

Law

Essentials

What law degrees are there?

Law

Law and Business

Law with American Studies

Law with Business

Law with Contemporary European Studies

Law with International Relations

Law with Politics

Law with Proficiency in a Language and a Year Abroad
(one from French, Italian or Spanish)

Graduate Entry LLB

What A levels/IB scores do I need?

(For other qualifications information, refer to pages 125-129)

Typical A level offer range: AAA-AAB

For Law with Proficiency in a Language and a Year Abroad, A levels (or equivalent) must include the language you wish to study at grade B

Typical IB diploma offer: 36 points

For Law with Proficiency in a Language and a Year Abroad, 36 points normally including your chosen language at Higher Level with a final grade of 5

What else do I need?

Law and Business, and Law with Business
GCSE (or equivalent) Mathematics, grade B

Graduate Entry LLB

Applicants must have a second-class undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent)

Fees

Refer to pages 137-138 for information on fees

English language requirements

IELTS 6.5 overall and not less than 6.0 in both the Listening and Writing sections. Internet-based TOEFL with 90 overall, including at least 24 in Speaking and 25 in Writing. For alternative English language requirements, refer to page 130

Foundation year for non-EU students

If your qualifications (including English language) do not yet meet our entry requirements for admission direct to the first year of these degree programmes, we offer an international foundation year entry route. Refer to pages 26 and 131 for details

How do I find out more?

For more information, contact the admissions tutor:

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When can I visit?

Our Open Day dates for 2011 are 11 June and 8 October. We also run regular campus tours.

Please book online at www.sussex.ac.uk/visitors or call 01273 876787

Why law?

Studying law develops your skills of analysis, argument and persuasion. These will equip you for a variety of careers after graduation. As part of your studies, you will consider how the law regulates the relationship between the individual and the state and how it responds to dealings between individuals and groups. You will engage with the very organisation of society and, through the lens of law, you will examine all its constituent elements: commercial, social, political and economic relationships, families and associations, individuals and governments, countries and international organisations. Your imagination will be stretched, and you'll have an enormous amount of fun.

Why law at Sussex?

- The Sussex Law School enables you to study law in an interdisciplinary context. You can choose from a range of programmes (refer to Essentials on the left).
- Law at Sussex was rated 16th in the UK for research in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). 100 per cent of our research was rated as recognised internationally or higher, and over half rated as internationally excellent or higher.
- Law at Sussex scored 94 per cent in the student satisfaction category of the 2010 National Student Survey (NSS), ranking in the top 10 in the UK. Law at Sussex is ranked in the top 25 in the UK in *The Complete University Guide 2010-11*, and in *The Times Good University Guide 2011*.
- The Sussex Law School is a thriving law community with students from around the world.
- All our degrees are qualifying law degrees and provide excellent transferable skills that enable law students to go on to a wide variety of professional posts.
- You will be taught by enthusiastic and research-active faculty, committed to research and teaching excellence in a supportive learning environment.
- We have good teaching and research links with many other disciplines, including international relations, politics, American studies and contemporary European studies.
- You will become part of our successful, expanding, friendly Law School, where law is taught in its social, political and economic context.
- The Sussex Law School has excellent extra-curricular activities including mooting, client interviewing and negotiating competitions. Our Student Law Body is active in arranging social and educational events and has won student society awards.



Ally's perspective

'After 20 years as a nurse and midwife I decided to bite the bullet and fulfil a long-held ambition to study law. I'd always been interested in law and chose Sussex because of its reputation of having one of the top law schools.'

'Sussex boasts a teaching staff who manage to make even contract law seem like fun and who are always supportive. As a mature student, I had nightmares about being the only person who actually remembered the 80s. I needn't have worried though – I was in good company and relieved to find many more students like me. 'As well as the academic side of things, the Sussex Law School is very involved in extracurricular events. During my time here I've been involved in mooting, negotiating and legal interviewing competitions. Winning the legal interviewing one and representing Sussex at the regional heats has definitely been one of the highlights so far! 'I'm in my third year now and hope to go on to use my past experience in combination with my new legal knowledge to practice as a barrister specialising in medical law.'

Ally Farnhill
LLB in Law



Michael's perspective

'I chose Law at Sussex based on the warm, informative staff I met and the friendly campus atmosphere I experienced at the University Open Day.

'My degree is challenging and engaging, and the large range of courses on offer makes for flexible study that you can tailor, whatever sector of the legal profession you're interested in.

'Among the great features of the Sussex Law School are the extracurricular activities on offer. With regular mootings and client negotiation competitions, Sussex is the perfect place to hone your skills for future employment.

'Of course there's far more to a degree than just your studies. The Student Law Body holds several socials throughout the year, from bar crawls to the sell-out Christmas Law Dinner and Summer Law Ball, so you'll never be bored!

Michael Paterson
LLB in Law



What sort of career could I have?

- practising law as either a solicitor, barrister or an in-house lawyer for a public limited company
- public employment as a lawyer in the civil service or local government, or in other employment like the diplomatic service, the United Nations or the European Union
- business – executive director, management and administration, accountancy
- politics – a number of our alumni are Members of Parliament
- using good communication skills in public relations, human resources, broadcast media, journalism, legal publishing, and as law teachers, lecturers and researchers
- working in international or national charitable organisations or other non-governmental organisations
- policy development and co-ordination in either the public or the private sector.

How will I learn?

You will experience several different teaching methods, for example large-group lectures as well as small-group seminars. Within these smaller groups you learn by presentation, discussion, debate and role-play.

You will be tested through a variety of assessment methods: unseen and open-book exams, essays, dissertations, projects and coursework.

What will I achieve?

- familiarity with the institutions and procedures of the English legal system and of the EU
- knowledge of the concepts, principles, values and rules of English law and the ability to draw on the fundamental principles to undertake in-depth study of specialist areas
- awareness of the context within which law operates and an ability to demonstrate insights gained through the study of other disciplines related to law
- appreciation of the relationship between law and society
- the skills to identify the issues of legal relevance and apply your legal knowledge to provide a solution that carries the authority of established legal principle
- the ability to conduct independent legal research to locate relevant materials, both printed and electronic
- in analysing the law, knowledge of how judges reason and how statutes are to be interpreted; the ability to handle ideas embedded in complex legal doctrine; and familiarity with legal concepts
- the ability to bring together material from legal and non-legal sources, and to apply them to illustrate and illuminate legal theory and factual problems
- the ability to reflect critically on the law, to appreciate where the current law is in need of reform, and to draft proposals for appropriate change
- the ability to work independently and on your own initiative, seeking appropriate assistance and appreciating the value of constructive criticism
- the ability to discuss points of law, present an argument for one side in a dispute, support this with legal authority, employ legal terminology correctly and respond effectively to contrary views
- the power to present clear, concise and accurate written arguments
- the opportunity to gain experience and develop skills in teamworking.

Degrees

You can take our single-honours LLB with a range of innovative final-year options, or combine the study of law with another discipline. All law degrees at the Sussex Law School are qualifying law degrees.

Law

LLB (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: M100

The study of law encompasses a broad variety of human experience and contexts. We want you to know what the law is likely to be in any given case, but also why the law has developed in the way it has. In addition, we ask you to think about how the law might or should change in the future. We want you to grapple with the problems that human beings face each day and to reflect not only on how law reacts to these problems, but also to think about whether it should react differently. Law at Sussex is a stimulating subject to study and whether or not you intend to become a legal practitioner, we think you will enjoy and benefit from our approach.

You take core courses in Years 1 and 2. You also have four options, usually taken in the final year, that explore the legal principles relevant to human behaviour and activity.

Law and Business

LLB (Hons), 4 years UCAS Code: MN11

This programme provides a unique experience if you seek a critical and creative approach to the interaction of law and business.

You will have the opportunity to gain a qualifying law degree and to study the legal context affecting the structures and conduct of businesses. These involve not only the rights and duties of managers and employees but also their relations with competitors, together with environmental and ethical constraints. Today's globalised, interdependent, highly technological and rapidly changing business environment presents many challenges. This programme will help you understand the ideas and theories that lie at the heart of management thinking so you can develop forward-looking ways of analysing organisations and their behaviour.

In addition to the law core courses and final-year options, you take courses that explore the complexities and challenges presented by today's market environment and by the legal and regulatory contexts in which organisations and their relationships operate in the UK, the European Union and internationally.

Refer to the core courses list on page 90 for details of law courses. Refer to the business and management studies subject entry on page 41 for more information on these courses.

Law with American Studies

LLB (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: M1TT

LLB (Hons), 4 years UCAS Code: M1TP

There is a strong connection between the legal systems of the UK, the US federation and all but one of the individual states. Yet, while enjoying this similarity, their respective societies have developed marked differences, and this degree – available with or without a year spent at a North American university – gives you a real insight into the similarities and differences between different nations that share so much.

In addition to the core law courses and one of the final-year law options, you take courses that give you an appreciation of North American history and culture.

Typical courses offered for American Studies include: America in the 20th Century • American Culture and Consumption • Civil War America • Foundations of America: 1492-1783 • Foundations of America: 1783-1877 • Perspectives on North American Migration • The African-American Experience • The American South • Women in the Americas.

Refer to the core courses list on page 90 for details of law courses. Refer to the American studies subject entry on page 29 for more information on these courses.





Sussex Law School winners Tessa Schroff and Charlene Henderson receive the Howlett-Clarke Intersarsity Mooting Challenge Plate from His Honour Judge Anthony Niblett

Law with Business

LLB (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: M1N1

This programme offers a qualifying law degree and also allows you to develop academic insight into the business environment. You will take the eight core law courses over the three years of your degree, alongside options from the School of Business, Management and Economics, and one final-year law option. The programme is designed for students wishing to have an introduction to business and management but who primarily intend to focus on their legal studies.

Typical core courses offered for Business and Management include: Accounting and Financial Performance Analysis • Corporate Governance and Social Responsibility • Entrepreneurship • Innovation Management • Introduction to Business and Management • New Concepts and Case Studies in Business and Management • Organisational Behaviour • Principles of Marketing.

Refer to the core courses list on the right for details of law courses. Refer to the business and management studies subject entry on page 41 for more information on these courses.

Law with Contemporary European Studies

LLB (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: M1RX

This programme explores the strong connection between the study of law and the study of the politics, economics, society and cultures of contemporary Europe, both east and west. The close political and economic ties between the UK and the EU are having a profound effect on the development of English law. Among other things, you analyse the relationship between the historical, political and economic context of modern Europe and the development of the EU's legal system, and, in turn, the influence of Europe's legal systems on the development of English law.

In addition to the core law courses and one final-year law option, you take courses that give you a sense of the rich culture and history of Europe and how they have affected the UK at all levels, especially its legal system.

Typical courses offered for Contemporary European Studies include: Issues in EU Policy Making • The Making of Modern Europe • The Transformation of Contemporary Europe.

Refer to the core courses list on the right for details of law courses. Refer to the contemporary European studies subject entry on page 52 for more information on these courses.

Law with International Relations

LLB (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: M1L2

There is a strong bond between law and international relations. International relations considers, among other things, the political and economic principles that govern the relations between states; agreements (or treaties) between states; and the extent to which states can and do rely on such principles and treaties. Such treaties and principles are, in turn, considered by legal scholars as sources of public international law.

Do these activities in international relations fit within the definition of 'law'? Are they simply expressions of goodwill without the binding nature of legal principles? What is the legal nature of the World Trade Organization? In addition to the core courses and one final-year law option, you take courses exploring questions like these and others that show you how closely interwoven the study of international relations is with international law.

Typical courses offered for International Relations include: Classical Political Theory and International Relations • Contemporary International Theory • International Political Economy • Contemporary Issues in the Global Political Economy • East Central Europe since 1945 • Globalisation and Contemporary Conflict • Introduction to International Relations • Law in International Relations • Marxism and International Relations • The International System Today • The Rise of the Modern International Order • The Short 20th Century and Beyond.

Refer to the core courses list on the right for details of law courses. Refer to the international relations subject entry on page 82 for more information on these courses.

Core courses

The structure of the single-honours Law degree is detailed below. Contact us at the address listed in Essentials on page 88 for information on our other degrees

Courses currently include:

Year 1

Contract (considers the rules and legal principles that have emerged over centuries to identify which promises and agreements will be recognised and enforced at law)

Torts (how society provides remedies – if it does at all – for injury or property damage suffered by someone as a result of the acts of another)

Frameworks of English Law (an introduction to the nature of law, legal sources and the wider context of law in society, as well as equipping you with fundamental legal skills)

Public Law (the study of Parliament, the making of law, the organisation of the courts, aspects of the judiciary and matters relating to the constitution of the UK, and of human rights)

Year 2

Criminal Law (what conduct should be classed as a crime, what is or should be the relationship between criminal behaviour and immoral conduct, and what constitutes the many particular and familiar crimes)

Equity and Trusts (originally created to mitigate the harshness of the common law, equity today continues to bar unconscionable reliance on legal rights. The trust, being a creature of equity, is a concept that allows for the use of property for the benefit of others)

Land Law (the collection of legal principles concerned with the ownership and use of land)

Law and Policy of the EU (how the EU has developed its own public law as well as its own law dealing with the economic, financial, social and other laws in matters with which it is principally concerned, and the effect this has on the UK and other member states)

Final year

You select from a range of options: **Commercial Law** • **Company Law** • **Comparative Law** • **Corporate Finance and Insolvency** • **Criminology** • **Dissertation** • **Employment Law** • **Family Law** • **Forensic Science and the Legal Process** • **Healthcare Law and Ethics** • **Human Rights in Theory and Practice** • **International Litigation** • **Law and Development** • **Law and Politics in Britain and the US** • **Law of Evidence** • **Legal Theory** • **Personal Property Law** • **Professional Negligence and Liability** • **Public International Law**



At Sussex, you will have the chance to meet employers and explore your future at events such as our annual Lawfair

Law with Politics

LLB (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: M1L1

There is a strong intellectual and historical connection between the study of law and the study of politics. Politics considers, among other things, the principles by which a country or political entity is governed: for example, the passing of laws; the establishment of institutions such as courts for the settlement of disputes; and the regulation of relationships between states and between the state and its citizens.

The study of public law covers much the same ground as political analysis, although with an emphasis on the development of the legal principles and methods for the legal resolution of disputes. Thus, while the emphasis of scholars of politics and of law is different, making for the establishment of two distinct intellectual disciplines, much of the source material is common to both.

This degree gives you a dynamic grasp of the history, basis and operation of the legal system of the UK. You analyse specific aspects of the lives of human beings – such as those governing commerce, labour relations, family relations and so on – from both a legal and a political stance, studying the core law courses and one final-year law option, in addition to politics courses.

Typical courses offered for Politics include: British Political History • Comparative Politics: Themes and Perspective • Contemporary Political Theory • Explanatory Concepts in Political Science • Foundations of Politics in Political Science • Parties and Voters in the UK • Political Parties and Party Systems • Politics and Industry • Politics of Governance (China, Eastern Europe, Germany, India, The European Union or USA) • Populism and Politics • Research Skills and Methods in Political Science • Social Movements and Political Action.

Refer to the core courses list on page 90 for details of law courses. Refer to the politics subject entry on page 1.11 for more information on these courses.

Law with Proficiency in a Language and a Year Abroad (one from French, Italian or Spanish)

LLB (Hons), 4 years, UCAS Code: M1RY

This degree assists the development of your knowledge of the language of your chosen country and will help you to acquire the essential linguistic and cultural skills of communication and analysis, both orally and on paper.

In addition to the law core courses and two final-year law options (refer to the core courses list on page 88), you take language courses at Sussex during the first two years of your degree. You spend your third year abroad, studying in the country of your chosen language. This is of immense value in understanding the legal principles of that country, as well as the culture and history in which these principles have evolved.

Graduate Entry LLB

LLB (Hons), 2 years UCAS Code: M101

Applicants must have a second-class undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent)

This LLB enables graduates of any discipline to fast-track their studies and gain an LLB in two years. On this degree programme, you will appreciate high-quality teaching in a research-led environment.

In Year 1, you will complete an introductory course to the English legal system before taking the core courses Contract, Torts, Public Law, and Equity and Trusts.

In Year 2, you will complete the remaining core courses – Law and Policy of the EU, Land Law, and Criminal Law – and choose one option, which may include a supervised dissertation. Refer to page 90 for descriptions of our core courses.

When choosing options and/or an area of research for your dissertation, you may like to develop expertise in one of the areas of specialisation within the Sussex Law School including, but not limited to, child and family law, commercial law, comparative law, criminal law and criminal justice, European law, healthcare law, human rights, international law, legal theory and professional negligence.

Tom's career perspective

'Having decided to pursue a career in commercial or corporate law, it was essential that I develop my commercial awareness since all law firms require knowledge of business practice and procedure. Fortunately, Sussex has some fantastic extracurricular activities on offer for those interested in business and enterprise.

'The first events I attended were Enterprise Thursdays – evenings during which local entrepreneurs give a short presentation on a business-related topic and there's then a chance to ask questions. It's also a great opportunity to meet some influential people and hopefully develop a network of potentially useful contacts.

'I was fortunate enough to be selected to represent Sussex at the Enterprisers Event (run in conjunction with the University of Cambridge and MIT) in Australia, and had a wonderful experience, meeting students from all over the world, as well as successful entrepreneurs. In my second year I captained the team representing Sussex at the Yomping the Nations final, an event run by another society aiming to develop the commercial attributes of its members.

'After finishing my degree I completed a Legal Practice Course, and last year I began a training contract with a big London and regional law firm. Sussex really is the only choice if you are looking to develop essential skills for the workplace. With so many activities and societies there is something for everyone, no matter what your interests or objectives!'

Tom Barnard
Trainee with
Thomas
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