



STAFFORDSHIRE
UNIVERSITY



Law
School

LLM



Our taught Masters awards in Law:

- LLM Legal Practice
- LLM Family Law
- LLM Healthcare Law and Ethics
- LLM International Trade and Commerce
- LLM International Sports Law



why choose our law school for your LLM?

Established in 1992, following almost 25 years of teaching Law, we have gained an enviable reputation for the high standard of our tutoring and have received superb accreditations for the quality of our awards.

Our Common Professional Examination (CPE) is accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) and the Bar Standards Board. Our Legal Practice Course (LPC) has received the highest possible SRA rating of 'Commendable Practice' in all areas.

Our LLM awards are the acknowledged way to further legal expertise and hone research skills. This makes them particularly beneficial to anyone who is working in the legal profession and is looking for career progression or wishes to specialise in a specific area of Law.

Similarly, individuals intending to pursue Law academically and those forging a career in industry, commerce or other professions - where a Law qualification is advantageous - will also find the LLM to be a highly prized asset.

Welcome to Staffordshire University Law School – one of the leading providers of legal education in the country.

Choose to complete your LLM award at our Law School and you will be taught by renowned academics. All are experts in their chosen fields, many are practicing solicitors or barristers, and several have published widely used practitioner manuals, monographs and academic articles.

Additionally, you will benefit from the expertise that stems from our unparalleled links with major legal practices in Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Cheshire, Birmingham and Manchester.

Our world-class Law School is purpose built, well-equipped and offers modern lecture theatres, an excellent Law library with a Learning Resources Centre, mock courtroom with video facilities, Legal Practice rooms and study rooms for small groups.

Perhaps most importantly, however, because we understand that busy professionals often need to balance study around work and other commitments, you will find that each LLM award has been designed to offer exceptional flexibility.

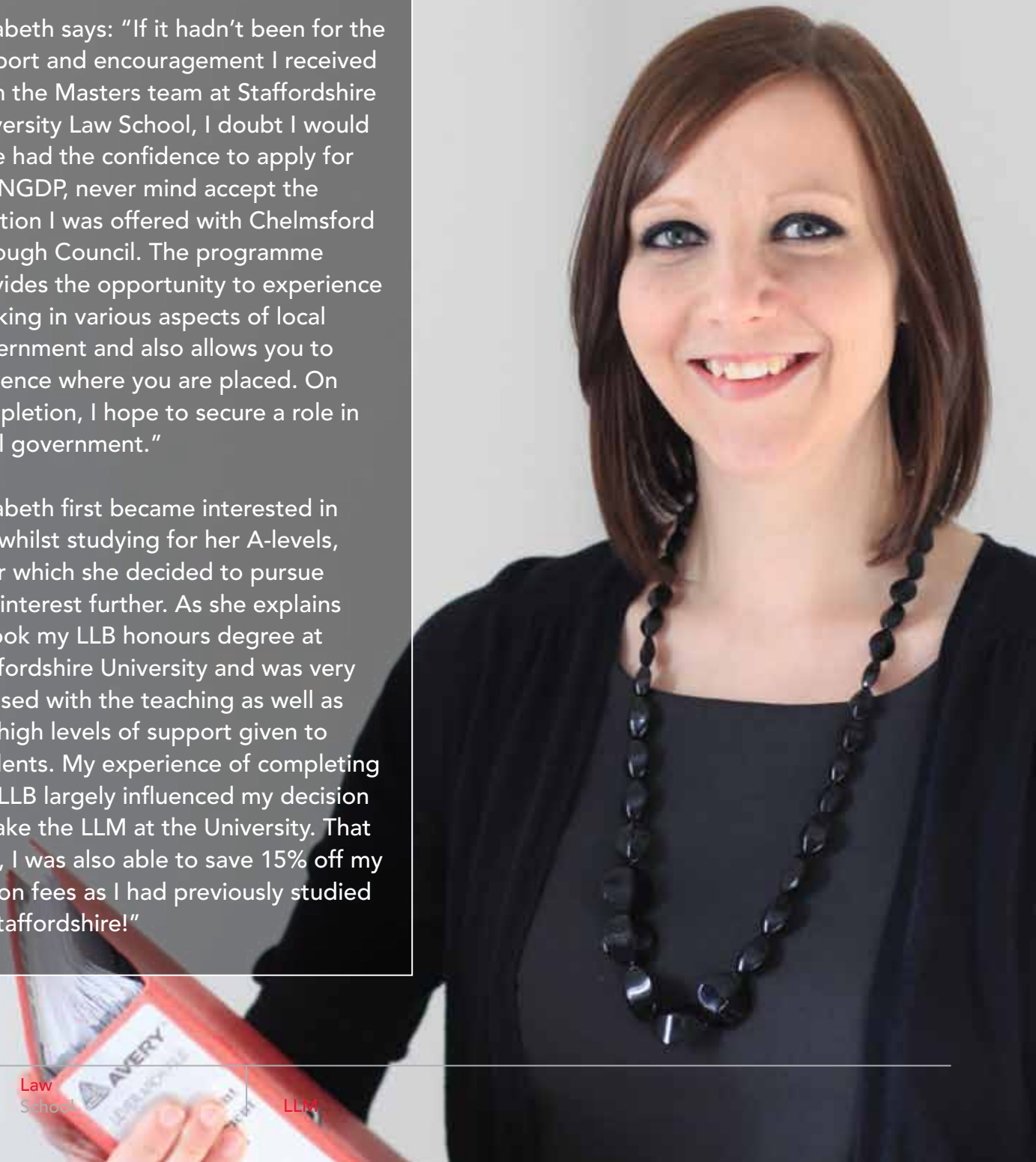
the real story

After completing her LLM in 2007, Elizabeth Jones spent a year carrying out various internships in legal research, before applying to join the National Graduate Development Programme (NGDP) for local government.

Out of 2,500 applicants, and following a challenging assessment process, she was one of only 90 successful graduates who were offered two-year fixed term contracts with local authorities.

Elizabeth says: "If it hadn't been for the support and encouragement I received from the Masters team at Staffordshire University Law School, I doubt I would have had the confidence to apply for the NGDP, never mind accept the position I was offered with Chelmsford Borough Council. The programme provides the opportunity to experience working in various aspects of local government and also allows you to influence where you are placed. On completion, I hope to secure a role in local government."

Elizabeth first became interested in law whilst studying for her A-levels, after which she decided to pursue this interest further. As she explains "I took my LLB honours degree at Staffordshire University and was very pleased with the teaching as well as the high levels of support given to students. My experience of completing the LLB largely influenced my decision to take the LLM at the University. That said, I was also able to save 15% off my tuition fees as I had previously studied at Staffordshire!"



what sets us apart?

Study for your LLM with us and you can count on the qualified solicitors and barristers we employ to deliver top-level information – something that will give you a major advantage when it comes to enhancing your employability or progressing your career.

Our legally-qualified librarians and the comprehensive computer suite in our extensive Law Library will help you access the precise information your studies require.

Considerable support, including IT and legal research training, will help you make the most of your Masters study.

You will have access to numerous learning resources, including books, journals and newspapers.

Whilst for added convenience, our considerable electronic resources can be accessed on campus or online when studying away from the Law School. A number of key benefits distinguish our LLM programme from others. They include:

- **Incredible flexibility** – attend the Law School for just a few hours each week or study by Online Distance Learning (International Sports Law and International Trade and Commerce)
- **Exceptional convenience** – complete your LLM over 12-16 months (full-time) to three years (part-time/Online Distance Learning). Choose to combine face-to-face part-time study with Online Distance Learning
- **Choice of awards** – choose Legal Practice or follow a specific named route with a range of optional modules
- **Qualifying degrees** – we welcome students with suitable non-law degrees and from non-common law jurisdictions
- **15% discount off course fees** – if you've studied with us before.

Whether you are pursuing a legal career, making the switch into a specific area of Law, or establishing your name across commerce, medicine or industry, Staffordshire University Law School can equip you to achieve great things.



Our taught LLM programme offers exciting possibilities for career development, including the opportunity to specialise in a particular area of Law.



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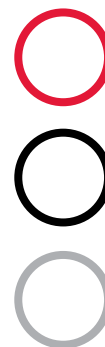
That's because, in addition to the LLM in Legal Practice, we have created a suite of awards to enable legal professionals, health professionals, Law graduates and individuals from industry, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and commerce to complete a Masters degree in Law that is highly relevant to their area of interest.

The wide range of modules associated with each award provides further opportunity to create a study programme that fully meets your needs and aspirations, whilst the flexible nature of our modular approach allows you to complete from one to four modules at a time.

Choose from the following awards:

LLM Legal Practice

- ideal for those with an LPC intending to enter legal practice, or already in practice, commerce or industry, who wish to support their career progression



// *The course brought me back to the basics of legal research, presentation, legal arguments and frankly, re-awakened my passion for the Law.* **//**

**James Cullen, LLM
(Advanced Legal Practice)**

LLM Family Law

- ideal for legal practitioners looking for an alternative to the LLM Legal Practice, registered mediators and arbitrators, Citizens Advice Bureau employees, Law students seeking a specialist route prior to commencing an LPC/BPTC, foreign practitioners looking to relocate to the UK and overseas-based practitioners looking to advise clients on UK Law

LLM Healthcare, Law and Ethics

- ideal for medical practitioners who wish to retrain/gain a legal perspective or undertake legal training as part of their Continuous Professional Development and Law students seeking a specialist route prior to commencing an LPC/BPTC

LLM International Trade and Commerce (available via Online Distance Learning)

- ideal for legal practitioners looking for an alternative to the LLM Legal Practice, Law students seeking a specialist route prior to commencing an LPC/BPTC and foreign lawyers wishing to extend their area of competence

LLM International Sports Law (available via Online Distance Learning)

- ideal for legal practitioners looking for an alternative to the LLM Legal Practice, athletes wishing to expand their academic knowledge, sports agents and coaches, those with commercial interests in a sports team or club and Law students seeking a specialist route prior to commencing an LPC/BPTC.

“When you do postgraduate study it’s for yourself – and the satisfaction you get from the LLM is incredible”



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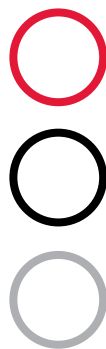
A single mum, with two young children, Daniela Santoro commenced her legal studies by completing the vocational aspect of a Legal Executive course. She then took the pioneering two-year Fast-track law degree offered by Staffordshire University Law School, before progressing to Masters study.

“In my heart I have always wanted to be a barrister,” says Daniela, “and although the LLM isn’t a requirement of my legal training, I wanted to do it for me – to further my legal knowledge. I was impressed by the level of teaching and support provided by the Law School when taking my first degree, so naturally selected the University for my Masters in Law.

“The real beauty of the Masters award is that it can be used to fulfil your professional or academic needs. The wide range of optional modules allows you to tailor your award. The modules I took included Medical Law and Ethics, Legal Research Methodology, Child Law and International Law.”

“The tutors at the Law School are superb. Law is their passion. They are in this job because it is their calling, and their enthusiasm is infectious. Needless to say, the support you get is tremendous. In fact, each and every tutor goes above and beyond the call to assist you. Recognising that you are an individual, wanting to concentrate on a particular area of study, they incorporate different styles of teaching into their seminars and always try to keep learning fresh.”

Once her Bar Vocational Course has been completed, Daniela hopes to secure a pupillage locally. She is also considering a career in legal research and plans to complete a PhD centred upon reform of the Criminal Justice System regarding the treatment of drug addicts.



flexible study options

With renowned academics, outstanding facilities, and a wide range of optional modules, Staffordshire University Law School offers considerable opportunities for Masters study.

Busy lives and careers mean that not everyone can commit to traditional ways of learning. For that reason, we have made the study options on each of our taught LLM awards as versatile as possible.

Attend full-time (typically one morning and one afternoon each week) and expect to complete your LLM over 12-16 months. (Our full-time programme is deliberately longer than the 12 months allowed by several of our competitors, to allow you more time for the research and preparation of your final dissertation.)

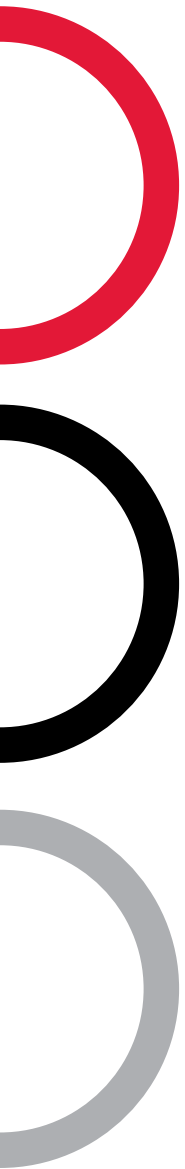
Choose part-time study (typically one morning or one afternoon each week) and benefit from up to three years in which to complete your Masters in Law.

Alternatively, take the LLM in International Sports Law and have the option of Online Distance Learning using the Blackboard Virtual Learning Environment or the LLM in International Trade and Commerce. You can even combine Online Distance Learning with part-time study.

Whichever method of study you decide upon, independent preparation and learning is vital. To maximise your study time, we will help develop your research and learning skills.

// I joined the Law School in 2003 and was instantly impressed by the dynamism and vitality of the School's academic environment and its state-of-the-art facilities. The adoption and development of new technology, coupled with excellent support for our high-calibre students, make the Staffordshire LLM a truly world-class award. I am very privileged to run an award which is staffed by some of the most dedicated colleagues, whose commitment to research-informed teaching is almost unparalleled in the UK. **//**

**Dewi Williams,
LLM Award Leader**



a wide range of optional modules

The considerable choice of optional modules available through our LLM programme allows you to create a Masters award tailored to your professional needs.

Modules in the areas of Healthcare and Ethics, Child Law, Domestic Partnerships, Events Management, Business Law and Corporate Governance.

entry criteria and admissions

Our taught LLM programme commences each September. To study for an LLM award with us, you must have either:

- A second class Law honours degree from a recognised UK or overseas university, or an equivalent qualification

Or

- A qualifying non-Law degree, or equivalent qualification

Or

- A good Graduate Diploma in Law (CPE) or relevant professional qualification
- ILEX fellowship
- An IELTS Score of 7 if English is not your first language.

To apply to study full-time, part-time or by Online Distance Learning, or to discuss your existing qualifications, please contact:

email: enquiries@staffs.ac.uk
call: 01782 294400
visit: www.staffs.ac.uk/law

Please note that all applications must be received by 30 June for entry in September.



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