

# Law

## Essentials

### Taught programmes

#### LLM degrees

Criminal Law and Criminal Justice  
International Criminal Law  
International Law  
International Trade Law  
Master of Laws

#### MSc degree

Social Research Methods (for details, refer to page 14)

#### Common Professional Examination (CPE)

CPE/Graduate Diploma in Law

#### LLB degree

Graduate Entry LLB

### Research programmes

LLM by Research  
MPhil, PhD Law Studies

### Admissions requirements

For information on overseas qualifications that meet the admissions requirements, refer to pages 156-157

#### LLM

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate honours degree in law or a relevant subject

#### MSc

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate honours degree in law, but applicants from other backgrounds may be considered.

You are also welcome to apply if you hold a Masters qualification that did not include research training. Applicants should submit an outline (two to three pages) of their research interests and state how studying for the MSc will help develop those interests, possibly for further research

#### CPE

A first- or second-class undergraduate honours degree. Applications are made through:

Central Applications Board, PO Box 84,  
Guildford, Surrey GU31 1YX, UK  
T +44 (0)1483 451080

#### www.lawcabs.ac.uk

The deadline for applications is normally 1 February, although late applications will be considered, subject to the availability of places  
**Graduate Entry LLB**

A first- or second-class undergraduate honours degree. Applications are made online via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). The course code is M101. For full details about the UCAS apply service, visit

#### www.ucas.com

#### Research programmes

A first- or upper second-class undergraduate honours degree in law or a relevant subject such as politics, economics or history, and a Masters degree in law or a related subject

#### English language requirements

IELTS 6.5, with not less than 6.5 in Writing and 6.0 in the other sections. Internet TOEFL with 92 overall, with 21 in Listening, 22 in Reading, 24 in Speaking and 25 in Writing. For more information and alternative English language requirements, refer to page 156

#### Fees

Refer to pages 158-159 for information on fees

#### Further information

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[www.sussex.ac.uk/law/pgstudy](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/law/pgstudy)

- 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 offers specialist, research-led programmes in international criminal law, international trade law, international law, criminal law and criminal justice.
- Our interdisciplinary programmes are intellectually rigorous and explore law in its political, social, economic and cultural context, engaging with important issues of contemporary concern.
- We have a strong internationalist outlook, with an emphasis on research and the practical significance of study.
- Our programmes are taught by enthusiastic, expert faculty, committed to research and teaching excellence.
- Law at Sussex attracts graduates from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds and equips them with the knowledge and skills for successful careers in their chosen fields.
- We offer a dynamic research environment for faculty and graduate students, and a thriving law community with students from around the world.
- Local firms of lawyers play a significant part in the life of Sussex Law School, sponsoring some of its activities and employing a number of students on formal training contracts as well as less formal assignments. Partners in these firms judge part of the student mooting, negotiation and client interviewing competitions.
- We have regular visits to local and London courts, as well as courts in France and the International Tribunals at The Hague.



Sussex students participating in a law moot at Lewes Crown Court



The Royal Courts of Justice in London, England

### Taught programmes

#### LLM Criminal Law and Criminal Justice 1 year full time/2 years part time

Problems of criminal law and criminal justice are central to our society and this programme aims to bring these two areas under scrutiny together. This LLM addresses challenging issues of criminal law – the law of homicide, sexual offences, capacity and defences – as well as important questions of criminal procedure and practice – the role of the police, the nature of criminal defence and the trial process, youth justice and penal policy. These issues are explored not only from a practical point of view, with the assistance of leading specialists, but also from theoretical, comparative and international perspectives.

#### Career opportunities

This programme will equip you for a career as a solicitor or barrister (subject to completion of the necessary further qualifications), as well as for careers in the police, the probation service, the prison service and in other criminal justice organisations.

#### Programme structure

Autumn term: Issues in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice • Understanding Criminal Law and Criminal Justice.

Spring term: two options, one of which must be selected from Comparative Criminal Justice Systems • Criminal Law and Healthcare  
• International and Transnational Offending  
• International Crimes • Restorative and Community Justice • Sexual Violence and Hate Crime • Youth Justice. The range of options available in any one year may vary.

Summer term and vacation: supervised work on the LLM dissertation.

#### Assessment

Courses are assessed by a combination of coursework, unseen examinations, 4,000-5,000-word essays, and a dissertation of 15,000 words.

#### LLM International Criminal Law 1 year full time/2 years part time

This LLM was the first of its kind in the UK, specialising in the rapidly developing area of international criminal law and practice. It remains one of the most highly respected programmes of its kind and is the leading Masters-level degree in the UK combining the study of international criminal law with comparative criminal justice. This provides you with unique insights into both international and national systems of criminal justice. As a result, our graduates have found work in international organisations. During the programme, you have the opportunity to experience the work of the international courts at the Hague at first hand on our annual study visit.

#### Career opportunities

In addition to working as solicitors and barristers, both in the UK and abroad (subject to completion of the necessary further qualifications), our graduates have gone on to placements and permanent positions at many of the key international tribunals and courts, including the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and the International Criminal Court. Some have gone on to further study.

#### Programme structure

Autumn term: Approaches to International Criminal Law • The Nature and Institutions of International Criminal Law.

Spring term: you take two options, one of which must be selected from Comparative Criminal Justice Systems • European Convention on Human Rights • International Crimes  
• International Environmental Law  
• International and Transnational Offending  
• Law, Security and the Global Public Good  
• Legal Regulation of Armed Conflict • Terror, War, Violence and International Law • Women and Human Rights. The range of options available in any one year may vary. One option may be selected from the full array offered within Law, refer to the full list of options under the Master of Laws (LLM) on page 117.

Summer term and vacation: supervised work on the LLM dissertation.

#### Assessment

Courses are assessed by a combination of coursework, unseen examinations, essays (4,000-5,000 words), and a dissertation (15,000 words).

#### LLM International Law 1 year full time/2 years part time

This programme offers a unique and challenging insight into issues of international law. In the context of world social, political and economic relations, the study of international law ranges from traditional topics such as the use of force and state sovereignty to contemporary challenges posed by environmental degradation, globalisation, international terrorism, armed conflict, and human migration. This programme offers a critical and intellectual consideration of international law, while exploring many of the issues responsible for placing the international legal system at the forefront of both global and national concern.

#### Career opportunities

In addition to working as solicitors and barristers (subject to completion of the necessary further qualifications), our graduates have gone on to pursue careers in international organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), international law firms and foreign affairs departments, and to further study.

#### Programme structure

Autumn term: Approaches to International Law  
• International Law: Rights and Responsibilities.

Spring term: you take two options, one of which must be selected from Human Rights of Women • International Crimes • International Environmental Law • International Law and the Protection of Minorities • International and Transnational Offending • Law, Security and the Global Public Good • Legal Regulation of Armed Conflict • Migration and the ECHR • Terror, War, Violence and International Law. The range of options available in any one year may vary. One option may be selected from the full array offered within Law, refer to the full list of options under the Master of Laws (LLM) on page 117.

Summer term and vacation: supervised research training and work on the LLM dissertation.

#### Assessment

Courses are assessed by a combination of coursework, unseen examinations, essays (4,000-5,000 words), and a 15,000-word dissertation.



### LLM International Trade Law 1 year full time/2 years part time

Economies in today's world are increasingly interconnected, posing new legal challenges in areas such as the regulation of e-commerce, standards of corporate governance and the enforcement of trade and competition rules. This programme takes you to the heart of both the public and private law dimensions of trade regulation.

It offers an exciting balance between the rules and institutions governing the regulation of trading conduct by states (such as the World Trade Organization) and the rules that regulate the private contracts between firms and individuals from different countries (often referred to as international commercial law).

#### Career opportunities

In addition to working as solicitors and barristers (subject to completion of the necessary further qualifications), both in the UK and abroad, our graduates have gone on to pursue careers in international law firms, and international sales and finance. Some have gone on to further study.

#### Programme structure

Autumn term: International Trade: Issues and Challenges • Legal Regulation of International Trade.

Spring term: you take two options, at least one of which must be from the following: Carriage by Air • Carriage of Goods by Sea • Cyberlaw • EU Competition Law • EU Single Market • Intellectual Property • International and Comparative Company Law • International and Comparative Corporate Insolvency • International Environmental Law • Law and Citizenship of the EU • Law of International Business Transactions. The range of options available may vary in any one year. One option may be selected from the full array offered within Law; refer to the full list of options under the Master of Laws (LLM) on the right.

Summer term and vacation: supervised work on the LLM dissertation.

#### Assessment

Courses are assessed by a combination of coursework, unseen examinations, essays (4,000-5,000 words), and a 15,000-word dissertation.

### Master of Laws (LLM)

#### 1 year full time/2 years part time

This programme offers you an exciting opportunity to tailor your LLM according to your experience, interests and career plans. By selecting from across the range of core courses and options from any of our LLM programmes, you extend your breadth and depth of knowledge of legal principles and the social, political, economic and cultural context in which you operate. The broad range and adaptability of our students make them ideal candidates for a wide variety of legal career options.

#### Career opportunities

In addition to working as solicitors and barristers (subject to completion of the necessary further qualifications), both in the UK and abroad, our graduates have gone on to pursue a range of careers including banking and finance, journalism, and working for governmental and non-governmental organisations and for international legal organisations. Some have gone on to further study.

#### Programme structure

Autumn term: you take two core courses. One must be taken from list A and one from list B.

**List A:** International Law: Rights and Responsibilities • Issues in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice • Legal Regulation of International Trade • The Nature and Institutions of International Criminal Law.

**List B:** Approaches to International Criminal Law • Approaches to International Law • International Trade Law: Issues and Challenges • Understanding Criminal Law and Criminal Justice.

Spring term: you take two options from Carriage of Goods by Air • Carriage of Goods by Sea • Comparative Criminal Justice Systems • Cyberlaw • EU Citizenship • European Comparative Law • European Convention on Human Rights • EU Single Market Law • Intellectual Property • International and Comparative Company Law • International and Comparative Corporate Insolvency • International and Transnational Offending • International Crimes • International Environmental Law • International Law and the Protection of Minorities • Law of International Business Transactions • Law of the Single Market • Law, Security and the Global Public Good • Legal Regulation of Armed Conflicts • Migration and the ECHR • Terror, War, Violence and International Law • Women and Human Rights • Youth Justice.

The range of options available in any one year may vary.

Summer term and vacation: supervised research training and work on the LLM dissertation.

#### Assessment

Courses are assessed by a combination of coursework, unseen examinations, essays (4,000-5,000 words), and a dissertation (15,000 words).

### MSc in Social Research Methods

#### 1 year full time/2 years part time

Refer to Routes to postgraduate study at Sussex on page 14 for more information about this programme, including structure and assessment.

### Common Professional Examination (CPE)/ Graduate Diploma in Law

#### 1 year full time

This programme enables graduates in disciplines other than law to obtain the legal qualification for admission to professional courses leading to Bar Finals or Law Society Finals.

This full-time programme consists of the seven foundation subjects of law – contract, public (constitutional and administrative) law, criminal law, land law, equity, law of tort, and law and policy of the EU. CPE students are also required to write a 4,000-word dissertation on a legal issue of their choice.

The programme begins with a two-week induction course, during which you receive tuition in the English legal system.

All courses are taught by combination of lectures and seminars delivered by Law faculty and assessed by a combination of coursework, essay and unseen examination.

Successful candidates will receive a Graduate Diploma in Law from the University of Sussex. The Diploma satisfies all the requirements of the Joint Academic Stage Board (formerly the CPE Board) for completing the academic stage of professional legal training.

#### Additional admissions information

Applications are made through the Central Applications Board. Refer to Essentials for details.

#### Career opportunities

This programme is designed to prepare you for a career as a solicitor or barrister (subject to completion of the necessary further qualifications), or as a paralegal. Our graduates who have decided not to pursue a legal career have gone on to work in banking, recruitment, administration and teaching. Others have gone on to further study.

### Graduate Entry LLB LLB (Hons), 2 years UCAS Code: M101

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

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

The programme begins with a two-week induction course, during which you receive tuition in the English legal system.

All courses are taught by combination of lectures and seminars delivered by Law faculty and assessed by a combination of coursework, essay and unseen examination.

In Year 1, you will take the core courses Contract • Torts • Public Law • Equity and Trusts.

In Year 2, you will take the core courses Law and Policy of the EU • Land Law • Criminal Law. You also choose an option which may include a supervised dissertation.

When choosing your option 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, commercial law, comparative law, criminal law and criminal justice, European law, family law, healthcare law, human rights, international law, legal theory and professional negligence.



**Additional admissions information**

Applications are made via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Refer to Essentials for more information.

**Career information**

This programme will equip you for a career as a solicitor or barrister (subject to completion of the necessary further qualifications), in the UK and abroad, as well as for other roles within the law. Other possible careers include banking, recruitment, administration, journalism, and business.

**Research programmes****LLM by Research  
1 year full time**

This programme is for you if you are a Law graduate wishing to undertake a piece of research but cannot commit to more than one year of study. You can choose to work on any of the research specialisms in the Sussex Law School (refer to Faculty research interests on the far right) and you will also have opportunities to develop research projects in areas covered by our taught programmes.

**Career opportunities**

The expertise gained from this programme will be attractive to potential employers such as law firms and barristers' chambers. Future employers may be involved in the selection of your research topic.

**Programme structure**

Autumn term: you take our courses in advanced legal research methods and one theory and research course from: Approaches to International Law • Approaches to International Criminal Law • International Trade: Issues and Challenges • Understanding Criminal Law and Criminal Justice.

You are also expected to attend the Research Workshops run in the Sussex Law School. Our three-hour Research Workshops are held twice per term and involve discussion of methodological and practical issues as well as student presentations. You will be required to give at least one presentation during your studies.

**Assessment**

You write a thesis of up to 30,000 words, which must either make an adequate original contribution to knowledge or understanding, or be a valuable presentation or interpretation of material put together in an original manner. Supervision will be provided by one or two members of staff.

**MPhil and PhD**

Research supervision in Law is available in a range of areas, reflecting the research interests of faculty members. We are particularly keen to receive applications from students interested in child and family law, healthcare law, European law, international criminal law, international and comparative law, criminal law, human rights and migration.

Current and recent research topics of students within Law include evaluation of the introduction of referral orders into the youth justice process; use of shared residence arrangements in English and Swedish law; regulatory competence in the EU; political participation of women in Afghanistan; and regulation of cultural heritage in post-conflict societies.

**Coursework**

MPhil or PhD degrees support work on your project with a programme of research training and workshops, as well as attendance at specific courses, which may be recommended by your supervisor. For more details, refer to Routes to postgraduate study at Sussex on pages 14-15.

**Career opportunities**

Our graduates have gone on to careers such as teaching and lecturing.

**Specialist facilities**

The University Library is a European Documentation Centre, and Library holdings in the fields of European law and international law are particularly strong. The University is a subscriber to LEXIS, Lawtel and Westlaw, the online data retrieval systems for law, through which significant libraries of UK, European, US and other international legal materials may be accessed.

**Faculty research interests**

Law at Sussex has active research groups in its primary research fields, exploring legal conceptualisations of responsibility, and issues of citizenship and governance. These groups meet regularly for the presentation of work in progress, as reading groups, to host external speakers and to plan the organisation of research seminars, workshops and conferences. The Centre for Responsibilities, Rights and the Law, located within the Sussex Law School, brings together researchers from across the University to facilitate and develop doctrinal, theoretical and empirical research into responsibilities, rights and the law nationally, in the EU and internationally. Research interests are briefly described below. Also visit [www.sussex.ac.uk/law/research](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/law/research)

**Professor Craig Barker** International law and international relations; international immunities; international criminal law.

**Yuri Borgmann-Prebil** European law, especially constitutional law and citizenship.

**Jo Bridgeman** Child and family law; healthcare law; feminist perspectives on law.

**Elizabeth Craig** International human rights and comparative law; European minority rights law.

**Mark Davies** Professional negligence, regulation and conduct; education and law.

**Professor Marie-Bénédicte Dembour** Human rights (theory and European Convention).

**Paul Eden** International law; commercial law.

**Helena Howe** Property law and intellectual property law.

**Heather Keating** Criminal law; family law, especially child law.

**Tarik Kochi** International security; war, terror and violence; legal and political theory.

**Laurence Koffman** Sentencing and the penal system; criminal law and criminal justice.

**Craig Lind** Gender and sexuality; child law; and family regulation across cultural divides.

**Professor Sue Mills** European public law; comparative law; human rights; law and gender.

**Paul Omar** European and international insolvency law; French company and insolvency law.

**Professor Malcolm Ross** State aids, public undertakings and public services.

**Charlotte Skeet** Gender and human rights.

**Teresa Sutton** Legal history; ecclesiastical law; land law.

**Professor Jennifer Temkin** Criminal law and criminal justice; law of evidence.

**Kenny Veitch** Critical and theoretical approaches to medical law; and health.

**Richard Vogler** Comparative criminal justice systems; criminal procedure; criminology.

**Mark Walters** Criminal law and criminal justice.

**Angela Williams** Public international law with a particular emphasis on international environmental law.