



# Undergraduate Law Prospectus

# Welcome to Northumbria Law School

Northumbria is justifiably renowned for its unique undergraduate law programmes and for the excellence of its range of postgraduate and vocational law programmes.

What makes Northumbria Law School so special is its focus on law in practice – the learning of law through the understanding of law as it operates in the real world. Out of almost 100 academic staff, more than 70 are qualified as solicitors or barristers – with considerable, often continuing, experience of practice. All of us are committed to ensuring that our students learn law and legal practice in a way that equips them for careers as legal professionals in the huge range of different roles that lawyers can occupy in society.

The School is not only distinctive for the excellence of our teaching – and our commitment to the highest standards of student experience – but for the outstanding quality of our resources.

Based in the award-winning City Campus East, the Law School is justifiably proud of its facilities, with stunning state-of-the-art lecture theatres, dedicated courtrooms, skills suites and our superb Law Practice Library.

The intake of students across all of our courses reflects the national and international reputation of the School – with students from across the UK and from major common law jurisdictions.



The School has a deserved reputation for the innovative nature of its programmes, including our well established integrated Exempting Law Degrees and our ground-breaking Law Plus programmes, which enables students to secure a Qualifying Law Degree while specialising in areas such as Environment, Business or Property Management.

I look forward to welcoming you onto our undergraduate law courses.

**Kevin Kerrigan**  
**Executive Dean**

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# Law for the twenty-first century

Northumbria Law School is located on a modern, state-of-the-art £70 million development in central Newcastle – City Campus East. The development was officially opened in 2008 in a ceremony which marked one of the most significant developments in the history of Northumbria University. The development has now massed 20 awards and continues to be enthusiastically received by both students and staff.





*City Campus East*

City Campus East incorporates 16,000 square metres of purpose-built accommodation including three large state-of-the-art lecture theatres and workshop rooms equipped with the latest technology, as well as student hub areas. There are courtrooms modelled on those that students will experience as qualified practitioners, with the ability to use technological developments found in a modern court.

A specialist Law Practice Library contains practitioner materials, journals and law reports and, in addition, students have access to IT and wireless facilities throughout the building and both study and social space, including a cafeteria.



*Mock courtroom*

The building also houses our internationally renowned Student Law Office, which provides students with the opportunity to provide legal advice and representation to members of the public and thus experience life as a professional lawyer.

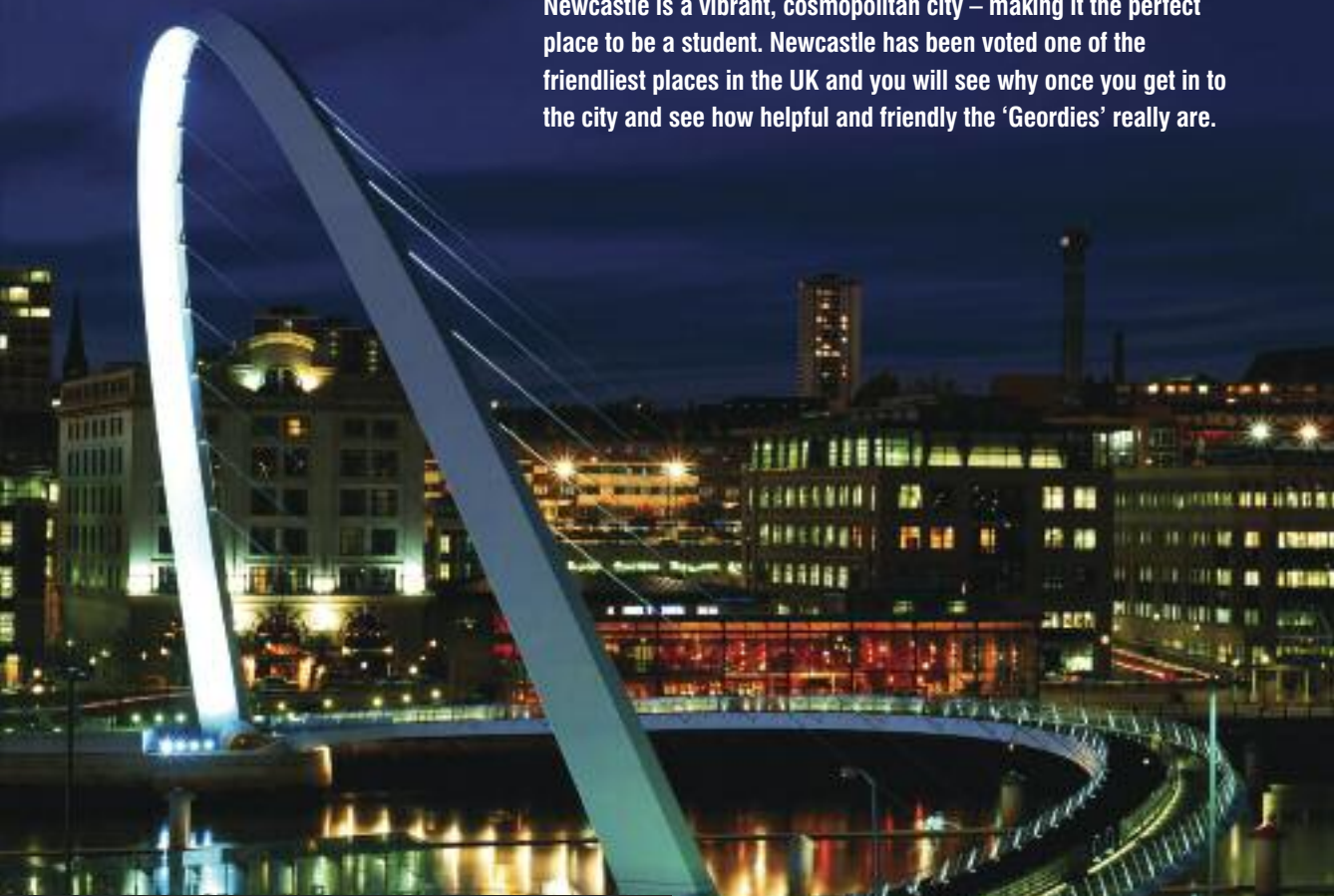
The University's overall £160 million campus redevelopment includes a £5 million update of the Students' Union, landscaped pedestrian walkways across City Campus West, and Sport Central.



# About

# Newcastle upon Tyne

Newcastle is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city – making it the perfect place to be a student. Newcastle has been voted one of the friendliest places in the UK and you will see why once you get in to the city and see how helpful and friendly the ‘Geordies’ really are.



**Northumbria University is located in the heart of Newcastle. It's right on the doorstep of everything, including some of the best shops, bars, parks, galleries and museums. Once you arrive it's not hard to see why over 42,000 students choose to study in this passionate city.**

## Socialising

There are endless things to keep you occupied in Newcastle, such as The Gate, an entertainment complex which contains a variety of bars, restaurants, nightclubs, a cinema and a casino, open day and night.

Throughout the city you will find a multitude of bars and clubs. Whether you are looking for a quiet pub for relaxing drinks or a bustling bar for a dance with friends, you will be sure to find it; which is why Newcastle was voted seventh in the world for nightlife. (Source: Trip Advisor)

The Quayside is something very special in Newcastle. There you can find a number of the more sophisticated bars and restaurants, as well as pubs serving local ales and hosting live music overlooking the river and the famous bridges which cross it.

## Sports and events

In the city you can find a number of places to watch sporting and music events. In terms of sport, there is the world famous Premier League football team, Newcastle United. There are many opportunities to catch a basketball match or if you're into rugby, head over to the Northumbria University-owned Kingston Park to watch the Newcastle Falcons in action. The biggest sporting event in the North East is the Great North Run with over 50,000 taking part each year.

Music venues include the Metro Radio Arena, Newcastle City Hall and the O2 Academy, which have gigs and club nights almost every night of the week, catering for almost all genres of music. Over the Tyne, there is the Sage Gateshead, a pioneering centre for music education offering a variety of live music.

## Shop till you drop

If shopping is what you do best, Newcastle is the place for you. You can take a stroll up Northumberland Street, lined with high street stores, or browse Eldon Square, a huge shopping centre, until you find exactly what you're looking for. And if that isn't enough, you can browse the chic boutiques and even visit the monthly farmers' market. Just over the river there is the MetroCentre, one of the largest shopping centres in Europe, where you can find endless shops, restaurants and even a IMAX cinema.



## Getting around

Newcastle has excellent transport links and is very easy to get to. It's only three hours from London by train and an hour and a half from Edinburgh. Newcastle also has its own International Airport.

Newcastle has a modern Metro rail system and a reliable and regular bus service. Northumbria Law is located right next to Manors Metro station.

## Legal community

The North East legal community has a justified reputation for the breadth and depth of its work and provides a comprehensive range of legal services of the highest standard. The work of the firms and chambers in the region is viewed as both progressive and innovative. The North East provides the prospective trainee or qualified practitioner with a wide range of opportunities. There are firms with regional, national and international reputations. There are also smaller practices that have developed niche specialisms and expertise. Whether you are looking to gain experience in the corporate or the public sectors, with private clients, with financial institutions or with educational establishments, there are opportunities for you in the North East.

For those with an eye on the Bar, the North East has a number of leading chambers and several smaller sets, covering all of the main areas of practice, in addition to a number of important specialist areas. Indeed, the busy Crown Court on Newcastle's Quayside presents opportunities to study leading and junior counsel in action on both high profile and mainstream cases, whilst the various sets of chambers allow for practical experience to be gained in a supportive yet challenging environment.



# Sport Central

Northumbria University is recognised as one of the UK's top 20 universities for sport at all levels.

To build on those achievements, the University has invested over £30 million in Sport Central, a state-of-the-art sports facility which offers unrivalled services to students, staff and the wider community.

## 3,000 seat arena

The jewel in the crown of Sport Central is the North East's newest arena. Offering 3,000 individual seats, all with excellent sight lines of the main court, the best DAKTRONICS digital displays of any comparable UK arena and the highest quality audio and lighting, Sport Central delivers an unrivalled spectator experience.







*Fitness centre*

## Climbing wall

The 12-metre climbing wall has been designed with pure climbing in mind and has 18 different climbing routes with over-hangs and natural features. The latest climbing equipment and tuition for all levels of ability is available at times to suit.

## Fitness centre

The new fitness centre comprises over 150 stations of cardiovascular, resistance, core-stability and free weights. Featuring the latest high specification PRECOR fitness equipment, machines computerised to offer training simulations that can be used on both an individual and group basis. The fitness stations are also equipped with USB and MP3 docking stations and TV screens with on-demand Sky Sports and other satellite channels.

## Swimming pool

Another of the main features of Sport Central is the brand new six-lane, 25-metre swimming pool with a variable depth floating floor making it ideal for beginners and performance swimmers alike. Northumbria University will offer swimming lessons for all and the pool will be open to students, staff and members of the local community.

## Sprint track

Another unique feature of Sport Central is the four-lane, 40-metre sprint track constructed using the same MONDO floor on which Usain Bolt smashed the 100 metre record at the Beijing Olympics 2008. With cameras every five metres from the start with immediate data streamed to the analysis suites, athletes benefit from instant feedback on their biomechanical form and running technique.

## Squash courts

Utilising the latest German design, three glass-backed, competition standard squash courts with moving walls will allow for both singles and doubles competition. The unique design also enables the area to be used as an aerobics studio.

## Sports laboratories

Incorporated within Sport Central are new state-of-the-art laboratories dedicated to research at the cutting-edge of sport science. These include a gait, biomechanics, physiology and integrated systems laboratory together with an audio visual performance analysis suite and metabolic kitchen.



*Swimming pool*

# Student experience



**We endeavour to provide the best experience possible to our law students. To help you achieve this, there are a range of activities and initiatives to take part in during your time here.**

## **Grey Society**

The Grey Society was founded over 40 years ago by a group of law students who wished to have more of a say about student affairs. The Society has now grown to be the biggest at Northumbria University with nearly 600 members. The aim of the Society is to bring law students together to ensure interaction between the year groups. This is done through a range of both academic and social events.

## **Mock Trial Society**

The Mock Trial Society is a student run Society where law students deliver mock trials in the School's own courtroom, playing the roles of advocates, witnesses, jurors and judges. More than 100 students have taken part in the Society's mock trials.

## **The Woolf Society**

The Woolf Society is a student run society focused on improving advocacy skills. The Society runs a series of workshops for advocacy and mooting skills. The Society launched a mooting league which allows students to practise mooting, giving them a chance to improve and get more accustomed to the skills required, unlike a knockout competition. Advocacy weekends give students further opportunities to showcase the skills they've acquired with the workshops and see how what they learn in the classroom translates into the working world. The Society also hosts regular social events to give members a chance to have some fun and as well as meet local professionals.

## **Debating Society**

The Debating Society is a University society organised by law students. Members learn the fundamentals of debating including public speaking, persuading an audience, countering arguments and so on. They have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of debates and competitions as proposers, opposers, judges, and participating audience members. It is a great way of finding out about topical issues, making new friends and developing valuable skills for the future.

## **Human Rights Society**

Members of the Human Rights Society learn about current human rights violations around the world and get actively involved in campaigning against them.

## **Mooting**

Mooting is a mock courtroom advocacy exercise involving two teams of two students representing opposing sides of a fictitious legal case (the 'moot'). The students are required to research the points of law in support of and contrary to their side of the case and then submit their case in a mock courtroom to a judge, who will be either a member of academic staff, a legal practitioner or a senior student with mooting experience. Mooting has been run as

a non-compulsory exercise for many years at Northumbria, at both internal and inter-varsity level, and many students have found that it enhances their legal research and advocacy abilities as well as being an enjoyable competitive exercise.

## **Dickinson Dees Honour Roll**

The purpose behind the Honour Roll is to support and motivate students. The Honour Roll is recognition of academic achievement and thus there is a requirement for students to have passed all assessments at first attempt and achieved an average of 60% or above. The top 10% of students on each year of LLB(Hons)/M Law degrees make the Honour Roll for that year. Sponsored by Dickinson Dees in Newcastle, successful students receive a certificate to confirm their achievement and are also invited to attend a celebratory drinks reception at the Dickinson Dees offices. A place on the Honour Roll is of real value when students apply for training contracts or vacation placements as it enhances CVs and thus employability.

## **Ben Hoare Bell Contribution Roll**

The Contribution Roll is an initiative which celebrates the excellent contribution made by law students by way of extra-curricular activities, student representation, involvement in societies and many other ways. Students are nominated by staff and fellow students and the successful candidates are selected from a shortlist by a judging panel. Winners of the Contribution Roll, sponsored by Ben Hoare Bell Solicitors, are invited to attend a special ceremony to celebrate their achievement.

## **Ward Hadaway Bursary**

Ward Hadaway offers two exceptional law students a bursary of £1,000 each towards the cost of their studies in the second and third year of their M Law Exempting degree. During each of those years, the two bursary students will also carry out four weeks of paid work experience at Ward Hadaway's offices at Newcastle's Quayside and in the heart of Leeds and, while a training contract will not be guaranteed, the students will be offered a place at an assessment centre and a final interview.

## **Irwin Mitchell Scholarship**

This annual scholarship is generously made available by national law firm, Irwin Mitchell. The sought-after scholarship goes towards a month-long placement in an overseas law clinic. To date placements have been in Australia and New York.

## **Prizes**

There are also a range of prizes available for academic achievement across all year groups sponsored by firms and other organisations.

## **Guest Lectures**

We regularly invite influential legal professionals and academics to the School of Law to deliver stimulating lectures and share their experiences of the legal profession with our students and staff.

# Law programmes at Northumbria

**Northumbria Law School provides a suite of law and law-related programmes aimed at meeting the needs of a wide range of students.**

For those wishing to study for three years there is a traditional LLB (Hons) route that results in a Qualifying Law Degree. For those who aspire to enter the legal profession the School's well established four-year integrated M Law Exempting Law Degrees enable students to combine academic and vocational stages in one programme.

The Law Plus programmes provide an integrated Qualifying Law Degree. The specialist non-law modules enable students to develop a knowledge and understanding of the inter-relationship between law and their chosen additional area of study. In addition these programmes will be of interest to those wishing to go on to study on the Legal Practice Course or Bar Professional Training Course and qualify as a solicitor or barrister. Both of these programmes are offered at Northumbria.

# LLB (Hons)

The first two years of this programme are common to both the LLB (Hons) and LLB (Hons)/M Law Exempting programmes.

## Year 1

- Contract Law
- Foundations of English and European Legal Systems
- Criminal Law, Litigation and Evidence
- An Introduction to Property Law and Practice

## Year 2

- Constitutional, Administrative and Human Rights Law
- Tort, Litigation and Evidence
- Land Law
- Equity and Trusts

Students also choose an optional subject enabling them to begin to develop specialised knowledge in the field of Business, Public Disputes or Property.

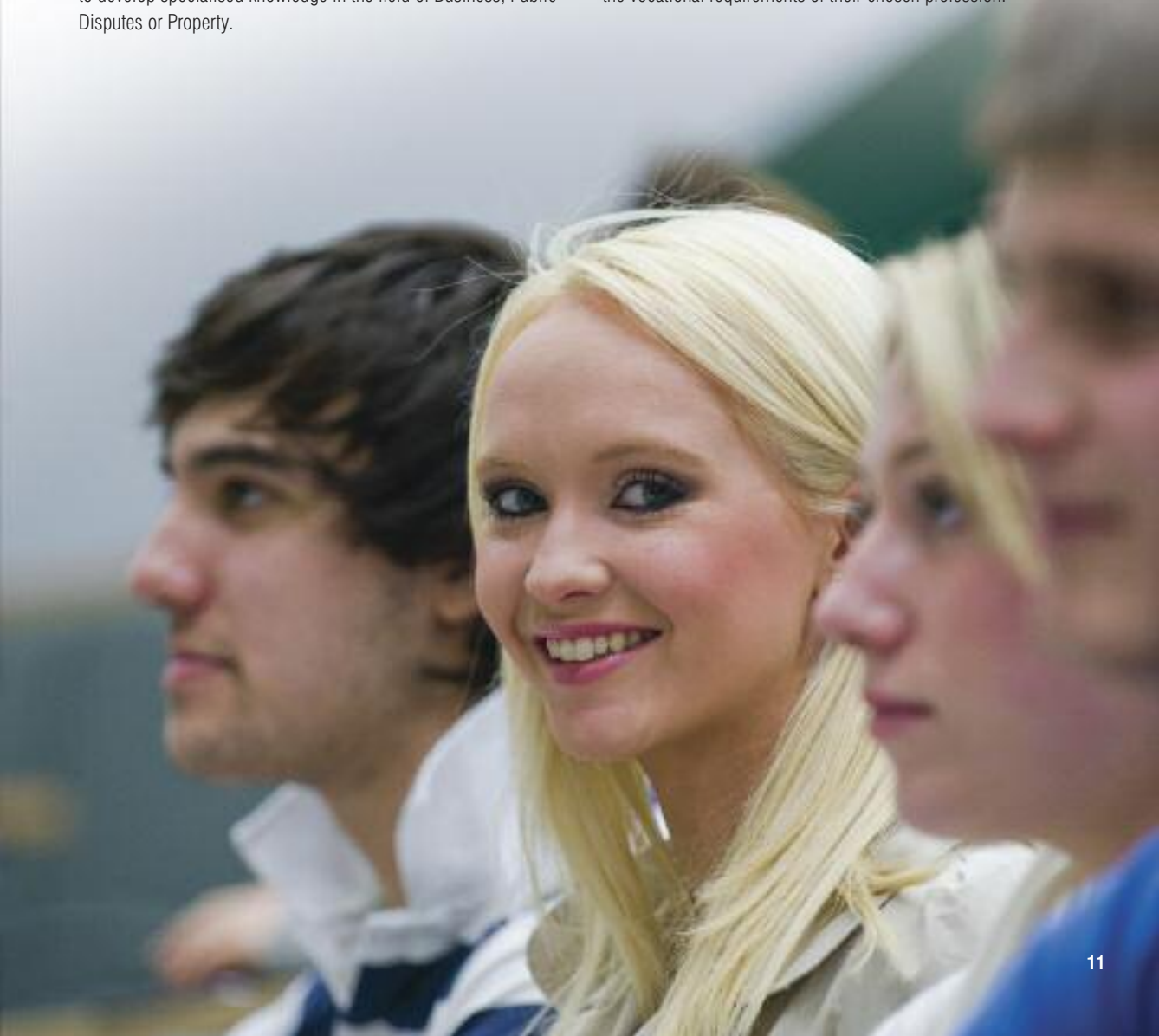
## Year 3

- Jurisprudence
- Research Project
- Two x LLB options

or

- Jurisprudence
- Three and a half x LLB options

The three-year LLB (Hons) programme is designed to provide students with a thorough grounding in legal principles, with the aim of enabling them to develop skills which may readily be employed in legal practice or other work related fields. This is a Qualifying Law Degree. Successful students who wish to become solicitors or barristers will have met the necessary requirements to enable them to enrol on a further programme of study to satisfy the vocational requirements of their chosen profession.



# LLB (Hons)/M Law Exempting

An integrated Masters programme with exemption from the Legal Practice Course (four years)



By studying this integrated Masters programme, graduates obtain a Masters level qualification while at the same time achieving a Qualifying Law Degree and exemption from the Legal Practice Course, the vocational qualification for prospective solicitors. It enables graduates to go straight into a law firm as a trainee solicitor subject to obtaining a training contract.

Students are introduced to legal rules and concepts in both their theoretical and practical contexts from day one. They engage in clinical and experiential learning throughout the course culminating in full legal case work on behalf of real clients in the final year.

## Years 1 and 2

Students study the same modules as those taking the three-year LLB (Hons) programme. Towards the end of Year 2 students can elect to transfer onto the LLB (Hons) degree and graduate at the end of the third year of study. Alternatively students can continue on the M Law programme for a further two years of study to graduate with a Masters level qualification and exemption from the Legal Practice Course.

## Year 3

The third year combines undergraduate subjects with those from the Legal Practice Course.

- Law of Business Associations
- Jurisprudence
- Student Law Office
- Advanced Property Law and Practice including Conveyancing and Wills and Probate
- LLB half option

The Student Law Office module gives students a grounding in legal skills and prepares them for live client work. They will develop their advocacy, research and interviewing skills.

## Year 4

- Two x LLB options
- Research Project
- Student Law Office (double module)

A major element of the final year is participation in the Student Law Office where students develop their legal knowledge, skills and professionalism in the context of working for real clients.

# LLB (Hons)/M Law Exempting (Bar Professional Training Course)

## An integrated Masters programme incorporating the Bar Professional Training Course (four years)

This programme integrates the undergraduate stage of legal education with the requirements of the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC), the vocational stage for prospective barristers, and is the only programme of its kind in England and Wales. The programme provides the opportunity to develop the skills essential for practice at the Bar. There is opportunity for contact with the practising Bar via moots, mock trials and social events.

### Years 1 and 2

Students follow the same programme as those taking the three-year LLB (Hons).

In order to progress onto Year 3 and the remainder of the Bar Exempting programme, students must achieve a minimum 50% average following the Year 2 assessments. A maximum of 20 students may progress onto the programme in Year 3. Additionally, please note that the Bar Standards Board has proposed other entrance criteria for the BPTC, which will also apply to this route.

In Years 3 and 4 undergraduate subjects are combined with those from the stand alone BPTC. Modules include jurisprudence, optional subjects and a research dissertation plus the BPTC knowledge and case skills modules.

The latter include criminal and civil litigation, advocacy, conferencing, opinion writing, drafting and resolution of disputes out of court. Students may also select Bar options including chancery practice, clinical negligence and the Student Law Office.

Overall, students will graduate with an integrated Masters degree that combines the Qualifying Law Degree and exemption from the Bar Professional Training Course. They will be eligible to enter pupillage or seek a number of other legal and non-legal careers.

**Please note: Admission onto this route is not guaranteed and is dealt with on a competitive basis. It is unlikely that more than 20 students will be accepted.**



## LLB (Hons)/M Law modules

During the programme, students select a number of options, allowing them to pursue individual interests.

Options may include:

- Animal Law
- Child Care Law
- Civil Liberties
- Commercial Contracts
- Commercial Leases
- Competition Law
- Consumer Protection
- Corporate Management
- Employment Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Housing Law

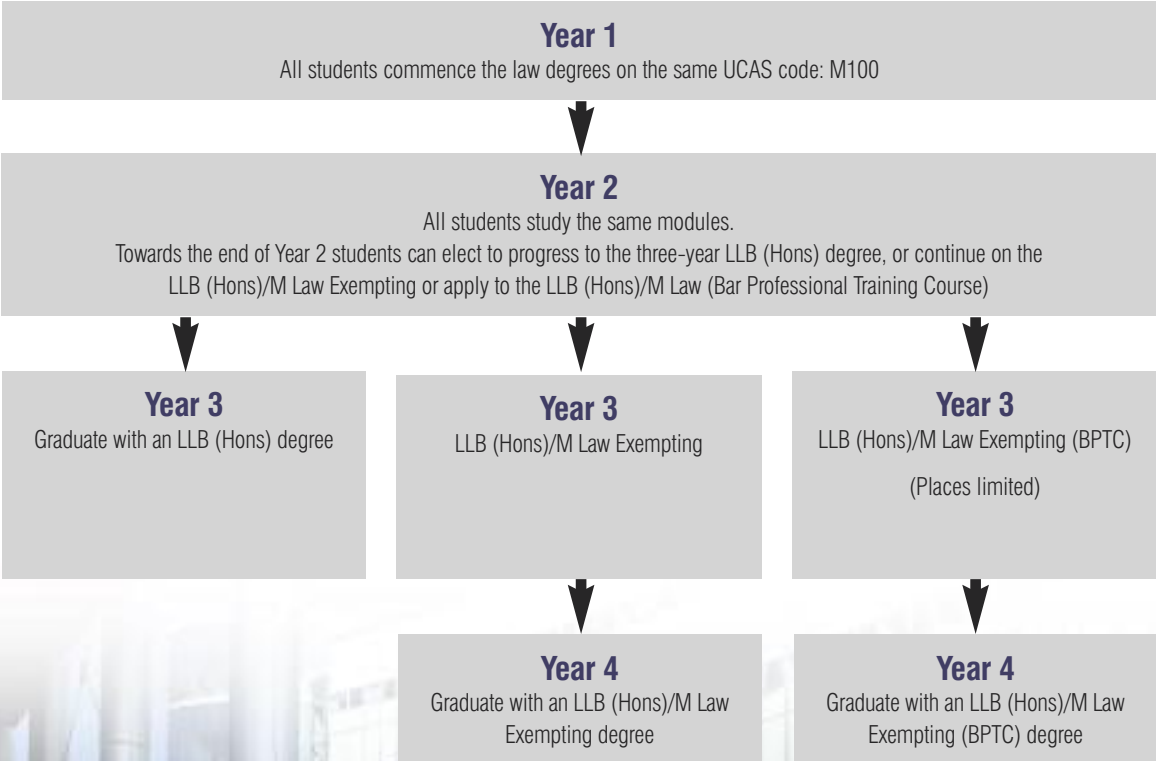
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Human Rights
- Law and Literature
- Law and the Elderly
- Law of International Trade
- Legal History
- Medical Law
- Remedies
- Sale of Goods
- Sentencing
- Sports Law
- Trials of Dissenters

The wide range of optional subjects enables students to specialise in 'high street' or 'commercial' areas or simply choose subjects they find interesting.





# How do our Exempting degrees work?



# Student Law Office

The award-winning Student Law Office is at the heart of our M Law Exempting programmes. In this unique environment the students work as lawyers, running real cases for real people, as an integral part of their studies.

The Student Law Office is unique in its size and its scope. Over 180 students on the undergraduate and vocational courses work in the Student Law Office, dealing with in excess of 300 cases every year. The programme is a core element of the LLB (Hons)/M Law Exempting degree and runs as an option on the postgraduate vocational courses.

In the Student Law Office students have the opportunity to put their learning into real life practice and to learn what it means to be a lawyer in the real world.

## The kind of work our students do

The cases that our students deal with are in a wide range of different areas of legal practice. Some groups of students specialise in criminal appeals work and have had cases at both the Court of Appeal and the Criminal Cases Review Commission. Other students specialise in housing law, including advocacy hearings in the County Court. Other categories of work include: civil disputes, including areas as diverse as family law, inquests, and criminal injuries compensation; employment work, where we have conducted cases not only at the local employment tribunals but at the Employment Appeal Tribunal and the Court of Appeal; human rights, where we have taken various cases to the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg; welfare benefits, where students not only run cases at local tribunals, but conduct judicial reviews and make applications to Strasbourg; and advising a range of businesses on their commercial, corporate and intellectual property issues.

In the Student Law Office our students do all the work that lawyers would undertake in practice. They interview clients, research the law, provide advice, and where necessary they draft the court or tribunal documents and represent the clients at the court hearings. In doing this work, the students are supported by practitioner members of Law School staff who supervise every aspect of the work that is done, helping the students to learn from the experience.

The students will often find themselves working alongside solicitors and barristers in private practice, who are invariably enormously impressed by the work that the students do.

**“Their efforts were quite brilliant and utterly outstanding. All I did was present the facts – they did all the work.”**

*Ed Fitzgerald, QC*

## The Student Law Office resources

The Student Law Office has stunning premises with 90 dedicated PCs, five client interview rooms with full recording facilities, and space for over a hundred students to be working on cases at any time. Over 20 members of academic staff, all practising solicitors or barristers, supervise the students' work, and the Student Law Office is supported by a team of administrators, trainee solicitors and bursary students.

## The role of the Student Law Office

The Student Law Office has an international reputation for excellence. It has won a number of awards and accolades including the UK National Training Award, two Attorney General Pro Bono Awards and two Law Society Excellence Awards. In addition, it was shortlisted for Law Firm of the Year by Newcastle Law Society and reached the finals of The Lawyer Awards 2012.

Through running real cases the students have the opportunity to develop skills as lawyers that most law students will not begin to learn until they enter into training contracts or pupillages. The Student Law Office enables Northumbria students to go into practice ready to work as lawyers and understanding how to learn from their experiences.

Northumbria Law School has operated a programme of clinical legal education since 1980 and is one of the founding members of the Clinical Legal Education Organisation (CLEO) which publishes the *International Journal of Clinical Legal Education*. The Student Law Office has an international visiting professor programme which brings clinicians from leading international universities, including Yale Law School, to lecture Northumbria students.

# Examples of our recent successes include:

- The overturning of an unsafe conviction for robbery and the award of £170,000 compensation
- A successful challenge in the Court of Appeal on the nature of modern apprenticeships, affecting over 300,000 people
- Friendly settlement at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg of challenges to the discriminatory welfare benefits regime for widowers.

All of these were cases run by students – enabling them to enter into training contracts and pupillages able to show that they not only know and understand legal principles, but are already used to acting as lawyers.

Both students and their future employers tell us that it is the best possible training for entering into practice as a lawyer. Clients tell us how impressed they are by the commitment and the energy of the students who handle their cases.



## LLB (Hons) Law with Business

**(3 years)**

This programme combines two complementary subject areas to provide students with a detailed knowledge of the legal framework within which businesses operate. This means that students on this programme will not only gain an appreciation of the world of business and an understanding of major business concepts. They will also develop a knowledge and understanding of the interrelationship between law and business and associated concepts such as commercial and business awareness. The programme will therefore be of interest not only to those considering a career as a solicitor or barrister, but also to anyone with an interest in working in business, either as part of an organisation or as an individual entrepreneur.

A key benefit of this programme is that students will be developing legal knowledge and awareness alongside the knowledge and skills required by many other employers in today's competitive job market.

This is a Qualifying Law Degree. Successful students who wish to become solicitors or barristers will have met the necessary requirements to enable them to enrol on a further programme of study to satisfy the vocational requirements of their chosen profession.

## LLB (Hons) Law with International Business

**(3 years)**

This is a Qualifying Law Degree. Successful students who wish to become solicitors or barristers will have met the necessary requirements to enable them to enrol on a further programme of study to satisfy the vocational requirements of their chosen profession. With the growth in the internationalisation of business the LLB (Hons) Law with International Business programme will be of benefit to students who either want a career with a multinational company or who plan to work in a business organisation outside the UK.

The programme contains specialist modules in aspects of international business. In addition to providing a Qualifying Law Degree, the programme examines the international business environment, introduces students to the global forces shaping international business and considers the macro business environments of different regions and countries, including issues

such as globalisation, political systems, major world economies and the formation of trade blocks. Students' skills are developed to enable them to analyse various global and international business environments and how these affect the strategic development of industries, markets and organisations.

The programme will provide excellent and essential international business awareness for students who go on to practise as lawyers. It will also provide essential legal awareness for those who go on to work in a business environment, whether in the United Kingdom or overseas. This is a Qualifying Law Degree. Successful students who wish to become solicitors or barristers will have met the necessary requirements to enable them to enrol on a further programme of study to satisfy the vocational requirements of their chosen profession.

# LLB (Hons) Law with Environment

(3 years)

Public awareness of environmental issues has been raised significantly in recent years by events such as the catastrophic explosion that caused a massive oil spill from the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico. Allied to this increased public awareness is the expansion of pressure groups such as Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, who are continually pushing environmental issues into the media spotlight.

This is the first programme of its kind to provide an integrated environmental Qualifying Law Degree. The programme will be of interest not only to those wishing to go on and qualify as a solicitor or barrister, but also anyone with an interest in working in the environmental sector. With probably the fastest growing regulatory regime of any sector in the UK, whatever your chosen career path within this fast expanding sector, you will need a fundamental understanding of the law as it relates to the protection of the environment. This is a Qualifying Law Degree. Successful students who wish to become solicitors or barristers will have met the necessary requirements to enable them to enrol on a further programme of study to satisfy the vocational requirements of their chosen profession.



# LLB (Hons) Law with Property Asset Management

(3 years)

Although the property market has been in recession it is a cyclical market and there have recently been signs of an upturn. Property Management involves the acquisition, control, management, maintenance and disposal of property, both commercial and residential. Property is a core specialism of most law firms. Students graduating from this programme who do not want to pursue a career as a solicitor or a barrister would be attractive to a wide range of property related businesses such as builders, developers, surveyors and other real estate providers.

In addition to providing an integrated Qualifying Law Degree, the specialist property management modules enable students to develop a knowledge and understanding of the inter-relationship between law and property together with associated concepts such as commercial property and facilities management, marketing and town and country planning. The programme will be of interest not only to those considering a career as a solicitor or barrister, but also to anyone with an interest in working in the property management sector. This is a Qualifying Law Degree. Successful students who wish to become solicitors or barristers will have met the necessary requirements to enable them to enrol on a further programme of study to satisfy the vocational requirements of their chosen profession.



## Modules

All Law Plus programmes cover the foundations of legal knowledge subjects required for a Qualifying Law Degree (Public Law, European Union Law, Criminal Law, Contract Law, Tort Law, Property Law and Equity and Trusts).

In addition the programmes include modules looking at the following related subjects:

### Business modules

- Management
- Business Processes and Systems
- Markets and Customers
- Human Resource Management
- Ethics and Governance
- Strategic Management and Leadership

### International Business modules

- International Business Environment
- Business Processes and Systems
- Markets and Customers
- Global and International Business Contexts
- Ethics and Governance
- Strategic Management and Leadership

### Environment modules

- Background to Environmental Management
- Introduction to Urban Environmental Issues
- Global Environmental Issues
- Pollution Control Law
- Environmental Rights and Responsibilities
- Planning Law
- Sustainable Development
- Energy and the Environment
- Waste Management

### Property Asset Management

- Constructional, Environmental and Structural Technologies
- Sustainable Development
- Planning Law
- Environmental Rights and Responsibilities
- Property Asset Management
- Commercial Property Marketing
- Town and Country Planning
- Commercial Property
- Facilities Management





*"My personal highlight was my time spent engaging with clients in my fourth year of study in the Student Law Office."*

**Ashley Kneale**

**LLB (Hons)/M Law Exempting 2010**

**Trainee Advocate, Quinn Legal**

To find out more about Ashley's experiences at Northumbria please visit [northumbrialawschool.co.uk](http://northumbrialawschool.co.uk)



*"There are lots of social events organised by the Grey Society which can be a great way to meet people on the course and network with solicitors from local law firms."*

**Melissa Walker**

**LLB (Hons)/M Law Exempting 2012**

**Future Trainee Solicitor, Ward Hadaway**

To find out more about Melissa's experiences at Northumbria please visit [northumbrialawschool.co.uk](http://northumbrialawschool.co.uk)



# Entry requirements and fees

**Applicants should possess five GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language and Mathematics, and also one of the following:**

**GCE and VCE Advanced Level** 320 UCAS Tariff points (ABB). General Studies is not accepted.

**Edexcel/BTEC National Diploma** Distinction, distinction, merit.

**Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers** ABBBC at Higher, ABC at Advanced Higher.

**Irish Highers** AABBB.

**Progression Diploma** Only acceptable in combination with Additional and Specialist Learning (ASL).

**Advanced Diploma** Grade C in the Progression Diploma, plus GCE/VCE A Level grade A.

**HEFC Access** Three distinctions and three merits, plus Toolbox.

**Other QAA-recognised Access programme** Full Access Award. Some units must be achieved at distinction grade, others at merit.

## Return to Learning

We positively welcome applications from mature students and are willing to consider, on an individual basis, those who do not meet traditional entry criteria. We are strongly supportive of the University's Access to Higher Education Course (HEFC) which provides an excellent basis for preparing adult students for entry to Higher Education – more details are available from the Return to Learning Service.

## Open Days

Post-application Open Days are held during the academic year and UCAS applicants who have been offered a place on the course will automatically be invited to attend.

## UCAS codes

Entry onto the following courses is common and applicants only need to apply once on code M100 LLB:

LLB (Hons)

LLB (Hons)/M Law Exempting

LLB (Hons)/M Law Exempting (Bar Professional Training Course)

Law with Business applicants should apply on M1N1 LLB/LwB.

Law with International Business applicants should apply on M1N9 LLB/LwIB.

Law with Environment applicants should apply on M1D4 LLB/LEn.  
Law with Property Management applicants should apply on M1N8 LLB/LwPM.

**Programme length** Three, four or five years.

**Attendance mode** Full-time.

**Location** City Campus East, Newcastle upon Tyne

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## Fees and bursaries

Northumbria's tuition fee for most full-time undergraduate courses commencing in 2012/13 was £8,500 per year. The fee for 2013/14 has not yet been confirmed.

There are a range of support packages available in the form of bursaries and scholarships. Students from lower earning backgrounds may be eligible for cash bursaries – for example, students from families earning less than £16,000 will receive £4,000 per year, whilst families earning between £16,000 and £25,000 would benefit from a £3,000 annual cash bursary.

In addition, there will be academic scholarships of £1,000 per year available to the brightest students, regardless of family income.

Students who wish to study for the 4 year solicitors routes have to join the Solicitors Regulation Authority in their first year (or second year if they are still deciding whether or not to follow the Bar route). The cost of joining the Authority in 2011–12 was £80.

The Regulation Authority monitors the quality of the course and charges a fee for doing so to students. Students who continue on the 4 year route into the third year are obliged to pay a one off course monitoring fee. In 2011–12 the monitoring fee was £120.

Students who wish to study for the barristers route have to join an Inn prior to their third year enrolment, this is approximately £100. In addition, students need to pay the Bar Standards Boards monitoring fee of £345 in their third year.

All law students need to budget for law textbooks. Each subject will usually have one core recommended textbook which should be purchased. Information about textbooks is provided to students when they enrol. Students should not purchase these in advance.



# Careers support

**Enrolling on one of our programmes may be the first step you take towards a career in law but it should not be the only step. From day one, you need to plan your career and find out how best to progress it.**

**Here at Northumbria we provide a comprehensive careers support programme to help you make the best career moves.**

**Our extensive careers programme offers regular sessions throughout your course**

Information regarding these events together with notification of any placement/training contract opportunities is regularly communicated to students. In addition, each of the programme e-learning sites provide general careers information.

**Talks by a wide range of legal practitioners about the different careers available in law**

If you are undecided as to which of the many types of legal work you would like to go into, we provide numerous sessions from practitioners explaining more about the type of work they do. So whether you are interested in commercial work, high street practice, legal aid work, in-house or local authority practice you can come and find out more about the job and ask questions of experienced lawyers in the field. Local firms hold open evenings where our students can attend their offices, participate in a range of skills sessions and gain a flavour of what they do.

## **Practical sessions to assist you with applications and interviews**

Legal recruitment is a specialised area. We arrange talks by a range of employers and recruitment experts to explain how to navigate this process successfully. We provide guidance on completing applications for training contracts, vacation placements and pupillages (through the PACH system) as well as assisting you to prepare for interviews or typical assessment centre exercises.

## **One-to-one assistance with preparation of application forms, CVs and interviews**

All students have their own guidance tutor. You will have regular meetings with your guidance tutor and will be able to discuss with them your plans and application forms. Your guidance tutor keeps track of your progress, plans and interests through the year and will be able to write an informed and detailed reference for you if requested to do so.

## **Contacts with local and national firms and Chambers**

We have extensive links with local and national firms and Chambers. Many of the teaching staff continue to practise and many more maintain links with the profession, with practitioners regularly contributing to the teaching sessions. You will be able to approach staff members who are up-to-date with the main issues facing legal practice and who have an extensive knowledge of the firms and Chambers you may be making applications to.

## **Experience of practice through the Student Law Office and its associated programmes**

On the M Law Exempting programmes, you will have an opportunity, as part of your course, to try out legal practice for real through the Student Law Office. You will be advising and representing members of the public under the supervision of qualified members of staff and may even need to represent your client at court or tribunal.

## **The practice interview scheme**

When you are called for an interview we can offer you a practice interview geared to the type of firm you have applied to and offer feedback to help you improve your performance. This will give you the chance to refine your interview technique and to see how you handle unexpected questions.

## **Support from specialist careers advisers in the University Careers and Employment team**

We work closely with the University Careers and Employment team which provides specialist support in the form of up-to-date information, one-to-one advice and weekly drop-in sessions. They can also check through CVs and applications and can provide samples of the sorts of tests routinely used in the selection process for legal work.

## **Northumbria Careers in Law Fair**

As well as specific sessions provided by employers we host a Law Fair in which local and national firms and Chambers are represented. It is a chance to find out more about a range of different firms and start networking. Exhibitors who have attended previous fairs include Allen & Overy, Ben Hoare Bell, Broad Chare Chambers, David Gray Solicitors, Dickinson Dees, Beecham Peacock, Irwin Mitchell, Ward Hadaway and Trinity Chambers. In addition to the Northumbria fair, Newcastle and Durham Universities also have law fairs which you are encouraged to attend.

## **The professional contact scheme**

We maintain a register of trainees and qualified solicitors and barristers who have volunteered to offer advice and support to Northumbria students considering legal careers.

## **Continuing information after you complete your course**

When you have finished your course you can remain on our careers register and we will inform you of any vacancies we are notified of and any relevant careers events.



**Graduates have obtained employment with a range of legal firms both regionally and nationally as well as in barristers' chambers. Examples include:**

Addleshaw Goddard LLP

**Allen & Overy LLP**

Andrew & Co LLP

**Beacham Peacock**

Ben Hoare Bell

**Berrymans Lace Mawer**

Bhatt Murphy

**Broad Chare Chambers**

Burnetts

**Cartmell Shepherd**

College Chambers

**Crown Prosecution Service**

Crutes LLP

**David Gray Solicitors**

Dickinson Dees LLP

**DLA Piper UK LLP**

Durham Chambers

**Eversheds LLP**

Hay & Kilner Solicitors

**Hickman and Rose Solicitors**

Hine & Associates

**Hodge Jones & Allen LLP**

Iain Nicholson

**Incorporation Services Ltd**

Irwin Mitchell

**Kings Bench Chambers**

KK & Co Solicitors

**Law for All**

Legal Services Commission

**Lovells**

Lupton Fawcett

**Meikles Solicitors**

Mincoffs

**Muckle LLP**

Nabarro Nathanson

**New Court Chambers**

No. 8 Chambers

**Osborne Clarke**

Pinsent Masons

**Plowden Chambers**

Refugee and Migrant Justice

**Richmond Anderson Goudie**

Scanlans

**Sintons**

Tilly Bailey & Irvine

**Trinity Chambers**

Trowers and Hamblins

**Virgin Money**

Walker Morris

**Wallers Solicitors**

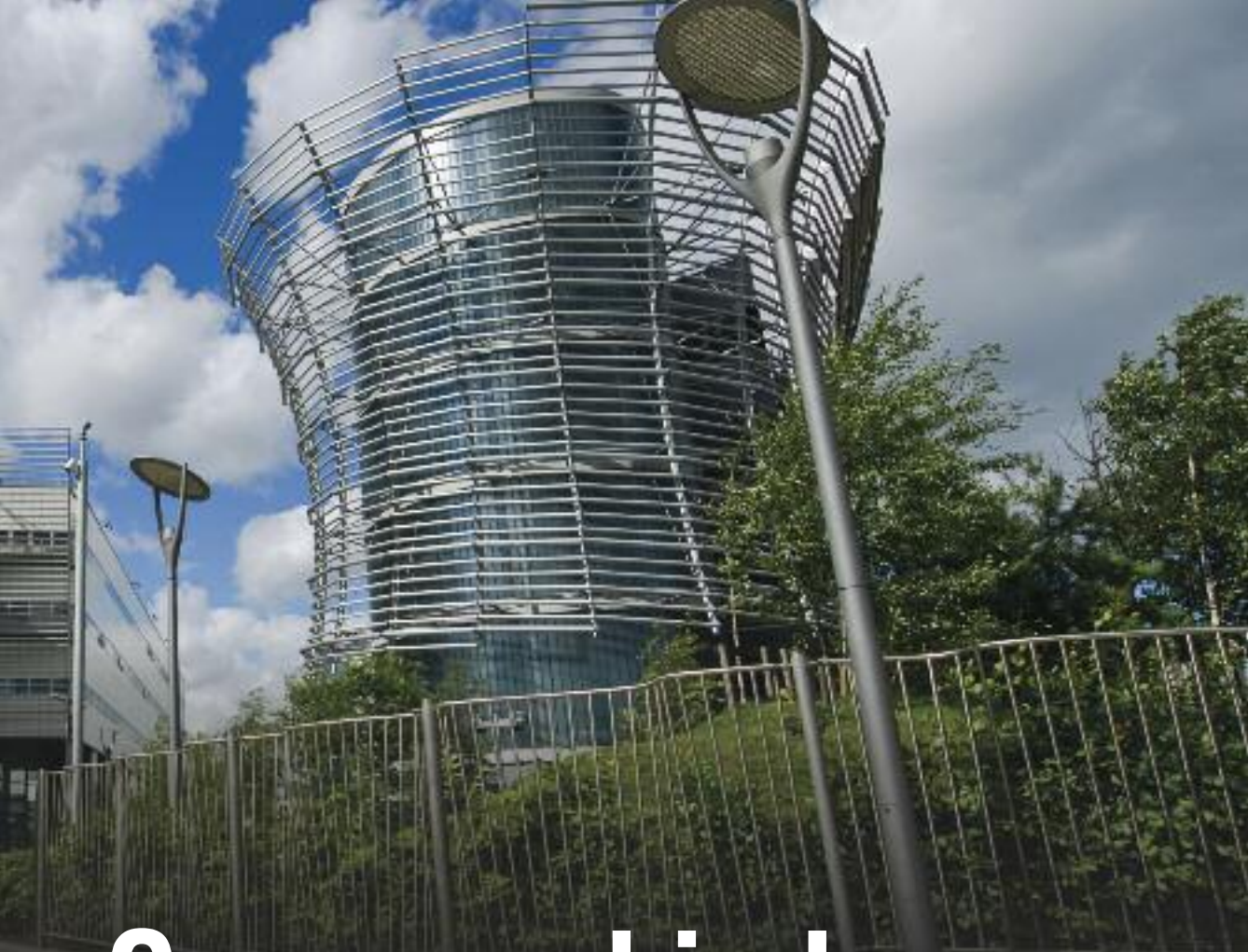
Ward Hadaway Solicitors

**Watson Burton LLP**

WYG Group Ltd

**York Chambers**

**Law graduates are also well placed to compete for a variety of jobs in commerce, industry, financial services and the public sector, where they can use their intellectual and practical skills in a more general context.**



# Come and judge us for yourself

## Open Days

Open Days give prospective law students the opportunity to view our stunning facilities, meet academic staff and current students and take part in practical sessions.

Throughout the UCAS cycle, there are several opportunities to visit us.

Please visit [www.northumbrialawschool.co.uk](http://www.northumbrialawschool.co.uk) for dates and further information about forthcoming Open Days.

## Law School visits

If you are unable to make one of our open days, please contact us to book a personal tour.

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Please contact the Marketing team on 0191 243 7035 or email [law@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:law@northumbria.ac.uk) to arrange a visit.

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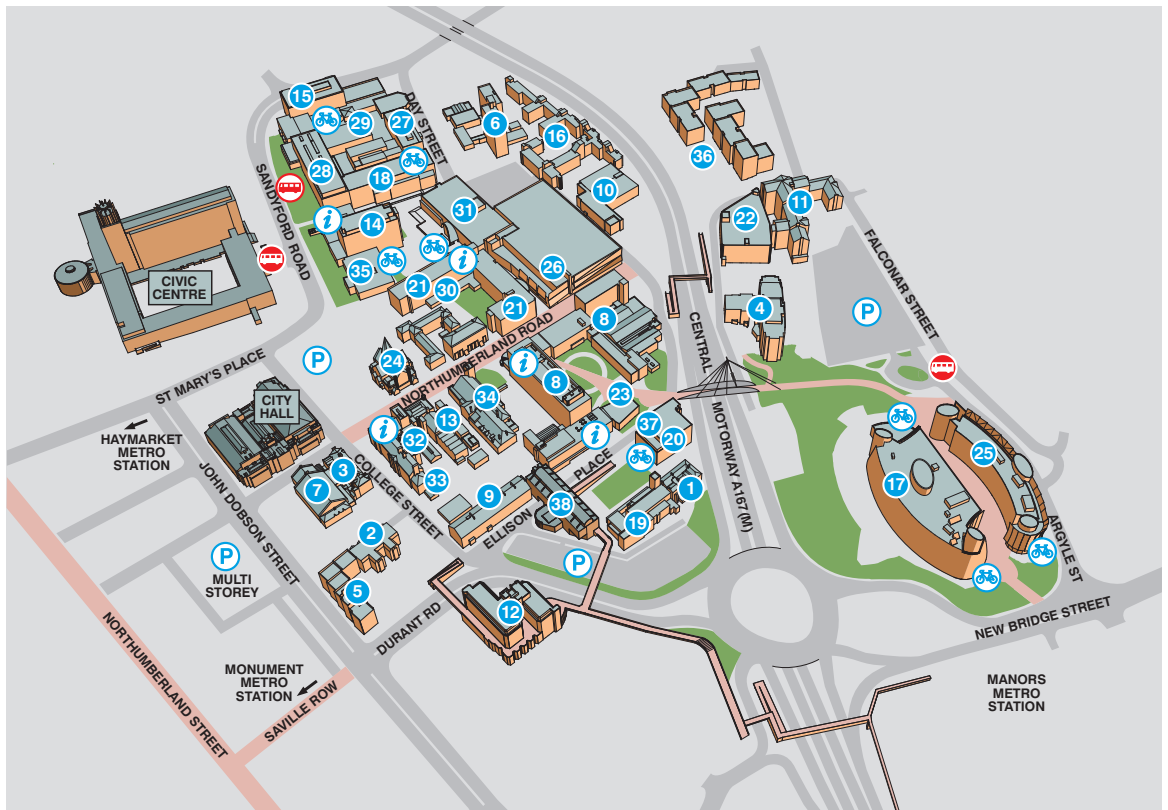
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# City Campus



-  Reception Information Centre
-  Parking
-  Cycle Parking
-  Bus Stop (Free Bus)
-  Public Bus
-  Pedestrianised

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| 1 21 & 22 Ellison Place  | 15 Lipman Building   | 29 Squires Workshops   |
| 2 Campus Services  | 16 Lovaine Halls and Flats   | 30 Student Support and Wellbeing Centre  |
| 3 Burt Hall  | 17 Business and Law Building  | 31 Students' Union   |
| 4 Camden Court   | 18 Newcastle College   | 32 Sutherland Building  |
| 5 Clapham House  | 19 Newcastle Unitarian Church (Durant and Turner Halls)  | 33 Sutherland House (Security)   |
| 6 Claude Gibb Hall   | 20 Nixon Hall  | 34 Trinity Building  |
| 7 Drill Hall   | 21 Northumberland Building   | 35 University Gallery and Baring Wing  |
| 8 Ellison Building  | 22 Pandon Building   | 36 Victoria Hall   |
| 9 Ellison Terrace  | 23 Rutherford Hall   | 37 Wynne-Jones Centre  |
| 10 Former Sports Facility  | 24 St James' Church  | 38 Mea House   |
| 11 Glenamara House   | 25 Design Building   |  |
| 12 Hadrian House   | 26 Sport Central   |  |
| 13 Health Centre   | 27 Squires Annexe  |  |
| 14 Library   | 28 Squires Building  |  |

