and after you graduate.

## Lancaster Award

The Lancaster Award recognises student achievement. In order to receive the Award, you will demonstrate a commitment across various areas such as work experience, volunteering, and campus activity. The Award builds the skills necessary to enhance your position 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 11 Circuit Judges, 20 District Judges, 8 District Judges (Magistrates Court), and many legal advisors and Magistrates. In 2020 she was reappointed as DFJ and made a Senior Circuit Judge.

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

Her keen interest in research has resulted in appointment by the President of the Family Division as Lead Judge for Research across Family Justice and she works in close collaboration with researchers and academics across the country but especially at Lancaster University.

# Our alumni

## Chris Goodwill, Consultant to Clifford Chance and Keystone Law, and ACAS Arbitrator. LLB (Hons) Law, graduated in 1983



When I arrived at Lancaster, I planned to study English Literature, but after minoring in Law and Politics in Year 1, I was able to convert to Law - which set the course for my professional life. After leaving, 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.

## 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:

- Two 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 several external mooting and negotiations competitions, including the Deans Court Chambers Family Advocacy Competition, the Landmark Chamber's Property Moot and, in particular, the VIS Moot on commercial arbitration - one of the largest mooting competitions in the world.
- An annual negotiation competition, judged by local lawyers, for students with a more commercial focus. Similar to mooting, there will be opportunities to represent the University in external competitions, such as the BIUCAC Competition that sees over 4000 students from non-Russell Group universities test their negotiation and commercial awareness skills.
- The annual Careers Dinner where members are invited to a formal 3-course dinner at the Lancaster House Hotel with trainees and solicitors from firms across the country. In previous years this has included Slaughter and May, Pinsent Masons, and Brabners.
- Pro-bono activities, which include working with schools and taking part in the Law School Challenge which helps to raise money for legal aid charities.
- Academic events organised that are focused on notetaking in lectures, essay writing, and other assistance related to your degree.
- University of Law and BPP Workshops aimed at increasing skills to prepare you for the job market. These include application workshops as well as CV assistance. One-day intensive courses are also organised at law centres in Manchester to help 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, the Government Legal Service ran a workshop on judicial review, and an associate from CMS gave a talk on financial technology and cryptocurrency.

### Social events and sports

Regular social events, including the annual Law Ball, a summer BBQ to celebrate the end of exams, and regular socials every two weeks. The Society hosts a range of social events that range from pub crawls and quizzes to comfortable pizza nights, and it takes great pride in being an inclusive and sober-friendly organisation.

The Law Society currently runs a netball team that competes against other colleges and university departments, however, we are looking to expand this with the addition of a football and a touch rugby team to compete against other law firms as well as join the college league.

### Important information

The information in this publication relates primarily to 2024-25 entry to the University and every effort has been taken to ensure the information is correct at the time of printing (June 2023). 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. In exceptional circumstances that are beyond the University's reasonable control (Force Majeure Events), we may need to amend the programmes and provision advertised. However, in this event, the University will take reasonable steps to minimise the disruption to your studies. You are advised to consult our website at [www.lancaster.ac.uk/study](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study) for up-to-date information before you submit your application. More information on limits to the University's liability can be found in the Student Contract at [www.lancaster.ac.uk/terms](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/terms). Further legal information may be found at: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/compliance/legalnotice](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/compliance/legalnotice)



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