UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN LAW
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A New Vision

Warwick Law School was established in 1968 and has since developed into one of the leading Law Schools in the UK. Its teaching quality consistently receives high ratings, and it is known for innovative, high-quality research.

The University ranks amongst the leading ten research and teaching institutions in the UK. The Law School is located in the Social Sciences Faculty of the University. The School has a student population of about 900 (750 undergraduates and 150 graduates) with approximately 50 academic staff and 12 administrative staff. The School has a strong research culture and staff are active researchers in their own areas of expertise.

Students taking Warwick law degrees start from the basis of the “core” legal subjects – for example, criminal law, property law, tort, constitutional and administrative law, European law, and contract law – and acquire all the traditional skills of a lawyer, such as analysis and synthesis of a wide variety of legal materials, problem-solving and written and oral presentation. These are the skills required of a qualified lawyer, but they are also skills that equip a person for any walk of life. But the Warwick degrees take the study of law much further.

Two distinctive features of the Warwick Law School are its contextual approach to the study of law and its commitment to offering international and comparative perspectives across a range of modules.

Forty years ago, Warwick Law School pioneered the “contextual approach”, encouraging students to examine law in its social context. Warwick law students are not just asked to “learn the law”. They are encouraged to think about it in a critical but constructive way, and to use interdisciplinary approaches in the best tradition of modern legal scholarship. Our teaching examines law and legal institutions within a wider context. It encourages students to consider the social, economic, political and philosophical dimensions of the law. Thus, our core and optional modules assess the impact of law beyond the courtroom and the lawyer’s office. Some modules examine the relationship of law to major social issues, such as crime, labour relations, human rights, asylum, the family, health, and the environment, while other modules examine law from different viewpoints such as economics, gender, history, literature, philosophy and sociology.

Warwick law degrees also highlight the role of law beyond the narrow confines of individual nation states. We offer students a range of modules on different aspects of international law, as well as comparative law, including German, French, Japanese and Islamic law. A large proportion of our teaching staff has knowledge and practical expertise in the law of other countries. The School has academic links with universities in France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Poland, the Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Italy, Japan, India, Latin America, Africa, the USA and Canada. It is not surprising that students from all over the world choose to come to Warwick to study law - the student and staff body is drawn from over 60 countries worldwide.

Warwick law degrees aim to produce graduates who can take a critical view of law’s role, its strengths and weaknesses and its potential for improving society.

Warwick provides excellent facilities and support for students. The University Library contains in excess of 750,000 volumes and students have free access to the key law databases such as Westlaw as well as other electronic resources. The University has a fully developed Campus Data Network providing access to a central core of computer services, to personal computers and to workstations across the University.
Learning in a Research Environment

Warwick Law School offers a vibrant, internationally recognised research environment within which to study. Academic staff work at the 'cutting-edge' in areas that range from legal change in post-colonial Africa to financial regulation, international arbitration, family law, European public policy and comparative human rights.

Students have the opportunity to work with specialists in a diverse range of fields, and are encouraged to discuss their projects and essays with knowledgeable staff members, whether or not they are teaching that particular module. Our degree programmes are structured to provide opportunities for substantial field-based or theoretical projects. It is also possible to take a dissertation option instead of a taught module. The School’s Legal Research Institute (LRI) provides a research focus for the school. It hosts visiting fellows and other speakers who present their work in talks open to staff and students. The LRI also arranges conferences, and publishes collections of papers in collaboration with external publishers. The research culture of the Law School is enhanced by the growing number of postgraduate students in the student body. This includes students carrying out Doctorates and research Masters, as well as taught postgraduate programmes. Our departmental emphasis on international legal developments attracts students from across the globe.
First, we emphasise skills rather than the absorption of information. These skills include the ability to locate, understand and evaluate policy and theoretical literature; analysis of legal judgments and statutes; and communication skills (written and oral). We also ask students to bring to their studies a keen sense of inquiry, a willingness to explore law’s flaws and limitations, and an interest in identifying new possibilities whether practical or theoretical.

Secondly, the School aims, within a set of coherent degree programmes, to give students a wide choice of modules so that they create a combination that best suits their interests. While there are some core modules in the first two years, and most students decide to fulfil the professional requirements for exemptions, there is still room to select from a large number of optional modules. These include subjects as diverse as Shakespeare and the Law, European Contract Law, Law and Medicine, Japanese Law, Foundations of Commercial Law, Financial Services Regulation, and Comparative Criminal Justice.

Thirdly, we offer students a range of assessment forms, with emphasis placed on continuing assessment through class tests, essays and research projects. One innovative aspect of Warwick is the choice we give students to decide whether they wish to weight their degree towards examinations or essays submitted during the year. Some modules not only allow students to choose their own essay topics, but also to decide what size of essay to submit for assessment, e.g. 2500 words for 20% or 5000 words for 40% (making up the difference in end of year examinations).

Fourthly, we see education as a shared, collective enterprise, which involves learning between students as well as between students and staff. Collaboration is encouraged, and seminars will often involve students chairing discussions on policy, ethical or doctrinal topics. A contextual approach to law demands consistent work and effort over the full degree programme in order fully to understand both legal doctrine (rules, principles, decisions etc.) and wider issues (government policy, legal theory, social implications etc.) We expect students to be committed to their education and to take legal study seriously. In return, the School provides as much support and advice as each individual student needs in order to get the most from their degree.
Support
The Law School is a close-knit and friendly department and is proud of its long tradition of good and informal relations between staff and students. Students with concerns about their work are encouraged to talk to their lecturers and tutors. In addition, each student has a personal tutor, whom they will see on an individual basis several times each year, and who is someone they can go to in case of problems (e.g. health, money, housing) affecting their studies. The School also has two Senior Tutors, who oversee the personal tutor system and the general welfare of the students. In addition there is an excellent (and confidential) University counselling service.

Library and Information Technology
Warwick has a large library on campus situated next to the Law School, with a wide range of electronic and printed resources for Law. There is a dedicated Law Librarian able to answer enquiries and provide a variety of training in the use of both paper sources and electronic information retrieval systems such as Lexis and Westlaw. The Library provides a range of facilities for individual study or collaborative group work, with informal social areas in the Main Library and a separate facility in University House called The Learning Grid; the latter is open 24/7. The Main Library also provides areas for quiet and completely silent working, to serve a range of study styles. Both facilities provide interactive smartboards and other AV and IT equipment, as well as PCs and wireless access to the Internet. The Main Library also provides areas for quiet and completely silent working, to serve a range of study styles. Both facilities provide interactive smartboards and other AV and IT equipment, as well as PCs and wireless access to the Internet. The Law School has been at the forefront of developing the use of information technology in legal education, and we make extensive use of our own website to provide access to teaching materials and other information for students. Staff and students have access to an excellent computer network and electronic databases. The School also benefits from being the lead site for the UK Centre for Legal Education, the national subject centre responsible for developing and disseminating good practice in law teaching. (Visit www.ukcle.ac.uk)

The Law School Community
Students in the School are active in running their own societies: the Law Society arranges social, educational and careers events during the year and publishes a law review, Obiter Dicta. Warwick law students also participated very successfully in national and international mooting competitions (mock court cases where legal arguments are made before a judge) and there is an active internal mooting programme. Students also engage in a range of activities related to their studies, designed to put into practice the skills and knowledge that they have acquired. This includes work with local Law Centres, delivering human rights awareness courses in schools, working with defence counsel on death row cases in the USA and other pro-bono projects.

Further details of current projects in the Law School can be found at http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/chrp/.

Law students have a say in departmental issues. Student representatives and staff members sit on Staff Student Liaison Committees which meet several times a year to discuss student concerns; the Committee also provides a forum for student consultation on proposed changes. Two student representatives also attend and participate at Staff Meetings, the governing body of the Law School. Finally Law School students are active in the University students’ union. Most students belong to one or more of the students union’s societies, and many participate in its policy processes, for instance, through membership of its executive committee.
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LAW DEGREES AT WARWICK

3 year LLB Hons Degree
4 year LLB Hons Degree
4 year LLB Hons Degree (Year Abroad)
European law LLB Hons Degree
Law and Sociology BA Hons Degree
Law and Business BA Hons Degree
The 3 year LLB Hons Degree (UCAS code M100) is the Law School’s largest programme with an intake of about 140 students from the UK and abroad.

The 4 year LLB Hons Degree (UCAS code M101) allows students to take an extra year in order to undertake wider studies, including a wider range of options from other departments than would be possible within the 3 year LLB. (Applicants who do not receive an offer for this four year course will, however, be considered for the three year LLB instead.)

The 4 year LLB Hons Degree (year abroad) (UCAS code M108) For those who do not have strong foreign languages, this variant of the four-year programme provides students with the opportunity to study abroad in English at one of a number of partner universities. These currently include Utrecht and Rotterdam in the Netherlands; Bergen, Norway; Helsinki, Finland; Budapest, Hungary; Warsaw, Poland and the University of Hong Kong. (Applicants who do not receive an offer for this course will, however, be considered for the three year LLB instead.)

The European law LLB Hons Degree (UCAS code M125) is a 4 year degree and takes about 15-20 students each year. It enables students to study the legal system of another European country in considerable detail, both at Warwick and through spending the third year of the degree at one of Warwick’s partner universities in France or Germany. It is also possible to study both French and German law in a single year with part of the year spent in each country. In some cases our partner University offers the opportunity complete a Masters degree in addition to the LLB by completing a dissertation.

The Law and Sociology BA Hons Degree (UCAS code ML13) is a 4 year joint degree offered by the Law School and the Sociology Department for students with a strong interest in both subjects. It combines compulsory and optional modules from both departments and offers a unique introduction to a contextual, as well as professional understanding of law.

The Law and Business BA Hons Degree (UCAS code MN11) This is a 3 or 4 year joint degree offered by the Law School and the Business School. It combines jointly-taught modules with individual subjects from each department. Emphasis is placed on the overlap between the two disciplines, such as forms of business organisation, finance and market regulation. Students may opt for a 3 year degree. Alternatively, students can take a wider range of law or business courses over four years. In order to obtain a Qualifying Law Degree which provides exemption from the first part of the professional law examinations, students must take a four year degree with the relevant qualifying modules.
Structure of our LLB Degree

Year 1 (5 core modules)
- Criminal Law
- Tort Law
- Introduction to the Law of Property Relations
- Modern English Legal System (half module)
- Introduction to Legal Theory (half module)

These are usually taught by 2 hours of lectures (all students) a week, and 7 seminars (approximately 16 students) each term in each subject. Assessment is by a combination of class tests, essays written during the year and an exam in each subject at the end of the academic year. For all Warwick law degrees, the first year is a qualifying year in which a pass/fail mark is awarded.

Year 2 Students take 4 full or the equivalent number of half modules. General Principles of Constitutional and Administrative Law and Contract Law are compulsory. In addition most students take a half module in Foundations of European Union Law to obtain professional law exemptions. Students select other modules from the list of available options. Most students take Trusts Law to obtain professional law exemptions alongside smaller optional subjects. It is also possible to take a module from another department.

The four year degrees broadly follow this format, although students taking a joint degree will study some first year law subjects in their second year in order to fulfil the basic mandatory requirements from both their departments or to qualify for professional exemption.

In the four year degrees involving study abroad, students on the European Law programme spend their third year either at a University in France or Germany. Students studying abroad in English spend their third year at their overseas partner University. Modules studied during the year abroad also count towards the final degree.
The standard format for the 3 year LLB, our largest degree programme, is as follows:

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For further information about all the degrees the Law School offers please visit: [http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/ug/prospective/degrees/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/ug/prospective/degrees/)
Applying to Warwick

Admissions
The standard conditional offer for the 3 year LLB, at the time of writing, is AAA at A2-level plus a C grade at Advanced Subsidiary Level. Offers are made to students whom the Law School considers will be successful and benefit from the Warwick approach. Consideration is given to applicants’ all round aptitude and interests; we do not select simply according to prospective or actual grades.

How do I find out more about the Law School?
The University runs general Open Days in May and September of each year. These include 1 hour sessions of talks, questions and answers run by the Law School where you can meet staff. Contact by email the Student Recruitment Office for details (student.recruitment@warwick.ac.uk). In addition the Law School also runs a small number of Open Days in the second term for those students to whom it has made an offer. If a student cannot make any of these Open Days, e.g. because they live abroad, they can write to the Law School and ask for an appointment when they are in the country. Another option available is to register for one of the campus tours that take place during the year.

For information about dates and bookings please visit our website http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/visits/warwickvisits.

For other queries, write/email to the Admissions Officer at the Law School (Hannah.Ryall@warwick.ac.uk).

How do I apply for Law at Warwick?
The only way to apply to the Law School is through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applications must be made through the UCAS website: www.ucas.ac.uk. The Law School cannot make an offer except through UCAS, nor can it accept transfers from other universities except into the first year and via UCAS.

Do I have to have A-Levels?
Whilst the majority of students come to the Law School having done A-Levels, the School also encourages applicants with other qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate, or non-standard educational backgrounds. Information about standard offers in these circumstances is available from the Law School.

For more information please visit our website at: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/ug/prospective/admissions/faq/

Interviews
Will I be interviewed before I receive an offer? Usually only applicants with non-standard educational backgrounds are called for interview. The School may also interview applicants where a fair judgment cannot be made on the basis of the UCAS form. The interview will be with two members of Law School staff, in an informal setting, and last about 30 minutes.

What are my chances of getting an offer?
Law is a popular course and competition for places is keen. The School receives many times more applications than it has places to offer.

What about the other Law School Degrees?
For the 4 year LLB, in addition to meeting the standard requirements, you must be able to justify why you want to take the 4 year programme. Anyone who fails to qualify for this degree will be automatically considered for the 3 year LLB. For the 4 year LLB European Law degree, the standard offers are, at the time of writing, AAA at A2-level plus a grade C at AS level or AAB at A2-level and grade B at AS level. Both offers require an A at A2-level in the appropriate European language. Applications for the BA in Law and Sociology are considered by both departments, and applicants must express a clear interest in both aspects of the joint degree. Offers are usually ABB at A-Level, plus a C grade at Advanced Subsidiary Level. For Law and Business Studies, offers are usually AAB at A-Level, plus a grade C at Advanced Subsidiary Level. For certain modules some knowledge of mathematics is very useful, so an A in GCSE Maths (or equivalent) is required and additional maths classes will be available for those who need them.

Returning to Study
The School welcomes applications from individuals who have been out of education for a while; between 10 and 20 such students are admitted each year. Many come after taking Access courses which are geared towards adults who have been out of formal education for some time or who left school without obtaining A-levels. Their aim is to prepare students for the demands of a degree. Most applicants with a non-standard background
are interviewed, and may be required to submit a written piece of work.

**Part time Study**
The School offers a part time LLB degree which is a variant of the 3 year (full time) LLB degree. Applications for the part time degree are welcomed from people who may have left school some years ago but who have undertaken some formal study in recent years and who have obtained an educational qualification as a result. All applications are given careful consideration by Law School selectors. Applicants may be asked to attend an interview before a decision on their application is made.

*For more information about the course and for details on how to apply please contact the Centre for Lifelong Learning (lifelonglearning@warwick.ac.uk)*

**International Context**
An important feature of the Law School is its international atmosphere. This has been strengthened through links with universities in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Scandinavia, Canada and Central and Eastern Europe, as well as France, Italy and Germany. Approximately a third of the student body comes from outside of the European Union. Internationalism is also reflected in the modules offered. As well as International Law, students can also choose to study Japanese, German, French, European and Islamic Law. In addition many other courses have an international, and in some instances, a comparative dimension.

**International Office**
The University of Warwick has a very active International Office, with a staff of over 30 who are dedicated to assisting international students during the application process and throughout their studies; by ensuring a smooth arrival on campus with pre-arrival advice and an Orientation programme; and support and assistance throughout their time at Warwick with trips, events and immigration advice. We also assist with visiting and exchange opportunities. In addition to our UK-based team, we also run a network of overseas representative offices in many countries, who can provide free assistance with any stage of the application.

You can find more information at [www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/hefp/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/hefp/). Students who undertake the HEFP in Law will be guaranteed an offer from the School of Law.

**Language Requirements**
Applicants whose first language is not English are required to show that their ability to understand and express themselves in both written and spoken English is sufficiently high for them to derive full benefit from their programmes of study. Minimum scores IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 620 (paper) 260 (computer) 105 (IBT).

On all of our Law Degree Programmes we have a number of students who are from outside the European Union and come from a variety of different countries.
The University of Warwick is heavily targeted by a large number of national and international employers and students from Warwick have a good record of obtaining employment in a broad range of fields. Law graduates in particular are much in demand by employers, and law firms and chambers are keen to recruit Warwick students. Every year there is a law recruitment fair, run by the Careers Centre, which is attended by at least fifty law firms who want to recruit Warwick students. In addition, many law firms come to Warwick to run presentations. For those students who decide to opt for a career at the Bar, sets of chambers help with the mooting and the debating societies, so that students are aware of the opportunities at the Bar and build contacts within the profession.

In recent years, the following top city law firms made individual presentations at Warwick:

- Allen & Overy
- Baker & McKenzie
- Clifford Chance
- CMS Cameron McKenna
- Jones Day
- Herbert Smith
- Kendal Freeman
- Linklaters
- Norton Rose
- Slaughter & May
- Wragge & Co

Data on the destinations of Warwick law graduates (2009) shows that almost half had gone into further study, with the majority choosing to start the LPC (Legal Practice Course) to become a solicitor. A significant number also went on to the BPTC (Bar Professional Training Course) to become a barrister.

However, not all Warwick Law students enter the legal profession; law is seen by many students as a good foundation for careers in a variety of fields. Some have chosen to enter the social area of law and pursue careers within international organisations such as the United Nations; others choose national or international non-government organisations, including charities. Others have chosen careers in accountancy, banking and the public service in the UK or the EU. Some students decide to pursue further academic study, such as a Masters degree.

The study of law at Warwick teaches analytical skills and the ability to organise a heavy workload, as well as giving students an appreciation of the way law operates within society. Students find that they are much in demand, as the intellectual rigour of the degree, combined with their own abilities make them very attractive as recruits for a wide range of employers.

Student Careers and Skills based in University House, is able to provide support tailored to students’ needs, including one-to-one appointments, workshops, mock interviews and resources online and in the Careers Hub. There is a dedicated careers consultant for law students, Anna Preston, who can help you make the most of your time at Warwick and assist you with choices for after your studies.

Pathways to Law

A number of students in the Law School participate in the delivery of Pathways to Law - an innovative and ambitious programme running at the University of Warwick and at a number of other universities across the UK. Pathways to Law is a two year programme which offers a wealth of opportunities through a structured series of information, advice and guidance sessions to school/college students in Years 12 and 13 who wish to enter the legal profession.

For further information please go to www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/
International Airport. The campus is completely self-contained, with excellent sports facilities and the largest Arts Centre of its kind outside London, with a recently refurbished concert hall, a theatre, cinema, art gallery, bars and shops. This stunning venue attracts nationally and internationally renowned artists. Our Students’ Union is currently undergoing an £11 million redevelopment to make it one of the largest and most versatile in the UK. High quality, fully supported on-campus accommodation, comprising halls of residence and campus flats, is offered to all first year students, providing they accept an offer of a place at the University before 31 July and that their accommodation application form has been received by Warwick Accommodation before 31 July.

University Open Days are held in May and September.

Please visit www.warwick.ac.uk/go/visit or contact the Student Admissions and Recruitment Office on 024 7652 3648 for further details.

Warwick Law School

solely in examination results. We look at the whole profile of our applicants, including academic qualifications and predicted grades, but also the information included in the personal statement and academic reference. AWARDS (Access to a Warwick Degree Scheme) offers applicants the opportunity to submit contextual information relating to their individual circumstances. The Law School participates actively in the Warwick Undergraduate Aid Programme (WUAP).

Full details of Guaranteed Funding Bursaries, Scholarships and work / study opportunities can be found on the University website: www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/ourservices/funding/prospective/

About the University of Warwick

Founded in the mid 1960s, the University of Warwick now has approximately 17,000 full time students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate) studying in the Faculties of Arts, Sciences, Medicine and Social Sciences. Its attractive landscape campus, on the borders of Coventry and Warwickshire, is at the centre of the UK road and rail network, and within easy reach of Birmingham.
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