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of Manchester



School of Law undergraduate

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School of Law

The tradition of legal studies at Manchester, which started in 1872, has always included a rigorous grounding in the law and its techniques; but increasingly we emphasise a sound appreciation of its theoretical and policy implications, and the links between law and society.

Many serving judges are Manchester graduates or former academics; one being the first female Law Lord, a judge of the highest of all English courts. We are held in high esteem by the legal profession and many leading solicitors' firms provide us with sponsorship. Our two Legal Advice Centres provide our students with practical experience in both 'real life' cases and pro bono work.

Manchester School of Law is a research-led teaching centre, which includes not only lawyers, but also criminologists and ethicists. The School has a long-standing reputation as a distinguished centre of research, and includes staff from high profile academic and professional backgrounds. As an undergraduate coming to Manchester, you will be exposed to a breadth of scholarship, which is reflected in the wide range of courses on offer. In the last HEFCE teaching assessment exercise, the School was rated "excellent" for teaching and we regularly achieve top ratings in national rankings of university law schools.

Every Manchester Law graduate with a Lower Second class Honours degree or above is guaranteed a place at one of the branches of the College of Law and BPP, to study on the Legal Practice Course or the BPTC.

The School of Law has a full-time staff of around 68 academics. Their areas of interest encompass diverse subjects and approaches, including private law, public law, European and international law, criminal law and justice, law and economics, environmental law, legal theory, human rights, health care law and philosophy.

Although the majority of our students enter the School with three good A-levels, we are equally interested in mature students who provide alternative entry qualifications or who have shown evidence of recent academic achievement on top of their work experience.



Our courses

Law LLB 3yrs

UCAS Code M100

The LLB is the largest undergraduate degree course offered by the Law School. It covers the core subjects of legal study and provides you with an extensive range of optional subjects to suit particular interests and career plans. It is a Qualifying Law Degree and thus provides exemption from the Common Professional Examination (CPE) which is otherwise required by students who wish to become barristers or solicitors.

In the first year you study six course units, three in each semester. These will be Legal Method; Contract, Public Law I; Public Law II; Criminal Law and Tort.

In the second year you also study six course units across the two semesters. Four of these will be compulsory: Equity and Trusts; Land Law; European Community Law and Jurisprudence. In addition, you will choose two further options.

In the third year you study six units, to be chosen from a comprehensive list of options. It is also possible to submit a dissertation in place of one of these subjects. It is possible to use 40 credits of your second and third year options to study other subjects from the Faculty of Humanities.

Law with Criminology LLB 3yrs

UCAS Code M1M9

This is a Joint Honours degree course, which admitted its first students in September 2006. This degree builds on the many links between the related disciplines of law and criminology. Many of our staff take a socio-legal approach to their research and teaching which is well suited to this course.

An advantage of taking law and criminology in one interdisciplinary School (as compared to taking a course run jointly by two different Schools) is that we are able to provide an integrated course that allows many topics to be approached from the viewpoint of both disciplines. The aim is not to just give sections of other degrees under a new title; but to provide



a coherent degree course. Some subjects are taught by lawyers and criminologists working together. Some teaching staff themselves do research on topics such as sentencing and the treatment of victims of crime that require an understanding of both disciplines.

By following Track 1 of the course you will major in 'core' law subjects, and graduate with a Qualifying Law Degree. Track 2 specialises increasingly in Criminology or specialist law subjects of your choice.

English Law with French Law LLB 4yrs

UCAS Code M121

The LLB English Law with French Law is a four-year course, the third year of which will be spent at a university in France. Manchester is offering a degree in English Law and French Law. In other words, the course gives a grounding in the laws of both England and France, rather than merely to give an English legal education combined with advanced linguistic training language. Students are given an opportunity to develop a good understanding of French law and the French legal system, as well as adding a strong comparative element to the standard LLB degree through spending a year studying a range of French law modules at a French university. Like our other LLB courses, this course enables graduates to obtain a 'Qualifying Law Degree'.

In the first two years of the course, you study a number of basic English law subjects and in addition you receive linguistic and legal preparation for your year in France.

The third year of the course is spent in France. At the University of Burgundy in Dijon you study a selection of the subjects taught by the Faculté de Droit to French law students. In addition, you are given the opportunity to study for the 'Certificat des Relations Internationales'. At the University of Lyon, you are also given a grounding in French legal study through a range of courses offered. You will also be given the opportunity to obtain the Diplôme des Études Universitaires Françaises.

The fourth year of the course is spent back in Manchester where you will have the opportunity to study a choice of modules within the Law School and the Faculty of Humanities.

Law with Politics BA(Hons) 3yrs

UCAS Code M1L2

This is a joint Honours degree course, which builds on the many links between the two sister disciplines of Politics and Law. This University's expertise makes it an especially good place to study in this increasingly important field.

The Law part of the degree course aims to provide you with a solid and comprehensive grounding in key legal principles, as well as enabling you to specialise in particular areas of interest in later years. In Politics, the aim is to introduce you to leading approaches in areas such as international relations and European politics, as well as core theoretical concepts. Building on this foundation, you are free to follow your particular interests within the field of Politics in your second and third years.

You have a choice as to whether you wish to obtain a qualifying law degree (QLD) as part of this degree course. This choice will need to be made at the start of your second year.

Other courses in the School of Law:

Criminology BA 3yrs

UCAS Code M901



Features of our Law School

Teaching and learning

Formal based contact hours (lectures & seminars) amount to between ten and twelve hours per week. The School expects students to spend in the region of forty hours per week studying inclusive of lectures and seminars. Lectures are conducted by a lecturer to a large cohort of students where you are taught an overview of a particular subject.

Seminars are small groups of up to 12 students and a member of staff. You will discuss & present aspects of a legal topic which you are learning. You are expected to prepare in advance for the discussion and you are also required to submit written work for each subject.

We also offer weekly skills sessions throughout the year, working in conjunction with local and international lawyers and our careers service to enhance our students academic learning progress and their employability. Weekly in-session classes are offered to help students with their English research and essay writing skills.

Legal Advice Centre

Our original centre based on campus has been in existence for over 10 years. Our new centre located at The Settlement in East Manchester was recently opened by Michael Mansfield. Over 300 students volunteer for this annually and are supervised by over 40 local lawyers at client interview, research and in preparation of client advice letters. The centre is quality marked by the Legal Services Commission and is a member of LawWorks.

Pastoral Care and Mentor Scheme

All students are assigned an academic advisor who will be available throughout your studies to provide support and advice. Lecturers, seminar supervisors, or course directors are available to discuss any concerns regarding individual course modules.

You will also be assigned a mentor (a current second or third-year student) who will be able to help you make the most of your time at Manchester, both academically and socially. Mentors are available to help you adapt to university life and get involved in the School of Law and all its activities throughout your first year.

Study Abroad

The School fosters links with overseas institutions and we have an expanding student exchange programme through the Erasmus Exchange scheme in Europe and with universities in Singapore, Australia and the USA. Further information about Study Abroad can be found at www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/studyabroad

Internships

We also have organised formal internships in Malaysia and Singapore. In Malaysia this is in conjunction with law firms, the courts and a leading University and in Singapore with the Pro Bono Division of the Law Society. In the summer of 2010 we have around 40 students taking part in these internships.

MULS (Manchester University Law Society)

The Manchester University Law Society was established over 15 years ago to provide our students with social events and sporting opportunities. These are all sponsored by law firms, (both City and regional). Socials include the Spring Ball, pub quizzes and a Halloween party. The sporting activities include football, rugby and netball. The Law School teams dominate the University League tables. In addition, there is an annual inter-university sports day held in Manchester.

Further, MULS liaises with our External Relations Director and the Careers Service to ensure that our students are aware of the importance of the optional weekly skills sessions and presentations, as an addition to the academic teaching.

MULS is a Society run by students for students. It adds to the student experiences of university life and, it is hoped, creates a bond between our students from year one.

Other Societies in the School of Law include:

Manchester Pro Bono Society	Manchester Bar Society
Manchester Mooting Society	Manchester University
Manchester Debating Society	English Law and French
FLUB (First Year Law,	Law Society
University and Beyond)	Law School Music Ensemble



Career Opportunities, Entry Qualifications & How to Apply

Career Opportunities – Law

If you want to practise as a solicitor or barrister LLB (Hons) Law covers all the core subjects required to qualify for exemptions at the next stage in your training. The University of Manchester's School of Law has strong links with the legal professions and public services. Our graduates have a good record of securing employment both in the legal profession and other professional environments. Careers advice is available from a dedicated careers advisor.

The Law School and the University of Manchester Careers Service have developed a careers education programme (GILP 'Getting into the Legal Profession'). Our Director of External Relations and the Bar liaison officer provide further information about the legal profession. Major Law firms contribute to these sessions. Advice is also given on non-law careers as an extension of this programme.

Entry Qualifications

Typical offer:

LLB's

A-level: AAA

IB: 37

Law with Politics

A-Level: AAB

IB: 35

For detailed entry requirements to specific courses please visit www.law.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses

For information on Overseas and Foundation Course entry requirements please visit: www.law.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/international

How to Apply

All applications for full-time undergraduate courses in higher education are coordinated by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). You must apply online at www.ucas.com. If you are unable to access the internet, you are advised to contact the UCAS Customer Service Unit on +44 (0)871 468 0468.

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Helpful Links

Tuition Fees and Student Loans

www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees

International Students

www.manchester.ac.uk/international

Disability support/applicants with additional support needs

www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/personalsupport/disability

Accommodation

www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk

Sport

www.sport.manchester.ac.uk

Disclaimer

This brochure is prepared well in advance of the academic year to which it relates. Consequently, details of programmes may vary with staff changes. The University therefore reserves the right to make such alterations to programmes as are found to be necessary. If the University makes an offer of a place, it is essential that you are aware of the current terms on which the offer is based. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask for confirmation of the precise position for the year in question, before you accept the offer.

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