

Law

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UCAS code M101

3 or 4 Years

Our professionally accredited degree offers rigorous academic training in the principles of English law and exemption from the initial stage of the solicitor and barrister professional examinations for England and Wales.

You may add an international dimension to your studies through opportunities to study abroad for a year at one of our partner universities – see intercalated study abroad below.

You also have chance to develop career-enhancing skills such as [client interviewing](#) and [mooting](#).

Professional accreditation

Our degree is professionally accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and The Bar Council. This offers exemption from the initial stage of the solicitor and barrister professional examinations for England and Wales.

We also offer the subjects for students intending to continue their legal education and take the professional course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies in Belfast.

Quality and ranking

As the North East of England's longest established Law School, Newcastle is highly regarded for its teaching of law. We are ranked in the top five UK universities for law in The Sunday Times University Guide 2013. We are also ranked fifth nationally for overall student satisfaction with a score of 96% in the 2012 National Student Survey.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is by a combination of lectures and seminars where you can discuss legal issues and work through problem questions in small groups. Individual preparation for seminars is also extremely important and occupies much of your study time. Further information can be found on our undergraduate web pages about the approach to [teaching and learning at Newcastle University](#).

Traditional end-of-year examinations form a large part of the assessment, while other modules are assessed via compulsory course work. Teaching and assessment

methods may vary from module to module, more information can be found in our individual [module listings](#).

Flexible degree structure

All the modules in Stages 1 and 2 are compulsory, covering the essential foundation modules of legal professional qualification.

In Stage 3, you have the freedom to follow the areas of law that interest you the most, choosing from a wide choice of optional modules. Up to a third of your modules at this Stage may be from other areas of the University, such as English, politics, history, business or a modern language.

Intercalated study abroad

You have the opportunity, between Stages 2 and 3, to spend an intercalating year studying law at one of our European partner universities. This means that you will not only graduate with a fully-qualifying degree, but will also be able to draw on the experiences and skills developed during your year abroad. This will open new horizons for you on the job market.

We currently have links with universities in Denmark, the Netherlands and Spain. All of our partners teach in English so you do not need language skills to take advantage of this opportunity.

Students who wish to take advantage of this European study opportunity must apply during their first year on the LLB; there is no separate application process via UCAS. Successful completion of this year is recognised in your degree title on graduation: Law (European Legal Studies) LLB Honours.

Newcastle University Law School

As a Law student, you'll spend much of your time in our newly-refurbished [Law School](#). All of our facilities, staff and students are housed together in this building in the heart of campus. This helps to create an inclusive, community feeling. It also you access to some first-rate facilities, all under one roof:

- newly refurbished lecture theatre, and seminar rooms
- [dedicated Law Library](#) containing over 40,000 volumes of materials
- [computing facilities](#)
- we also subscribe to many useful legal services, including Westlaw, Lexis@Library, Justis, and many electronic journals – these provide services like legal dictionaries, databases of legal materials, bibliographies and journals indexes
- student common room

Our student society, [The Eldon Society](#), also plays a key part in student life in the Law School. It organises a packed programme of employer presentations and social events. The Eldon Society Master and Vice Master of Moots also run our [annual mooting competition](#).

Modules

Our degrees are divided into Stages. Each Stage lasts for an academic year and you need to complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each Stage.

Please be aware that programme modules do change and therefore may differ for your year of entry.

Stage 1

Compulsory modules

LAW1010 Legal Institutions and Method
LAW1020 Public Law
LAW1021 Contract Law
LAW1022 Land Law

Stage 2

Compulsory modules

LAW2060 Criminal Law
LAW2061 General Principles of Tort
LAW2062 EU Law
LAW2063 Equity

European Legal Studies (optional)

You have the opportunity, after Stage 2, to join our European Legal Studies programme and spend a year studying law at one of our European partner universities. This will extend your programme of study to four years. See the Course Overview for details.

Successful completion of this year is recognised in your degree title on graduation: Law (European Legal Studies) LLB Honours.

Stage 3

Optional modules

You take 120 credits of the following optional modules:

LAW3003 Competition Law
LAW3010 Company Law
LAW3030 Copyright Law
LAW3013 Criminology and Criminal Justice
LAW3015 Environmental Law
LAW3016 Evidence
LAW3017 Public International Law
LAW3024 Medicine and the Law
LAW3027 Research Topic in Law
LAW3029 Law and Literature
LAW3031 Succession
LAW3032 Legal Theory
LAW3034 Human Rights Law
LAW3035 Terrorism and Counter-terrorism Law
LAW3036 Family Law
LAW3037 Comparative Law in Context
LAW3040 US Constitutional Law

Stage 3

LAW3098 Dissertation in Law

Up to a third of your modules at Stage 3 may be from other subjects offered by the University.

Entry Requirements

All candidates are considered on an individual basis. If your qualifications are not listed here, please see our additional [entry requirements web pages](#) to find out which other qualifications are considered.

A Levels

AAA excluding General Studies.

Scottish Qualifications

AAAAB (combination of Highers and Advanced Highers) with AA at Advanced Higher.

International Baccalaureate

Minimum of 36 points, with three subjects at Higher Level grade 6 or above.

Irish Leaving Certificate

A1A1A1A1B at Higher Level.

Access Qualifications

Candidates are welcomed and considered on an individual basis.

BTEC Level 5 HND

Applicants are welcomed and will be considered on an individual basis.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (formerly BTEC National Diploma)

Candidates are welcomed and will be considered on an individual basis.

Cambridge Pre-U

D3,D3,D3 in Principal Subjects.

English Language Requirements

For this degree you will need a **minimum score of IELTS 7.0 or equivalent**.

Find out more about our [English language admission requirements](#) and [English language support courses](#) offered by INTO Newcastle University.

International Foundation Programmes

If you are an international student and you do not meet the academic and English language requirements specified above, you should consider a preparation course at INTO Newcastle University, which will help to prepare you for study on this degree course. INTO Newcastle University is based on the University campus and offers a range of courses including the [International Foundation in Business and Management](#) and the [International Foundation in Humanities and Social Sciences](#).

Law careers

It is a mistake to think of a law degree merely as a narrow route to a legal profession. On the contrary, a law degree opens up a wide range of possible careers.

Approximately 70 per cent of our graduates do indeed go on to qualify as solicitors or barristers. This requires one year's further training in the form of either the Legal Practice Course for intending solicitors, or the Bar Professional Training Course for intending barristers plus, in both cases, professional on-the-job training.

Once qualified, a solicitor or barrister may choose to enter into either a private practice or employment with such entities as the civil service, large companies or local authorities. For those who do not choose one of the legal professions, a law degree is a particularly valuable qualification that is highly respected by a range of employers. Employers know that a law graduate has acquired a variety of useful skills including a capacity for logical and critical thought, the accurate use of language, communication skills and the ability to make a persuasive argument. Thus, our graduates are to be found pursuing a wide variety of careers.

A significant number of our law graduates are recruited by accountancy firms. Others go into management, insurance, banking, teaching, public relations, the civil service and the armed forces.

Less well-travelled paths chosen by our graduates include the theatre, the representative of a farmers' union and a commercial pilot.

Given the breadth of opportunities available to them, it is not surprising that unemployment among law graduates is among the lowest of all degree programmes.

Find out more about the career options for [Law](#) from [Prospects: The UK's Official Careers Website](#).

Careers and employability at Newcastle

Newcastle University consistently has one of the best records for [graduate employment in the UK](#). 93.4% of our 2011 UK/EU graduates progressed to employment or further study within six months of graduating. More than three quarters (78.7%) of our graduates who entered employment achieved a graduate level position.

We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through an initiative called [ncl+](#) which enables you to develop personal, employability and enterprise skills and to give you the edge in the employment market after you graduate.

Our [award-winning Careers Service](#) is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong [links with employers](#).

At Newcastle Law School, we integrate careers advice into the timetable and ensure that those who intend not to practise law, as well as those who do, receive appropriate and timely advice.

The Law School and the University Careers Service work closely together and run a successful Law Careers Fair every autumn. In 2008, 65 firms and other organisations attended from all over the country. All come to Newcastle because they know that our students are substantial achievers who have real potential for the future.

Finance

Tuition Fees (UK and EU students)

2013 Entry: £9,000 per year

On this degree programme, you have the opportunity, after Stage 2, to join our European Legal Studies LLB programme and spend a year studying law at one of our European partner universities. The fee for that year will be £1,000 (you will receive a fee discount of £8,000).

See more information on all aspects of student finance relating to Newcastle University.

Tuition Fees (International students)

2013 Entry:

£11,500 per year

You will be charged tuition fees for each year of your degree programme (unless you are on a shorter exchange programme).

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year as a result of inflation.

See more information relating to all aspects of student finance at Newcastle University.

Scholarships and Financial Support (UK and EU students)

You may be eligible for one of a range of Newcastle University Scholarships in addition to government grants and support.

2013 entry:

Newcastle University Scholarships

Non-repayable grants

Scholarships and Financial Support (International students)

You may be eligible for an International Undergraduate Merit Scholarship (IUMS) or an International Family Discount (IFD).

