

Course Summary: October 9, 2024

Law LLB Honours

- UCAS code: **M101**
- Full time
- 3 years

Gain an understanding of the foundations of legal knowledge and build transferable skills that will prepare you for a career in law and beyond with our Law LLB.

You are currently viewing course information for entry year: **2025**

Next start date:

- September 2025

Fees (per year)

- Home: **£9250**
- International: **£24400**

Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **AAA**

- IB: **34 points**

[View contextual offers](#)

UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

Important application information

We are no longer accepting applications for this course from home students for 2024 entry.

Course overview

Build strong transferable skills and prepare for a career as a solicitor, barrister, or another profession with the Newcastle Law School LLB.

You'll study in a Law School that is globally engaged, yet rooted in its local community. This helps build knowledge and understanding, as well as empathy and cross-cultural awareness.

You can convert our standard three-year Law LLB Honours degree to a four-year LLB Honours degree with either a placement or international exchange year. The degree focuses on building the foundations of legal knowledge, as well as analysis and skills essential for a successful future career.

Studying the Newcastle LLB you'll learn about the law and develop practical legal skills such as:

- case analysis
- legal drafting and writing
- legal research
- client negotiation
- client interviewing
- mediation

You'll also:

- gain direct experience in the community or in the industry through our pro bono schemes and work placement opportunities
- have the opportunity to broaden your cultural and legal frame of reference by applying to study at one of our prestigious international law faculties across Asia, Europe, Oceania and North America

You'll study compulsory modules in first and second year. These modules cover the seven foundations of legal knowledge. You can choose from a broad range of exciting law electives in second and third year. You can also explore non-law module options in the final year.

You'll benefit from the expertise of Newcastle Law School's outstanding researchers and scholars. They'll put law into context and help you appreciate its societal, economic, cultural and disparate impacts.

Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2024-25.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

Quality and ranking

Professional accreditation and recognition

All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

Modules and learning

Modules

The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

Optional module availability

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year. This usually happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#)

All modules in Stage 1 are compulsory. They cover some of the foundations of legal knowledge modules essential for a legal professional qualification.

You'll learn about key legal areas such as constitutional law, contract, law and ethics, the UK legal institutions. You'll gain an introduction to the principles of administrative law and the protection of human rights in the UK, and the relationship between UK and EU law post-Brexit. You'll also begin to develop

core professional legal skills, such as using legal databases, developing legal research skills, and opportunities to develop client interviewing skills and mooting.

Before Stage 2, you'll have the opportunity to consider switching to a four-year programme. You can apply to either study on an international exchange for a year at one of our international law faculty partners, or to go on a year-long work placement.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Legal Institutions and Method	20
Constitutional Law	20
Contract Law	20
Law and Ethics	20
Administrative Law and Human Rights	20
The UK and EU Law	20

In Stage 2, a mix of compulsory and optional modules will help you to further develop critical legal, analytical and problem-solving skills.

In semester one, you'll build on your foundations of legal knowledge and gain an understanding of criminal, land and tort law.

In semester two, you will study a compulsory equity module and choose two optional modules from a range of specialised law electives representing a broad range of legal and socio-legal fields. This is where you start to tailor your degree to your interests.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Land Law	20

Criminal Law	20
General Principles of Tort	20
Equity and Trusts	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Criminology and Criminal Justice	20
Environmental Law	20
Public International Law	20
Medicine, Law and Bioethics	20
Legal Theory	20
Terrorism and Counter-terrorism Law	20
Family Law	20
Law and History	20
Law and Gender	20
Sports Law	20
Global Intellectual Property Law and Policy	20

All modules are optional in Stage 3. You must choose three modules per semester. You'll also have the opportunity to pursue a significant piece of independent research, supervised by experts in the field, through the 40 credit Dissertation module.

Modules

Optional Modules	Credits
Human Resource Management	20
Enterprise and Entrepreneurship with Lean Innovation	20
Company Law	20

Criminology and Criminal Justice	20
Environmental Law	20
Evidence	20
Public International Law	20
Medicine, Law and Bioethics	20
Law and Literature	20
The Law of Succession	20
Legal Theory	20
Fundamentals of Human Rights Law	20
Terrorism and Counter-terrorism Law	20
Family Law	20
Law and History	20
Law and Gender	20
Commercial Law	20
Mediation and Commercial Dispute Resolution	20
Sports Law	20
Global Intellectual Property Law and Policy	20
Dissertation in Law	40
Private Law Remedies	20
Career Development for final year students	20

NCL3008 Advanced Career Development Module is only available to students who have completed the placement year.

Information about these graphs

We base these figures and graphs on the most up-to-date information available to us. They are based on the modules chosen by our students in 2023-24.

Teaching time is made up of:

- scheduled learning and teaching activities. These are timetabled activities with a member of staff present.
- structured guided learning. These are activities developed by staff to support engagement with module learning. Students or groups of students undertake these activities without direct staff participation or supervision

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

You'll learn through a combination of:

- lectures
- seminars
- interactive workshops

In lectures, you should engage with the delivered content. You'll do this through note-taking and active participation in the large group format. The subject specialists provide a guided path through the module to support student learning and understanding.

In seminars and workshops, you'll discuss legal issues. You'll work through problem questions or debates regarding the effectiveness, desirability or clarity of law in a particular area in small groups. Discussions will be wide-ranging, such as:

- the likely outcome of a scenario concerning the breach of contractual terms in a construction contract
- the ways in which the legal profession are adapting to changing cultural and ethical standards

- what the study of literary works can tell us about the way that law is perceived by society

To get the most out of these sessions you'll prepare individually. Independent study and research are central to the skills required of a law degree and in many of the professional careers desired by law graduates. The emphasis on the following skills are essential for excellent degree outcomes:

- self-guided study
- engagement with a wider body of legal and academic materials
- a genuine curiosity

Law is about reflection, debate and argumentation. Student engagement with seminars and other interactive sessions are fundamental to this.

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Assessments
- Case studies
- Coursework
- Dissertation or research project
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Group work
- Presentations
- Reflective report/journal

Skills and experience

Practical skills

You will be given the opportunity to develop a portfolio of professional skills and boost your employability through:

- mooting

- client interviewing
- using legal databases
- negotiating deals

You'll put them to the test in prestigious internal and external competitions. You will also visit the Newcastle Combined Court Centre to see the workings of the criminal and civil justice systems at first hand.

The European Law Students' Association (ELSA) is an international, independent, non-political, non-profit-making organisation run by and for students. ELSA offers you the perfect platform to develop existing and acquire new skills, and meet fellow students and legal professionals throughout Europe.

[Find out more about practical activities](#)

[Find out more about ELSA](#)

Real-world experience

We pride ourselves on our links with the legal profession and regulatory agencies based in the region. You'll benefit from these partnerships throughout your studies. You'll also have the chance to take part in award-winning [pro bono initiatives](#) and highly prized internships.

You'll also have the opportunity to apply to spend a year on a work placement or studying abroad. This will help you gain the kind of real-world experience that is valued by employers.

Research skills

We offer study skills programmes in all three stages of your degree, and you will be trained in the use of our dedicated Law Library and legal databases. In Stage 3, you have the option to choose a dissertation module, learning and applying specific methodologies to conduct and document your own research.

Opportunities

Study abroad

Experience life in another country by choosing to study abroad as part of your degree. You'll be encouraged to embrace fun and challenging experiences, make connections with new communities and graduate as a globally aware professional, ready for your future.

You can choose to spend up to a year studying at a partner institution overseas.

The year abroad allows you to explore European or International Legal Studies programmes and will extend the duration of your degree by a year.

[Find out more about study abroad](#)

Work placement

Get career ready with a work placement and leave as a confident professional in your field. You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months working in any organisation in the world, and receive University support from our dedicated team to secure your dream placement. Work placements take place between stages 2 and 3.

You'll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

If you choose to take a work placement, it will extend your degree by a year, and your degree title will show you have achieved the placement year. A work placement is not available if you're spending a year studying abroad. Placements are subject to availability.

[Find out more about work placements](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

Situated on the eastern side of the city campus, the Law School offers you a great sense of community. It has everything you need as a law student:

- a 270 seater law lecture theatre
- computer cluster
- seminar rooms
- a dedicated law library

The student common room is a great place to relax and catch up with fellow students. As our academic and support staff are all based in the same building, you'll find it easy to seek advice whenever you need it.

We also have a dedicated mooted room, which provides the perfect environment to develop your advocacy skills.

Support

Newcastle Law School has a long history of providing a comprehensive support network for students.

In your first year, you will be assigned a personal tutor. This academic member of staff will guide your studies, with weekly office hours when you can drop in for advice. This relationship ensures that your reference will be prepared by someone who knows you personally.

A fellow student will also be assigned as your peer mentor. They will help ensure that the transition from school/college to university, as well as the transitions between different years at university, are as seamless as possible.

Student mentors will give you guidance on everything from how to get the most out of lectures and the library, to how best to enjoy Newcastle as a city.

Your future

The Newcastle LLB will give you a diverse range of skills that will prepare you for a number of careers. Our graduates are sought after by a range of high-profile employers.

Many of our graduates go on to qualify as solicitors or barristers. Some choose to enter private practice. Others join organisations such as the Civil Service, local authorities or large companies.

If you looking to pursue a career as a solicitor you will need to pass the two stages of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE). You will also need to complete two years of work experience. You can now study your SQE with the University of Law at Newcastle University.

To qualify as a Barrister you will need to pass the Bar Practice Course before completing a final practical stage of training: pupillage.

Non-law graduates are also required to study for a Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) before studying the BPC. You can now study your GDL with the University of Law at Newcastle University.

Join our successful alumni

Our graduates have gone on to enjoy successful careers for a diverse range of local, national and international organisations such as Clifford Chance, Eversheds and Morgan Stanley.

They include multi-award-winning solicitor and campaigner Funke Abimbola MBE; Former Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary Mike Barton; partner at Clifford Chance and chair of our advisory board Andrew Carnegie; Chief Justice of the Isle of Man David Doyle; and Justice of the High Court Sir Matthew Nicklin.

Make a difference

Careers support

You'll have access to the Law School's dedicated careers advisor, and be able to hear talks on the profession by practising lawyers, gain experience via one of our five award-winning pro bono schemes, apply for a legal internship, and meet potential employers at our annual Law School Careers Fair.

Our award-winning Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

[Visit our Careers Service website](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

From 1 January 2021 there is an update to the way professional qualifications are recognised by countries outside of the UK

[Check the government's website for more information.](#)

Important application information

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www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate
- To watch videos about student life in Newcastle, visit
www.ncl.ac.uk/lovenewcastle
- Visit **www.ncl.ac.uk/tour** to take virtual tours of the campus and city
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday
- Contact us online at **www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries** or phone +44 (0)191 208 3333

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