

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES IN

# Law

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## Welcome to Law

We believe that our world-changing research produces high-quality teaching – and will inspire you to go further.

At Leicester we're all about pushing the boundaries and discovering ways to improve and change the world for the better.

For example, our School of Law is leading ground-breaking research in the field of domestic violence and advises the Government in this area. Their recommendations are helping transform practice in this complex legal field. Many Leicester academics are passionate about their specialism and their work is shaping current national policy.

But this is not just about what we do - this is also about you. We're equally as passionate about giving you the chance to find your own way, make your own discoveries and put your mark on the world.

We know our work is better in a shared academic community that includes you. Where you're coming from and your journey up to this point will have given you your own personal perspectives and ideas. Your keen interest in law, plus your experience, energy and willingness to ask the difficult questions benefits both you and us.

Law at Leicester is a challenging degree programme. You'll be working with our leading academics who are at the cutting edge of their disciplines. By sharing their enthusiasm you'll be immersed in a stimulating and innovative learning environment, which will enable you to realise your potential and to compete alongside the very best.

**We're conducting pioneering research into domestic violence.**

**What injustice will you fight?**



Get the full story at [www.le.ac.uk/discover](http://www.le.ac.uk/discover)

## Start Your Journey Here....

Choosing a degree and a university to study at is a difficult task. It is one of the major decisions you will make in your life.

We hope that you find this brochure useful and informative. We have included lots of factual information, as well as the views of our students from the National Student Survey. In addition to the information provided here, you can find out much more via our website [www.le.ac.uk/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/law).



In addition, you can visit the School of Law, either at a Summer Open Day, or a UCAS Visit Day in the Spring once you have applied and have been made an offer. You are guaranteed a very warm welcome and will be able to hear about the University and the School, as well as being able to talk with current staff and students. We look forward to meeting you!

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact our admissions team.

**Professor Mark Bell – Head of School**

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### Law Quick Links:

**School of Law:** [www.le.ac.uk/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/law)

**Twitter:** @UniOfLeicsLaw

**Facebook:** "Law students at the University of Leicester"

**Student profiles:**  
[www.le.ac.uk/profiles/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/profiles/law)

**Student blogs:**  
<http://studentblogs.le.ac.uk>

**Students' Union:**  
[www.leicesterunion.com](http://www.leicesterunion.com)

**Accommodation:**  
[www.le.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.le.ac.uk/accommodation)

**Library:**  
[www.le.ac.uk/library](http://www.le.ac.uk/library)

## Spotlight on...

### Why study law?

Law is a dynamic, thought-provoking and challenging subject. It reflects, and at times directs, developments in society. You will learn how it is a system of reasoning, based partly in logic, but tempered by concern for social and practical issues, and find that it provides an engaging discipline for academic study.

Law is the traditional gateway to the legal profession, but is also an excellent stepping-stone to the graduate employment sector as a whole. As a graduate, you will find a wide range of careers open to you.



## Why Choose Law at Leicester?

**A top law school:** We are consistently rated amongst the top universities and law departments in the country on the basis of our innovative teaching, outstanding research and consistent levels of student satisfaction. We offer a productive and stimulating learning environment, which attracts students and academics from all over the world.

**Research-led teaching:** According to the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), 75% of our research was classed as internationally significant. Our pioneering research feeds directly into our teaching, meaning that you will be learning from academics at the cutting-edge of their disciplines (see page 15).

**Excellent support:** We achieved a 93% overall satisfaction rating in the 2011 National Student Survey (NSS). The NSS is a government-initiated independent assessment of the educational experience and satisfaction of undergraduates. Many of our students commented on the friendliness and informality of relations between staff and students. You can read comments from the NSS throughout this brochure. We provide a pleasantly supportive atmosphere generated by a good welfare system, small group teaching, and the approachability and friendliness of staff.

**Wide ranging skills development:** Our innovative and interactive first year skills courses are designed to develop the skills you need to study law effectively, in addition to developing IT and communication skills.

**Careers and further study support:** We offer expert guidance on careers to ensure you make the right choices. Many of our graduates go on to study the professional courses required to become lawyers (the LPC, BPTC or international equivalents) or complete Master's courses in law (the LLM). See page 17 for more information.

**Study Abroad:** Depending on your course, you may have the opportunity to study abroad by spending a year at a prestigious University in countries such as France, Australia, Norway, Canada and Spain. See page 14 for further information.

**Law societies:** At Leicester we have very active student law societies which organise careers events, social activities, interesting guest speakers, a Pro Bono clinic and many other activities to ensure you get the most out of your time here. See page 20 for more information.



## Degree Programmes

We offer a range of law degrees to suit students with different interests, career aspirations and academic backgrounds. All of our programmes are designed to equip our students with the knowledge and skills to be successful in the diverse employment market available for law graduates.

### Our degree programmes:

Title	UCAS code	Duration
LLB Law	M100	3 years
LLB Law and Criminology	ML26	3 years
LLB Law with Politics	M2L2	3 years
Graduate Entry Law ("LLB Senior Status")	M101	2 years
LLB Law with a Year Abroad	M100	4 years
LLB Law with a Modern Language	M2R9	4 years
LLB / Maîtrise in English and French Law	M120	4 years

Our degrees are only available as campus-based, full time degree programmes.

### Spotlight on...

#### What is an "LLB"?

From the Latin "Legum Baccalaureus", the term LLB is used to denote a bachelors (undergraduate) degree in law.

#### National Student Survey:

"There are hundreds of different opportunities to try things I would not get the chance to anywhere else. I have lived and studied in Canada for a year, had my own radio show and presented to audiences in excess of 500 people!

My experience at Leicester University has really made me fall in love with the city - a little piece of my heart will always belong here.

My dissertation supervisor has been fantastic! Giving me amazing feedback and helping me find the weaknesses of my research that I couldn't quite pinpoint myself. After studying in a different university for a year in Canada, I have really learnt to appreciate the strong welfare system at this University and the strong sense of student involvement. I love Leicester!"



## LLB Law (M100)

- This single honours degree programme is the traditional entry route to the legal profession, but also an excellent stepping stone to the graduate-level employment sector in general.
- In your first year you will study the fundamentals of the legal system and develop your legal skills in modules such as Learning Legal Skills and the Criminal Justice System.
- In your second and third years, you will build upon your knowledge by studying the core modules of Criminal Law, Equity and Trusts, Land Law and European Union Law, as well as optional modules.
- Choose from a wide variety of modules, including Family Law, Conflict of Laws, Company Law or Human Rights and Civil Liberties; or more socio-legal topics such as Criminology, Jurisprudence and Law and Political Theory\*.
- This degree programme is a “qualifying law degree” (which is required if you wish to become a lawyer). See page 17 for more details.
- Broaden your academic and personal horizons by opting to transfer to the LLB with a Year Abroad degree programme – see page 14 for more details.

\*See our website for full details about each module.



“The University of Leicester has really become a second home for me. The Law course is fantastic and creates so many opportunities for me to learn and grow as a person, both inside the classroom and out. Lectures and tutorials alongside each other provide the best way for me to study, as you never feel disconnected or lost from the subject you are learning, no matter how new it seems at the start of the term! I’m in my final year now! - I hope it goes slowly!”

**Harriet Jones,  
Law student blogger**

Get a real life perspective on the University of Leicester by taking a look Harriet and other students’ blogs at <http://studentblogs.le.ac.uk>



## Modules

### First Year

Learning Legal Skills  
 Analysing Law  
 The Civil Justice System  
 The Criminal Justice System  
 The Law of Torts  
 Constitutional and Administrative Law  
 The Law of Contract

### Second Year

Criminal Law  
 European Union Law  
 Land Law (Property Law)  
 Optional module

### Third Year

Equity and Trusts  
 3 optional modules

## Optional Modules

Commercial Law  
 Company Law  
 Competition Law and Policy  
 Conflict of Laws  
 Criminology  
 Dissertation  
 Employment Law  
 Law of Evidence  
 Family Law  
 Human Rights and Civil Liberties  
 Intellectual Property  
 International Law  
 Jurisprudence (Philosophy of Law)  
 Law and Political Theory  
 Medical Law

## Spotlight on...

### Medical Law

This popular optional module explores various aspects of the legal regulation of health care and places them in the context of the ethical debates in this area. Issues that are typically considered include clinical negligence, patient confidentiality and the laws concerning consent to treatment. You will also explore access to treatment, abortion and the rights of the foetus, organ transplantation and the legal issues surrounding end of life decision making.

## Spotlight on...

### The Dissertation

Genocidal intent, face transplants, the conflict in Gaza and whether discovering alcohol today would make a difference to its legality are all topics on which students have recently chosen to write a 10,000 word dissertation. This optional module gives you the opportunity to pursue a research project of your choice (subject to approval by the School of Law) and be assessed on it. The module is supported by one-to-one sessions with a supervisor and group workshops. It is ideal for those thinking of progressing to the LL.M (Master of Laws degree) or a PhD (doctorate).



## LLB Law and Criminology (ML26)

- This is a joint honours degree incorporating both Law and Criminology modules.
- Criminology examines the nature, extent, causes, and control of criminal behaviour in both the individual and wider society, exploring the factors that underscore processes of law making, law breaking and law enforcement.
- Topics that are typically explored include: What is the nature of criminal behaviour? Why do individuals commit crime? How and why do definitions of crime change over time and between societies? How should society deal with criminal activity? As such, Criminology can therefore compliment and contextualise your Law studies.
- If you choose this degree, specific career opportunities could include roles in social work, probation, youth and community justice, the police or prison services, criminal justice agencies or welfare rights.
- Optional modules can cover subjects such as crime and the media, hate crime, forensic science or terrorism\*.
- This degree programme has been designed to fulfil the requirements of a qualifying law degree, however at the time of printing it is subject to approval. Please see page 17 for further details.

\*See our website for full details about each module.

### Spotlight on...

#### Policing

This module explores the development of policing in contemporary society. The role of the public sector, community-led versus intelligence-led policing, the balance between police powers and safeguards, and diversity within the police force are key topics.

#### Modules

##### First Year

Constitutional and Administrative Law  
Law of Contract  
Law of Torts  
Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Victims and Offenders  
Theories of Crime

##### Second Year

European Union Law  
Criminal Law  
Prisons, Probation and Punishment  
Policing  
Optional Criminology module

##### Third Year

Land Law  
Equity and Trusts  
Clinical Criminology  
2 Optional Criminology modules





## LLB Law with Politics (M2L2)

- This is a joint honours degree incorporating both Law and Politics modules.
- This degree is for you if you are interested in gaining knowledge of both legal and governmental systems, and especially if you want to study public policy in its legal context.
- Having knowledge of both law and politics could lead to careers in local, national or international governments and in governmental organisations – such as political parties, Parliament, the EU or the United Nations.
- Optional Politics modules can cover subjects such as government and democracy in the UK, globalisation, the EU, feminism or communism in Eastern Europe.
- Students can choose from the list of optional Law modules on page 7\*.
- This degree programme has been designed to fulfil the requirements of a qualifying law degree, however at the time of printing it is subject to approval. Please see page 17 for further details.

\*See our website for full details about each module.

### Spotlight on...

#### Introduction to Politics: Ideas and Ideologies

This module introduces you to the major concepts in politics, such as democracy, freedom, and power; and to the key political ideologies including liberalism, socialism, and environmentalism. You will learn to examine and critically assess them in an academic style.

#### Modules

##### First Year

Constitutional and Administrative Law  
Law of Contract  
Law of Torts  
Introduction to Politics: Ideas and Ideologies  
Introduction to Political Systems

##### Second Year

European Union Law  
Criminal Law  
Law optional module  
Politics optional modules

##### Third Year

Land Law  
Equity and Trusts  
Law optional module  
Politics optional modules



## Graduate Entry Law - "Senior Status LLB" (M101)

- This is a single honours degree programme for students that have already completed a degree in any other subject.
- The degree is full time, taken over two years. In order to condense the LLB Law programme in to two academic years, you will study the modules required for a "qualifying law degree" in addition to modules in legal techniques.
- It is particularly popular amongst international students.
- A Senior Status degree is ideal if you wish to complete a law degree at a more academic and advanced level than the Graduate Diploma in Law or the Common Professional Examination.

### National Student Survey:

"The David Wilson Library is a brilliant place to study and the University of Leicester has really helped stimulate my intellectual curiosity, both in my work and throughout my life."

## Spotlight on...

### Criminal Law

This module examines the circumstances in which a person is criminally liable. For example a man might kill another believing (wrongly) that it was necessary to save his own life. Will there be liability in this case?

The module also examines the structure and rationale of the criminal offences. For example, why does the law distinguish between murder and manslaughter? Other main offences in law are also considered – such as homicide, non-fatal offences against the person, rape, theft and fraud.

## Modules

### First Year

Learning Legal Skills  
 Analysing Law  
 The Civil Justice System  
 The Criminal Justice System  
 The Law of Torts  
 Constitutional and Administrative Law  
 The Law of Contract

### Second Year

European Union Law  
 Criminal Law  
 Land Law  
 Equity and Trusts



## LLB Law with a Modern Language (M2R9)

- This is a joint honours degree incorporating both Law and Modern Language modules.
- You can choose between French, Italian or Spanish and these can be taken at either beginner or advanced level.
- An A-level (or equivalent) in any Modern Language is required but this does not have to be the language that you study on the course.
- Your third year will be spent at one of our partner institutions, where you will study a range of law and language modules.
- Studying this degree can give you a distinct competitive advantage when beginning your legal career. Many leading law firms have branches all over the world, so they will be looking for graduates with language skills, knowledge of other legal systems and the experience of living overseas.
- The School of Modern Languages at Leicester is a top rated department.\* Facilities include state-of-the-art language labs, a dedicated Modern Languages Study Centre, a film theatre, television and Internet resources.
- This degree programme has been designed to fulfil the requirements of a qualifying law degree, however at the time of printing it is subject to approval. Please see page 17 for further details.

\*The School of Modern Languages was rated 4th on the Guardian 2013 University League Table

## Modules

### First Year

Constitutional and Administrative Law  
 Law of Contract  
 Law of Torts  
 Language module

### Second Year

European Union Law  
 Criminal Law  
 Language module  
 European Texts in translation

### Third Year

Modules will depend on the partner university you attend.

### Fourth Year

Land Law  
 Equity and Trusts  
 Language Module  
 Modernism and Post-modernism in World Literature



## LLB/Maîtrise in English and French Law (M120)

- This double degree programme in English and French Law is designed for bi-lingual students.
- You will spend your first two years at the University of Leicester leading to the award of the LLB degree in law.
- You will then spend two years at the Université de Strasbourg leading to the award of a *maîtrise en droit* mention "*droits français et anglais*" with a specialisation in private, corporate or public European law.
- This degree qualifies you for the professional examinations of both France and the United Kingdom.
- This degree gives you the perfect foundation to work either for European bodies or in law firms with cross-border interests.
- Studying in France offers you the possibility to find work placements in one of the European institutions located in Strasbourg, assisted by the Université de Strasbourg.
- To study this degree you must be fluent in French. Interviews in English and French are a compulsory part of the selection process in order to test language skills. The interviews are conducted by a representative from Strasbourg and a representative from Leicester during the Spring.

## Modules

### First Year (in Leicester)

Learning Legal Skills  
 Analysing Law  
 The Civil Justice System  
 The Criminal Justice System  
 The Law of Torts  
 Constitutional and Administrative Law  
 The Law of Contract

### Second Year (in Leicester)

European Union Law  
 Criminal Law  
 Land Law  
 Equity and Trusts

### Third Year (in Strasbourg)

Licence examination in the following four modules  
 Droit administratif  
 Droit civil  
 Droit commercial  
 Droit public/constitutionnel  
 and  
 Two optional modules

### Fourth Year (in Strasbourg)

Maîtrise examination in the subjects required to obtain one of the three following maîtrises:  
 Droit européen dominante privée  
 Droit européen dominante publique  
 Droit européen des affaires

## Your Learning Experience

### Who will I be taught by?

The School of Law is made up of a vibrant international community of academics, many with highly regarded reputations in their field. All of our academic staff teach, including those at the most senior professorial level. We strongly believe in delivering research-led teaching which allows our modules to draw on the latest thinking and developments relevant to the subject.

### How will I be taught?

Teaching is delivered in two main styles. Each module usually has two or three hours of lectures per week. Lectures provide the framework of the subject and explain its complexities. These are supplemented by small group tutorials (around 8 students per group). You will have one tutorial per module per fortnight. Tutorials provide the opportunity to develop and test your understanding by discussing set problems with the member of staff and other members of the group.

The School of Law makes extensive use of a virtual learning environment known as Blackboard. This is used to support each module and provide you with handy information, such as lecture notes, module outline documents, reading and resources guides and much more.

As your degree progresses more of your time will be spent on independent study outside lectures and tutorials. This time should be spent improving your knowledge and understanding of the subjects through wider reading and working on assignments set by tutors. We encourage you to think for yourself and to use your critical skills not only in the subjects you study but to assess the progress of your studies. This is a crucial aspect of your studies; this independence and self-reliance will have an important part to play as you continue your journey after graduation.

### How will I be assessed?

#### Assessment methods include:

- Traditional two or three hour examinations
- Assessed research-based coursework
- Multiple choice question papers
- A combination of two or more of these methods



“Students have excellent access to academic staff at the University of Leicester, be it during small group teaching, meeting with their personal tutor or dropping in to see a lecturer during their “office hours”.

Students can really engage with the staff – something which simply does not exist at all universities.”

**Professor Mark Bell**  
**Head of School**



### National Student Survey:

“My Erasmus year in Copenhagen will always be remembered as a good year. I was well looked after by the University of Leicester’s International Office and Erasmus Team. They replied to my queries incredibly quickly and facilitated us further with workshops before we went abroad. I have met people, and have made many friends of all nationalities, providing me with a cultural richness I didn’t think possible”

## Studying Abroad

If you choose to study the LLB degree, you can apply to spend your third year studying law at one of our partner universities in a wide range of countries, including France, Canada, Australia, Italy, Spain, Norway and Germany. See our website for the complete list.

Living abroad for a year is a fantastic and life-changing opportunity. You will have the chance to experience a different academic climate, travel and immerse yourself in new cultures and lifestyles.

As well as enjoying a vibrant social life, your career prospects will be enhanced considerably. With demonstrable language skills, knowledge of international legal systems and a positively global outlook, you will be particularly employable for international law firms and organisations.

The modules you will study during your year abroad will depend on the partner university attended. Often you do not need existing language skills to take part as many partner universities teach in English, however we would encourage you to take language classes before you go. These classes are usually subsidised.

### Fees and Support\*

The current tuition fee for a year abroad is £1,250. You will still be entitled to Government support (Maintenance Loans and Grants), and if you study at a European institution you will be eligible for a non-repayable Erasmus grant of around €370 per month.

For more information see

[www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus-funding](http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus-funding)

\*Information correct at time of printing, September 2012



## Spotlight on...

### Research-led Teaching

Our inspirational teaching is based on our world-leading research – but what exactly does this mean?

The best way to explain this is through an example.

Professor Mandy Burton teaches on both the Criminal Justice System and Criminal Law modules. Professor Burton's particular area of expertise is the law surrounding domestic violence. She has considerable experience in carrying out research reports for UK government departments and other public bodies. Examples of her research include:

- A project commissioned by the Crown Prosecution Service to look at whether domestic violence cases are handled better in specialists domestic violence courts.
- Several projects looking at the effectiveness of civil law remedies for domestic violence, including a study for the Legal Services Commission examining possible reasons for a drop in applications for protection orders.

She has also contributed to the development of practitioner responses to domestic violence at both local and national level, as she has served as a member of several advisory and project implementation groups.

This directly feeds into her teaching – not just presenting the facts, but due to her considerable expertise she is able to engage you in debates about the nature of defences available to murder and whether they adequately address the circumstances of victims who are killed by their abusers, or kill their abuser. Additionally, in the Criminal Justice module, she draws on her research into specialist domestic violence courts in her lectures on how the magistrates decide cases and deal with applications for bail pending trial.



## Student Support

The School has an excellent track record of student support, borne out in the 2011 National Student Survey - 93% of our students indicated that they were satisfied with their course.

You will be assigned a **personal tutor** who will be available to provide support and guidance during your time here, both with your academic work and with any issues that may be affecting your studies. We have a friendly approach to student support and if your personal tutor is not free, other staff are always available to help, including the School's dedicated **Student Support Officer**.

If you have a sensory disability, a mobility or mental health difficulty, a specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, or a long term condition of any kind which you will be managing as you study, you should contact the **AccessAbility Centre** in the David Wilson Library.

Students with learning difficulties, disabilities and other special needs are supported by the School and the University's **AccessAbility Centre**. Students may wish to contact the Centre before applying for a course to discuss their needs. Further information and their contact details can be found on their website: [www.le.ac.uk/accessability](http://www.le.ac.uk/accessability)

## Facilities

We are committed to providing you with high quality facilities. Lecture theatres across the campus are equipped with the



latest equipment and the School boasts its own Law Library known as The Harry Peach. A traditional wood-panelled room within the School, it provides quiet study spaces and houses additional copies of the main law reports, statutes and journals.

## Library Facilities

The award-winning **David Wilson Library** is a stunning light, airy five-storey building providing state-of-the-art facilities.

Self-service loan and return, group study rooms, hundreds of PCs, wireless access throughout, staffed Help Zones, 24-hour opening during term time, plus a bookshop and café create a study environment second to none.

We invest over £6m a year in the Library. It includes access to over a million printed volumes and our Leicester Digital Library of tens of thousands of journals, over 350 e-books and the Leicester Research Archive of research papers and theses from members of the University. You can use

the Digital Library from anywhere you have an Internet connection.

There are also Information Librarians for each subject area, who can provide detailed advice for your discipline and help you make the most of the resources available in the Library and on the web.

In 2012 the Library won the prestigious Times Higher Education Outstanding Library Team award.

The Library: [www.le.ac.uk/library](http://www.le.ac.uk/library)



**Spotlight on...**

## Developing your Legal Skills

The skills needed to become a successful law student (and legal professional) will often be subject-specific, for example accessing statutes, case notes, reports, journals and other materials via legal databases. We provide training in this area to all our students via a series of interactive workshops.



## Careers

### The Path to a Legal Career

The most popular route to becoming a solicitor or barrister in England and Wales can be broken down into three stages:

1. The **academic** stage: the qualifying law degree
2. The **vocational** stage: the Legal Practice Course (LPC) / Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)
3. The **professional** stage: a training contract at a firm of solicitors, or pupillage at a barrister's chambers.

All our degree programmes are designed to satisfy the academic stage of training. This means that they include the “seven foundation subjects” as required by the Solicitors Regulatory Authority, namely:

- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- The Law of Contract
- Criminal Law
- Equity and Trusts
- European Union Law
- Land Law (Property Law)
- Law of Torts

See our website for further details.

For applicants that wish to practice law in other countries a law degree from the UK is often recognised, see page 22 for more advice.

### Skills

Many of our graduates go on to work as legal professionals or in graduate-level positions all over the world.

In addition to the knowledge and the qualification itself, you will also develop a range of transferable skills that are valued by both legal and non-legal employers.

These will include:

- How to analyse and solve problems logically and successfully;
- How to develop and present robust and concise arguments orally and in writing;
- How to undertake research using a wide variety of sources, then to evaluate, interpret and explain your findings;
- How to manage your time effectively.

Students undertaking our joint honours or the LLB with a Year Abroad degree will also benefit from the specific knowledge/experiences available as part of these degrees. See individual degree programme pages for further information.

“Overall all aspects of the examination process in the Law Department are of a very high standard and the examinations demonstrate that the Law Department is doing an excellent job in producing high quality law graduates”.

**External Examiner's Report, 2012**



## Support

The School of Law, together with the student Law Societies and the University Careers Service, provide comprehensive careers support – helping with career choices, applications, interviews and providing information on employment and internship opportunities.

## The School of Law

Dedicated information is provided by the School's careers tutors – generally through presentations and documentation. In addition we will notify you regarding vacation placements, training contracts and internships, as firms will advertise their opportunities through the School.

You are encouraged to discuss your personal aspirations and plans with the careers tutor and/or your personal tutor.

There is also a wide range of other events that take place during the year within the School, including:

- **The Law Fair.** Held annually in November, this event attracts over 40 law firms and other graduate employers, as well as providers of the LPC, BPTC and LLM qualifications. It is an invaluable opportunity to meet with potential employers and find out about the wide range of opportunities available.
- **The Barristers Fair.** Similar to the Law Fair, the Barristers Fair is an

excellent opportunity to meet with representatives from this specific sector of the legal profession.

- **Guest speakers.** Recent Leicester graduates, as well as those that are established in their careers, often return to speak at events which give students real-life insights into the legal profession and can help inform your career choices. Similarly, representatives from law firms frequently visit the School to advertise the opportunities available at their firms
- **Student Law Society activities.** Taking part in their Pro Bono schemes or competitions (such as mooting, debating, client interviewing and negotiating) can be excellent opportunities to develop your employability skills. Find out more on pages 20 and 21.

## University Careers Service

A Leicester degree and the opportunities and support that you receive along the way are essential elements to launching your career. You can be confident that despite a competitive graduate jobs market, your Leicester degree and the programmes, support and opportunities provided by the Careers Service will be critical steps towards your dream job.

Our Careers Service is well positioned to offer you guidance and support at any time during your time with us. Their huge range of programmes and awards is specifically designed to help you get ahead in your chosen career.

## Gain Experience

In a competitive jobs market having that little bit extra can make all the difference. At Leicester you can build on your talents and add to your CV with a variety of employability programmes and awards offered by the Careers Service, such as Tomorrow's Managers or Enterprise Inc.

## Develop Your Career

The Careers Service offers all kinds of one-to-one careers consultations, workshops and webinars covering interview and assessment centre skills, psychometric testing and CVs, covering letters and application forms.

Through regular careers fairs you can also meet a range of employers and discover directly the careers paths that are open to you.

Find out more, visit  
**[www.le.ac.uk/careers](http://www.le.ac.uk/careers)**



## Andrew Pullen, graduate

**LLB Hons in Law (European Union).  
Now a Senior Associate at Allen & Overy LLP.**

I have been with Allen & Overy LLP since 2000, when I joined as a trainee solicitor. The main focus of my practice is international arbitration - including providing advice to the client on the merits of the dispute, drafting statements of claim and defence, managing the review of documents, interviewing witnesses and drafting their witness statements, working with expert witnesses and attending hearings.

There are several reasons why I chose to qualify into the Litigation Department, and why I continue to enjoy the work. First, there is a lot of variety: I work with colleagues and clients from all over the world and for each case I have to get to grips with a (sometimes quite unfamiliar) part of a client's business in order to understand the factual background to the dispute. Second, litigators often deal with difficult and uncertain areas of law, so it suits someone who enjoys researching legal questions and working out how to turn that into practical advice or an argument for a court or tribunal. This feeds into the third aspect: working out how to run the case in terms of deciding which are the best arguments to run and what is the right approach to take to procedure, to try to get the best result for the client.

**More graduate profiles are available on  
our website**

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## Student Law Societies

Not all of your time will be spent in the lecture theatre or the library! Many students spend their spare time taking part in the activities arranged by the University's societies and sports clubs. The University of Leicester boasts not one, but three law-related societies: the **Leicester University Law Society (LULS)**, a branch of the **European Law Student Association (ELSA)** and the **Canadian Law Society (CLS)**.

Each society is open to all students, regardless of their nationality, and each will have their own activities and identity, but broadly speaking they organise:

- **Academic enrichment events:** guest speakers and panel discussions.
- **Career development events:** the Law Fair, The Barrister's Fair, meet and greet events with law firms, presentations and workshops.
- **Competitions:** Mooting, Client Interviewing, Negotiating, Debating.
- **Pro Bono activities:** Legal advice clinic, Innocence Project, Street Law Project.
- **Sports Teams:** football, netball, basketball.
- **Social occasions:** orientation and "fresher's" events, excursions to the Supreme Court and Houses of



Parliament, nights out, ice skating, bowling, Thanksgiving meal, the Law Ball and much more.

You are able to get involved with the running of each society. Joining the committees are excellent CV boosters.

### Competitions

Participation in Mooting, Client Interviewing, Negotiation and Debating is a superb way of developing your professional competencies ahead of a legal career. The skills honed are, of course, also highly advantageous in non-legal careers. As well as looking great on your CV, they are an enjoyable way of applying your academic knowledge.

**Mooting** is an ideal activity if you are interested in a career at the Bar. A moot

is a form of legal debate in which points of law are argued by students in a manner akin to barristers.

**Client interviewing** involves taking part in role-plays in which our students interview, and give legal advice to clients.

**Negotiation** is an essential skill for any legal professional, as a skilled practitioner will be able to settle a large proportion of cases out of court through negotiation. Mastering the art of negotiation is therefore an important step towards becoming a successful lawyer.

**Debating** competitions take the form of a traditional debating competition, but with a legal topic under consideration.

Members of staff and/or local legal

professionals act as judges in each competition, and so competitions are also an excellent networking opportunity.

Each year there are internal contests in each competition, with the winning students going on to represent the University of Leicester at regional level. Students that win at regional level can then go on to compete at national and even international level. We have seen success on the international stage, with two of our students winning at a recent International Negotiation Competition in Singapore. Students have also taken part in the Investment Arbitration Moot in Frankfurt.

### Pro Bono activities

These are a further way of developing your professional and employability skills.

The **legal advice clinic** is a free service that allows second and final year students to use their legal skills (with both academic support and support from local solicitors) to advise non-law students on legal issues.

The **Innocence Project** is a national university-based initiative which is concerned with the problem of the wrongful conviction of innocent people. You work on real-life potential miscarriages of justice, doing investigative work to try to establish if a conviction is unsafe, with a view to

referring cases where fresh evidence or lines of argument are unearthed back to the Criminal Cases Review Commission. As well as serving the higher purpose of justice, this is an excellent clinical educative tool, giving you real insight in to how the system actually works.

Both projects are greatly enhanced by the fact that you will work closely with a supervising solicitor and barrister.

### Guest Speakers and Panel Discussions

These events are an excellent way to enhance your learning. Speakers can provide insights into the legal profession, offer additional views and opinions to a topic and provide other dimensions to the subjects that you study. Speakers are often distinguished individuals and have prominent positions. For example, a recent panel discussion debated the right to access essential medicines with regard to the issues surrounding intellectual property law. Taking part were a Medical Director from Medecins Sans Frontieres (an independent humanitarian medical aid organisation), the Director of Legal Services from the European Medical Agency and an expert from the fields of international law and intellectual property law.



*(Above) Badar and Luiza who were joint-winners at the Regional Negotiation Competition in 2012*

“This competition allows us to acquire and develop advanced negotiation skills. As well as preparing us for when we are employed, these are often needed at interviews, so hopefully we’ll be highly valued by firms and barristers chambers”

**Badar**



### National Student Survey:

"Many lecturers stand out as interesting and enthusiastic in the way they teach the content. The time with tutors during tutorials has proven invaluable in my understanding of the content of the course."

## Students from outside the UK

The University of Leicester School of Law has a vibrant international community. Our student and staff represent over 60 countries from all four corners of the globe.

An LLB in Law from the UK is respected and recognised worldwide, however students from overseas that are considering taking our programmes should contact the appropriate legal statutory body to ensure that that this degree will be recognised within the framework of professional qualifications in their home country.

The University provides support to applicants from outside the UK in many ways, including:

- Support for visa applications (if required)
- Advice and guidance about completing your application
- Scholarships (see website for full details)
- The International Students Welcome Programme (ISWP) which is held in the week before the start of each academic year. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other students, learn about life as a student in the UK and carry out essential tasks such as opening a UK bank account
- A large and active International Students' Association, organising lots of opportunities to meet other international students, including social events and weekend visits to places around the UK
- English language support
- International Careers advice

### Entry Requirements:

Our admissions team are very experienced in assessing applications from students from all over the world. Please visit our website for specific details of entry requirements for your country or contact the Admissions Team.

Applicants from outside the UK may also require an English language qualification, such as IELTS or TOFEL. See [www.le.ac.uk/englishskills](http://www.le.ac.uk/englishskills) for full details.



## International Foundation year

The foundation year offers preparation for degrees at the University of Leicester for international (outside the European Union Law) students who do not meet the direct entry requirements. The foundation year is based in the International Study Centre (ISC) and will prepare you for the transition to University. It offers:

- Specialist preparation for your degree;
- Assured progression to your chosen degree provided you meet the specified requirements;
- Full access to University facilities (including the David Wilson Library and student accommodation);
- Personal academic monitoring and support;
- UK university style teaching.

For full details, please visit the ISC's website: [www.studygroup.com/isc/leicester](http://www.studygroup.com/isc/leicester)

### National Student Survey:

"The staff are great. They are always willing to help and seeing my personal tutor once a term allows me to touch base. There are also plenty of extra-curricular activities provided alongside the course and the careers information has been great. The quality of teaching is very high and academics are always happy to answer questions."

## Student Life

### Campus

On our bustling compact campus it's impossible to walk from one end to the other without bumping into someone you know along the way. The campus is a vibrant community, with all manner of places to meet, eat and drink, as well as study. We're committed to providing you with high quality facilities and our £1bn campus development plan ensures all our resources meet the needs of modern and ambitious students.

### Students' Union

The Students' Union is brimming with opportunities that will make your time at Leicester unforgettable. The spectacular Percy Gee building boasts superb facilities, from bookshops to bars and the fantastic live-music venue, O<sub>2</sub> Academy Leicester. You are encouraged to get involved with the SU – there are over 200 student societies covering a huge range – sport, politics, media, performing arts and much, much more. It's a great way of meeting new people, gaining skills or trying something completely different!

### Accommodation

Our accommodation offers you a wide variety of choice. Whether you fancy self-catered or catered, en-suite or standard, there will be a package to suit you. Our halls at Oadby are surrounded by beautiful Botanic Gardens and offer a thriving social life. Accommodation in the city gives you independence and the amenities of the city right on your doorstep.

You are guaranteed a room in halls if you apply for accommodation by 1 September of your year of entry.

[www.le.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.le.ac.uk/accommodation)







## About the City of Leicester

Leicester is a lively and diverse city and the tenth largest in Britain. It has all the activities and facilities you would expect, with a friendly and safe atmosphere. The city centre is just a short walk from campus so you'll never be far from the action.

Leicester's diverse heritage is reflected in a dazzling array of festivals and cultural experiences including the largest Diwali celebrations outside India, the UK's longest running Comedy Festival, the eclectic Summer Sundae Music Festival, and the University's hugely successful book festival – Literary Leicester.

Recent developments have led to the opening of the world-class Curve Theatre and Phoenix Square Independent Arts Centre in the new Cultural Quarter, which complement Leicester's existing array of cinemas, theatres, museums and galleries.

The sparkling Highcross complex features 110,000 square metres of retail therapy, bars, cafés and restaurants. For those with independent tastes Leicester Lanes houses a variety of boutiques and specialist shops.

As you would expect from a true student city, there is a huge range of bars, clubs and live



music venues that cater for all kinds of tastes. Food lovers are treated to a fantastic selection of restaurants, with specialities available from every corner of the world.

We are passionate about our city and so are our students, many of whom settle here after graduation.

## Information for Applicants

### How to Apply

Applications should be made online through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Advice regarding the application process can be found on the School's website.

### Entry Requirements

All applications are considered as a whole by a member of the admissions team. We will assess an applicant's qualifications, personal statement, reference and predicted grades.

The University of Leicester are pleased to accept all recognised A Levels, including either General Studies or Critical Thinking (but not both together). Previous qualifications in Law are welcome, although we assume no previous knowledge of Law.

UK applicants: English Language GCSE at grade C or above is strongly preferred.

Applicants from outside the UK may require an English language qualification, such as IELTS with a score of 7. See [www2.le.ac.uk/study/english](http://www2.le.ac.uk/study/english) for full details.

We do not require the LNAT/LSAT.

Unfortunately, we do not allow second or final year entry.

## Typical Offers

### LLB Law; LLB Law and Criminology; and LLB Law with Politics:

- **A Levels:** AAA;
- **BTEC National Diploma:** Three distinctions;
- **International Baccalaureate:** Pass Diploma with 36 points including two grade 6s at Higher Level;
- **Access to Higher Education:** Pass, with at least 45 credits at Level 3, 39 of which must be at distinction;
- **European Baccalaureate:** Pass with 80% overall;
- **Cypriot Apolytirion:** 19.5/20;

### LLB Law with a Modern Language

- As above, although one subject must be a modern language.

### LLB / Maîtrise in English and French Law

- As above, although candidates must be fluent in written and spoken French (which is tested at interview).

### Graduate Entry Law – Senior Status LLB

- A good level undergraduate degree, for example in the UK – at least a high 2:2; in Canada – at least a B-

Other international applicants should contact us for further details.

## Other Qualifications

Many other equivalent and international Qualifications are also considered. Please see our website [www.le.ac.uk/law](http://www.le.ac.uk/law) or contact us for details.

Applications from mature students are always welcome.

### Visiting the University

We encourage you to visit the School of Law. Open Days are held during the summer, and in addition, all applicants that are made an offer are invited to a UCAS Visit Day in the Spring. At both types of event you are guaranteed a very warm welcome and will be able to hear about the University and the School, as well as being able to talk with current staff and students. We look forward to meeting you!

Applicants are not normally interviewed (with the exception of the LLB / Maîtrise in English and French Law).

### Financing your Studies

The University has numerous scholarship packages available to students to help cover the costs of tuition fees or living costs. For full information about funding your studies and scholarship packages visit our website [www.le.ac.uk/fees](http://www.le.ac.uk/fees)

**National Student Survey:**

"I feel that the course is run efficiently; the lecturers are of superior quality, all the resources (especially electronic ones) are highly accessible.

The University visibly invests in its infrastructure and so the Students' Union, the Library and other buildings are excellent and modern. The University does well in preparing us for graduate employment; they offer loads of skill workshops and personal development.

Overall, if I were to go back in time I would be happy to choose this University again."

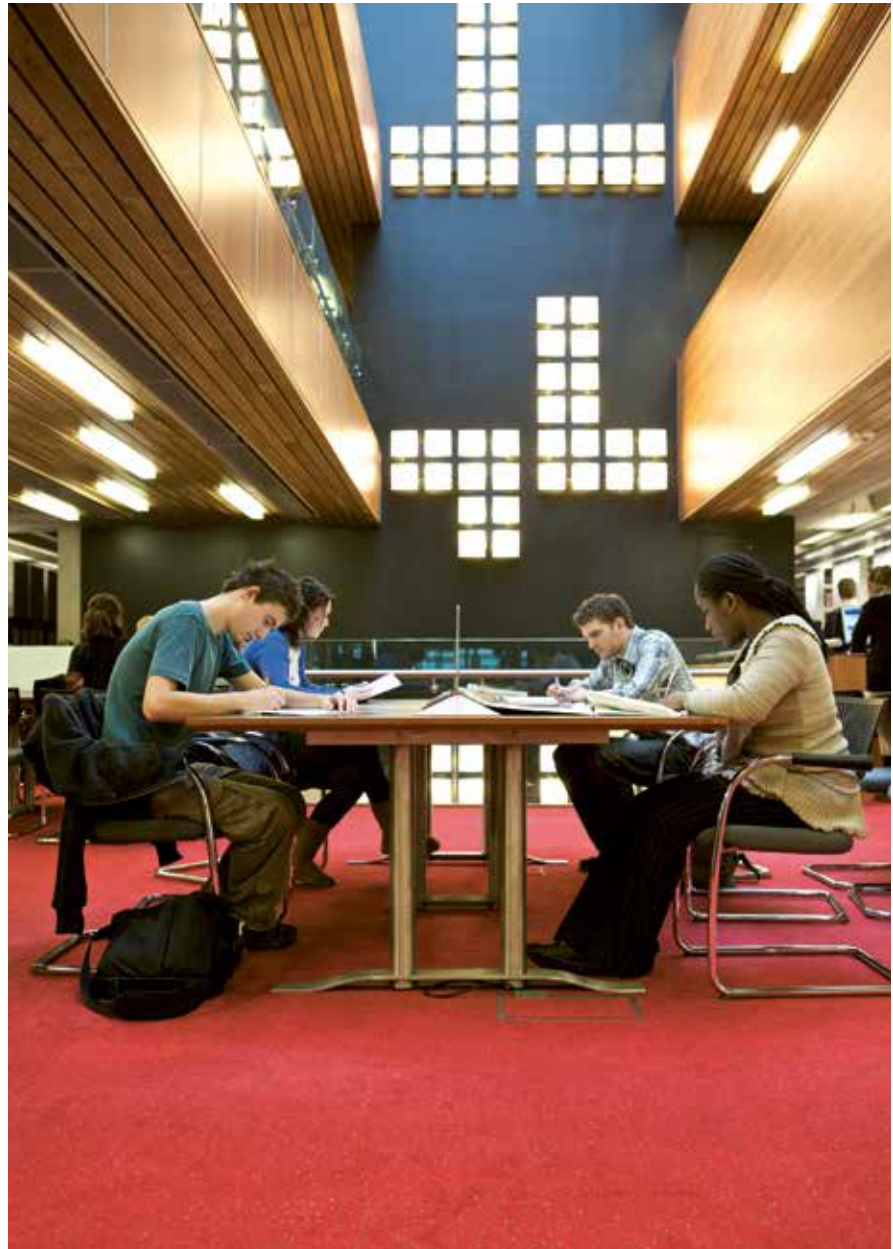
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