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Welcome to the School of Law

The School of Law is consistently ranked among the top law schools in the world. Our staff are active scholars and teachers and many have international reputations in their respective fields.

Our postgraduate taught courses are rigorous and interesting, covering a diverse range of subjects. There is an exceptional choice of courses and modules. Those studying our Master of Laws will be able to specialise in one of our many subject-specific degrees or work towards a broad-based general LLM. We also offer opportunities to study with us anywhere in the world with distance learning courses.

We have always valued excellence in teaching, allied to a strong research base, and maintain and encourage a culture of interactive learning in our seminar groups. This enables our postgraduate students to have effective interaction with their teachers and to obtain direct assistance with their academic studies.

Our PhD programme hosts students undertaking doctoral study across the spectrum of legal subject matter. All students have two expert supervisors and are fully integrated into the broader research community of the school. If you choose to study with us, I am sure you will find your time here to be a valuable and rewarding educational and life experience.

Professor Nigel White
Head of the School of Law



6th in the UK for law
The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018

Top 40 worldwide for law
Times Higher Education Rankings by Subject 2018



A world-class university



Award-winning staff who are recognised internationally



The University of Nottingham has campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia, and an outstanding reputation for ground-breaking research and teaching excellence.

Research at Nottingham generates discoveries, many of which have profound social, economic and cultural benefits and address major global challenges. Our postgraduate students make significant contributions to this pioneering work and can get involved in projects which have been rated internationally excellent.

Postgraduate study is challenging and all our students benefit from outstanding academic and pastoral support. Our experienced team are on hand to provide help and advice on issues ranging from your course to finances, wellbeing and career planning.

Once you have completed your studies, you will become part of our family of 250,000 alumni in all corners of the globe. You can enjoy benefits including invitations to exclusive events, lifetime access to our Careers and Employability Service and access to a network which may prove invaluable in your future career.



6th in the UK for research power, intensity and market share
Research Excellence Framework, 2014

Find your future at Nottingham

Inspirational location

The School of Law is situated in the idyllic surroundings of the beautiful 300-acre University Park Campus – the hub of student life and the perfect location for studying and accessing first-class facilities.

The school is one of the world's leading centres for legal research. It boasts five research centres, including the internationally-renowned Public Procurement Research Group and Human Rights Law Centre.

Academic excellence

Our academic staff are at the forefront of their respective fields. Many are internationally renowned authorities who teach in their areas of expertise. They will support the development of your ideas in class and encourage you to think creatively about the law.

Student satisfaction

Integral to our success is not only the excellent quality of teaching that we deliver, but also the high satisfaction of our students. Student representatives have a chance to discuss their views at Learning Community Forum meetings and at formal school meetings. Students play an active role in shaping and influencing their experience with us.

First-class facilities

We have an excellent collection of online and hard copy materials available in the University library to support your studies. There is a specialist law librarian available to assist you. The school also has a computer suite solely dedicated for law students, offering you convenient access to high-quality IT resources.

The School of Law is based on the beautiful University Park Campus – take a virtual tour at nottingham.ac.uk/virtualnottingham

A support network built around you

Students are at the heart of everything we do and the school is committed to ensuring you are fully supported. Our dedicated legal skills team will help you develop the necessary competences for postgraduate study and aim to ensure that you feel comfortable and confident to succeed. They offer workshops and one-to-one sessions, advice on exam revision techniques and essay structure, and support international students adjusting to UK Higher Education.

The University of Nottingham provides a wide range of support services for postgraduate students. The Graduate School offers induction events, training opportunities, funding, careers support and social and sporting events. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool

Excellent employment prospects

Our graduates move into a wide range of careers. Many go into the legal profession or return to their previous legal careers with specialist knowledge and enhanced prospects. Others successfully seek employment with international organisations as well as international and local NGOs.

With an advanced law degree from the University of Nottingham, you will be well-placed to pursue your career ambitions and realise your goals. 96.6% of our postgraduates who were available for employment secured work or further study within six months of graduation. £23,214 was the average starting salary, with the highest being £32,000.*

Some graduates further their academic career by progressing onto our PhD programme. These students often choose to stay at the University of Nottingham beyond their doctorate, with a number of academics becoming members of staff after completing their LLM/masters and PhD with us.

* Known destinations of full-time home postgraduates 2015/16. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.

Tailor your studies

Since its introduction in 1987, our LLM programme has continued to grow in popularity and prestige.

Offering a wide and diverse range of over 45 options, the programme now attracts around 150 candidates each year from more than 50 countries, confirming its status as one of the leading and most exciting LLM programmes available.

Structure

LLM programmes require successful completion of 120 credits of taught modules as well as a 60-credit dissertation. You will be able to choose from a wide array of optional modules relevant to your chosen specialism. The dissertation is an independent research project in a subject area of your choice that is aligned to your specialism. Guidance on choosing a dissertation topic and designing your project will be provided through bespoke workshops and one-to-one support.

Teaching

We teach in small-group seminars where possible, allowing for an integrated, interactive learning experience. You are encouraged and expected to prepare for, and participate in, seminars so that you get the maximum benefit from them.

Assessment

You will be assessed by examination or essay, or a combination of both. All assessments take place at the end of the spring term.

Practice assignments, guidance on exam techniques, time management workshops, and one-to-one legal skills advice sessions are offered throughout the academic year to prepare you for these assessments.

LLM Master of Laws

With a wide range of optional modules, this course gives you the freedom to create a bespoke degree that is tailored to your interests and career aspirations.

You can choose from over 45 modules, covering a wide range of subjects. This means that, timetable permitting, you could combine International Sale of Goods with International Criminal Law, and International Investment Law with United Nations Law.

Course details

You will complete 120 credits from the full selection of modules available, plus a 60-credit dissertation.

LLM Criminal Justice

Offering a distinctively contextual approach to criminal justice, this course examines the theoretical, comparative and international aspects of criminal process and the penal system.

As well as providing substantive information about criminal law and its enforcement, this course enables you to engage with the methodological foundations of research and scholarship, and to appreciate their implications for penal policymaking and practice.

The emphasis is on understanding issues, problems, institutions, processes and cultures of penal law and policy, against a backdrop of ever-increasing globalisation in criminality and law enforcement across national boundaries.

The Nottingham criminal justice experience is not just about engaging in the classroom with leading scholars in the field. Our long-running criminal justice discussion group meets every semester and gives you the opportunity to attend talks by academics and practitioners on exciting and often controversial topics.

You will also have an opportunity to engage with members of the Criminal Justice Research Centre, which encourages collaborations between researchers and practitioners on the ground.

Course details

You will complete a minimum of 90 credits of specialist optional modules, plus a 60-credit dissertation. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from the full selection of optional modules available on the LLM programme.

LLM Environmental Law

This course offers an insight into the international legal response to environmental challenges, from global warming, to the destruction of vital habitat sites.

You will cover a wide range of relevant contemporary issues, and will develop a solid grounding in international environmental law as applied in a particular context. Modern techniques of environmental regulation are also addressed, including funding mechanisms for international environmental treaties, such as the biodiversity and ozone layer conventions, and procedural requirements for environmental impact assessment of certain activities.

The School of Law has a high level of expertise in environmental law and related issues and you will be taught by scholars actively researching in the field.

Course details

You will complete a minimum of 90 credits of specialist optional modules, plus a 60-credit dissertation. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from the full selection of optional modules available on the LLM programme.



LLM European Law

Offering a broad perspective on the governance of Europe, this course examines the role of its institutions in the global legal order.

You will develop specialist knowledge of the law of the supranational European Union as well as the intergovernmental Council of Europe.

You can choose modules in the aspects of European law that interest you, whether it is the Council of Europe's flagship European Convention on Human Rights or the EU's regulation of consumer protection or intellectual property regimes.

As the institutional home of several leading texts on EU law and the European Convention on Human Rights, the School of Law is a natural choice for pursuing your advanced studies in European law. Academic staff have strong reputations in various areas of European law, including fundamental rights, public procurement, international relations and intellectual property.

Course details

You will complete a minimum of 90 credits of specialist optional modules, plus a 60-credit dissertation. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from the full selection of optional modules available on the LLM programme.

LLM Human Rights Law

With innovative module options, this course will expose you to the most exciting ideas and developments in international human rights law.

You will be provided with a thorough grounding in human rights law, as well as the opportunity to pursue more specialist interests such as business and human rights or imprisonment and human rights.

Many of our academic staff are internationally recognised for their research in human rights law. They have advised governments, collaborated with various international organisations including the United Nations and the Council of Europe, and joined forces with NGOs in their human rights advocacy work. This blend of academic endeavour and practical work is often brought to the classroom, so you can see how human rights law can have an impact on the ground.

The school is also home to the Human Rights Law Centre, one of the world's most respected academic human rights institutions. It carries out its work through research, training, publications and capacity building, collaborating with governments, inter-governmental organisations, academics, students and civil society, alongside implementing programmes in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The centre is a focal point for student activity in human rights. It hosts an annual international student conference and human rights film series, as well as internship bursaries and research assistance opportunities.

Course details

You will complete a minimum of 90 credits of specialist optional modules, plus a 60-credit dissertation. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from the full selection of optional modules available on the LLM programme.

LLM International Commercial Law

This course examines how an increasingly globalised economy requires commercial law to meet a variety of challenges.

Reflecting international business in its diversity, innovation and contemporary relevance, this course explores transactional, regulatory and dispute resolution issues, as well as finance and access to markets.

You can study topics that interest you, such as international trade, private international law, intellectual property, public procurement, banking and finance, as well as those regimes created by the EU and the World Trade Organization.

We have an internationally renowned team of international commercial lawyers, combining established experts with exciting early-career scholars. Published scholarship is extensive, with every member of the academic staff engaged in high quality research.

Course details

You will complete a minimum of 90 credits of specialist optional modules, plus a 60-credit dissertation. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from the full selection of optional modules available on the LLM programme.

LLM International Criminal Justice and Armed Conflict

Examining the law applicable before, during and after an armed conflict, this course explores current issues and modern challenges to the law and politics surrounding war and justice.

International armed conflicts, and those within a state's borders, are taking place across the globe. With the rise of global terrorism, the traditional distinction between armed conflicts between states and internal armed conflict is being eroded. Meanwhile, international crimes are being perpetrated on a daily basis. How has the law dealt with this?

This course will help you develop a holistic overview of the law governing the use of force by states, the law applicable to the conduct of hostilities, and the international criminal justice system. You will be invited to consider current issues and modern challenges to the law and politics surrounding war and justice, as well as the legal and philosophical responses to international criminality.

You will be taught by internationally recognised experts in the field, many of whom have worked with relevant international organisations such as the International Criminal Court and the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Course details

You will complete the core module, International Criminal Law, and a minimum of 75 credits of specialist optional modules, plus a 60-credit dissertation. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from the full selection of optional modules available on the LLM programme.

LLM International Law

With the opportunity to choose options in public and private international law, this course will enable you to obtain a broad-based qualification in international law.

You can choose from a wide range of modules that relate to international commercial law, European law, criminal justice, human rights law and general public international law.

The structure of the degree means that you will have the opportunity to study both public and private international law and to develop a greater awareness of the possibilities of the intersections between the two.

The wide range of modules is delivered by an impressive and diverse array of talented academics. Members of the public international law team at Nottingham have published prize-winning works. Many also actively participate in policymaking and implementation of international law norms at state and international levels.

Beyond the classroom, the school's research centres host regular seminars and guest lectures that will provide a stimulating addition to your international law studies. From the international regulation of public procurement to the role of the expert witness before the International Court of Justice, there should be something to interest every international lawyer.

Course details

You will complete a minimum of 90 credits of specialist optional modules, plus a 60-credit dissertation. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from the full selection of optional modules available on the LLM programme.

LLM International Law and Development

This course helps develop an in-depth knowledge of the issues faced by developing states in the international order.

Economic growth, implementation of human rights, fighting poverty levels, and improving health or education standards, have become central concerns at the international level and for policymakers within developing states. The impact of legal standards and international rules in assisting developing states achieve their developmental aims has generated increasing interest from legal scholars and practitioners alike.

With a wide variety of modules, including the specialist module, Law, Development and the International Community, this course enables you to engage with the key questions that arise in the debates arising from development activity.

Course details

You will complete a minimum of 90 credits of specialist optional modules, plus a 60-credit dissertation. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from the full selection of optional modules available on the LLM programme.

LLM Public International Law

Providing you with a general public international law qualification, this course can be tailored towards a particular specialist interest such as environmental protection, international trade or human rights.

You will develop a solid grounding in the techniques of arguing and interpreting international law, and expertise in how these elements are put to the test in very different contexts, from protecting the environment, to regulating world trade and humanitarian protection. With over 25 qualifying options, you can choose to specialise in various areas of public international law.

The school hosts a number of international law experts, many of whom have published prize-winning works. You will be taught by academics who have experience of national policymaking and have participated in the development of international law norms.

We host a regular series of seminars through the International Law Association, which are delivered by distinguished visitors from across the world. Recent seminars have covered developments in refugee law, international environmental law and counter-terrorism.

Course details

You will complete a minimum of 90 credits of specialist optional modules, plus a 60-credit dissertation. The remaining 30 credits can be chosen from the full selection of optional modules available on the LLM programme.



Masters

MA Social Science Research (Socio-Legal Studies)

Providing broad-based training in social science research, this course will equip you with the skills to manage a successful research career and contribute to society in a number of ways.

You will develop a wide range of skills and the ability to apply them to practical research contexts.

Primarily aimed at students following an ESRC-funded pathway onto a PhD, this course may also be suitable if you are intending to apply for +3 ESRC funding (to cover a PhD) or are interested in developing a variety of social science research skills.

Course details

You will complete 95 credits of core research methods modules, plus 25 credits of advanced research methods or law-specific training, and a 60-credit dissertation.

Distance learning

PGCert International Human Rights Law

Knowledge of the international human rights system has become an essential requirement for those working to improve the situation of persons around the world.

This distance-learning programme has been designed to allow you to study this area part-time to fit around your commitments.

You will be provided with a thorough grounding in human rights law and systems, as well as the opportunity to pursue more specialist interests such as the rights of the child and international criminal justice. This course is designed to ensure that you obtain a sound theoretical understanding of human rights law and up to date knowledge of how international human rights standards and systems operate in practice.

The course is supported by the world-leading Human Rights Law Centre, which is led by Professor David Harris and Professor Dominic McGoldrick.

Course details

You will complete 30 credits of core modules and a further 30 credits from a choice of optional modules.

Executive programme

LLM/PGDip/PGCert Public Procurement Law and Policy

To meet the need for in-depth training in this area, this unique, part-time executive programme provides a 'gold standard' for education in this field.

Developments over the last two decades have made public procurement law one of the most exciting and rapidly evolving areas of law. Given the extent to which legal rules now govern the day to-day conduct of most procurement activity, knowledge of procurement law has become vital for anyone working in public sector procurement.

This unique, part-time programme is designed in particular for:

- procurement officers whose role demands an understanding of the legal rules
- policymakers responsible for designing and implementing legal rules on procurement
- lawyers advising on public procurement
- those seeking to undertake research or teaching in public procurement

Course details

Taught by leading academics from the school's world-renowned Public Procurement Research Group, this programme includes an extensive range of course materials, comprising bespoke mini-textbooks supplemented with additional readings and self-test questions and answers.

Each module (except Legal Research Methods) includes a two-day residential teaching session at the University of Nottingham. Students are strongly encouraged to attend; however, this is not compulsory.

This course provides a thorough understanding of the:

- nature of law and legal process
- principles and rules of public procurement law
- application of these rules in key national and international systems/models, including UNCITRAL, WTO, World Bank, EU and UK
- best practice in the context of a legal framework and how to implement it

All versions of the programme are offered on a part-time basis, and are predominantly delivered by distance learning so you can fit your studies around your commitments.

Version	Duration	Requirements
LLM	24 months	Eight modules plus dissertation
PGDip	21 months	Eight modules (no dissertation)
PGCert	10-24 months	Four modules (no dissertation)

"The programme surpassed my expectations. It broadened and deepened my understanding of the aspects of procurement law I thought I knew well."

Caroline Nicholas,
LLM Public Procurement Law and Policy
Senior Legal Officer, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs



Great minds grow together

High-quality legal research takes many different forms and a wide variety of legal research methods are employed in the numerous ongoing research projects within the school.

In the latest Research Excellence Framework, our research was rated internationally significant, and we were ranked 6th in the UK in terms of research power, intensity and market share.

Criminal Justice Research Centre nottingham.ac.uk/cjrc

Brings together research-active scholars and stakeholders in areas such as criminal law, criminal process, criminal evidence, sentencing, and international criminal law, reflecting a range of theoretical and methodological approaches.

Human Rights Law Centre nottingham.ac.uk/hrlc

Committed to the promotion and protection of human rights and the establishment and strengthening of the rule of law worldwide; working with students, professionals, governments, civil society, and international organisations, having implemented programmes in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Public Procurement Research Group nottingham.ac.uk/pprg

A global leader in research and teaching on public procurement regulation, working closely with national governments and international organisations on projects spanning areas as diverse as EU and WTO procurement law, tied aid procurement, defence procurement, and developing country procurement reform.

Nottingham International Law and Security Centre nottingham.ac.uk/nilsc

Focuses on human security and state security, encompassing issues of human, political, military, socio-economic, resources and energy security.

The Treaty Centre nottingham.ac.uk/treaty-centre

Conducts research into the law of treaties and the practice of treaty-making, also undertaking consultancy and practical work concerning the drafting, adoption, interpretation and implementation of treaties in various fields.

PhD Law

With well-established research centres and links to leading institutions around the world, the School of Law is a dynamic centre for PhD study.

A PhD is the most advanced form of postgraduate study. It is awarded on the successful completion of supervised research, verbal examination and final thesis.

You will be assigned two supervisors who will have the appropriate expertise to support your research project. The school offers supervision in most subject areas, and for interdisciplinary projects which have a legal aspect to them.

We promote a vibrant and diverse academic and social community, currently joined by around 65 research students from all over the world.

Research students and academics are all engaged in the same endeavours and can learn a great deal from each other. We actively encourage our doctoral students to engage in the wider community of the school and play a full role in its research activities.

While legal research is often an individual activity, many collaborative research activities take place, including co-authorship of publications, seminar series, and reading and discussion groups. In addition, our research students organise their own seminar series, which helps them practise and develop their presentation skills.

Support

The School of Law has a dedicated office for PhD students. You will have 24-hour access to a private study space, with your own computer, lockable desk space and unlimited free printing.

We also have a generous fund to assist postgraduate students with research-related expenses, such as attendance at conferences and workshops, field trips for data collection or to access specific resources. You will have an allocated fund to support you for the duration of your studies.



How to apply

Tuition fees

For the most up to date fee information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/fees

Entry requirements

Taught courses

2:1 (or international equivalent), preferably in law although we will also consider applications from candidates who have obtained a good degree in other social science or humanities subjects.

Distance learning course

PGCert International Human Rights Law requires 2:1 (or international equivalent) in law, humanities or social sciences. Applicants with other relevant qualifications or experience will also be considered.

Executive programme

LLM/PGDip/PGCert Public Procurement Law and Policy applicants should have a 2:1 or high 2:2 (or international equivalent). Applicants with alternative academic backgrounds will also be considered where they have relevant work experience and/or professional qualifications such as a MCIPS.

Research opportunities

Applicants typically require a LLM or masters degree in a relevant discipline, with a taught and dissertation average of 65% or above; plus a 2:1 (or international equivalent).

For full entry requirements, please see individual course listings at nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy

EU and international applicants

At Nottingham, our global community is made up of staff and students from more than 150 countries. Staff regularly travel to meet prospective students, hosting events in China, Ghana, India, Malaysia and more. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/meetus

If you need a visa to study, the University can provide all the information and advice you need. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/go/student-visa

For country-specific information including entry requirements, contact details and representatives, see nottingham.ac.uk/go/yourcountry

English language requirements

For applicants whose first language is not English, we require IELTS 7.0 (no less than 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in speaking and listening), except for MA Social Science Research (Socio-Legal Studies), PGCert International Human Rights Law, LLM/PGDip/PGCert Public Procurement Law and Policy, and PhD Law, which require IELTS 7.0 (no less than 7.0 in writing, 6.5 in reading, and 6.0 in speaking and listening). For more information and a list of the alternative English language requirements we accept, see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Academic English preparation and support

Accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK, the University's Centre for English Language Education provides high-quality preparation and support. Our pre-sessional courses take your English language and academic skills to the level you need to progress to postgraduate study without taking IELTS again. A specialist 10-week law course is also available. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele

Home from home

We guarantee all new postgraduate students University-arranged, single-occupancy accommodation for one year to help make your move to Nottingham as simple and stress free as possible. To qualify for the guarantee, you must accept a place on one of our postgraduate courses and apply for accommodation by a specified date. Find out more about our accommodation, including the most up to date details of our guarantee at nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Equal opportunities policy

The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socioeconomic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

Funding your studies

Current funding opportunities are listed on the school website at nottingham.ac.uk/law and can also be found on the Graduate School website at nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool

A wide range of international scholarships are available for specific countries and regions. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/go/international-scholarships








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