

POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMMES

CHALLENGE AND BE CHALLENGED

WARWICK

LAW SCHOOL

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CHALLENGE AND BE CHALLENGED

Explore law in its many contexts at Warwick. Learn to challenge the law and be challenged about your understanding of law's purpose.



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

Warwick law degrees take the study of law beyond legal rules by exploring its context and values.

We produce graduates who can take a critical view of the law, its strengths and weaknesses, and its potential for improving society.

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The Law School taught me to think and ask questions, and to apply law, not just understand it. The research and teaching of the faculty and their dedication to bringing out the best in each student makes them stand out from the rest.

I am and always will be, proud to be Warwick alumni.

Ajay
International Economic Law LLM

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Law in context

We pioneered the 'law in context' approach, encouraging our students to examine law in its various contexts from a comparative, critical and global perspective. From the beginning, our approach was established as a different kind of legal education. At Warwick you will learn what the law is but also reflect on the reasons behind this. We are dedicated to delivering a solid foundation in the technical aspects of the law but our teaching examines law and legal institutions within a wider context, making you aware of developments beyond the narrow confines of individual nation states.

Our approach encourages you to consider the social, economic, political and philosophical dimensions of the law. This wider perspective will enable you to develop a critical understanding of the role of law, thus providing you with the necessary tools to understand, promote and respond to legal change. You will not just be asked to learn the law, instead you will be encouraged to think about it in a critical but constructive way, using interdisciplinary approaches in the best tradition of modern legal scholarship.

Extracurricular opportunities

University isn't just about studying. Since its inception, Warwick Law School has pushed the boundaries of legal study.

We are dedicated to providing our students with opportunities to work on other projects or out in the community alongside their studies.

- Our **Death Penalty Project**, which has worked with defence attorneys in capital punishment trials in the USA, has been running for nearly 20 years, with many hundreds of students contributing over this time.
- In partnership with the Central England Law Centre we have also forged opportunities for students to be involved in client-focused legal work. We launched **Warwick Law in the Community (LinC)** to promote even more opportunities for our students to gain practical skills and experience to complement their legal learning. In our Immigration and Asylum Clinic you can conduct legal research, see clients, draft representations for legal aid, and assist in representing individuals and families in appeals and applications for judicial review. Our Strategic Social Justice clinic tackles issues in our community that go beyond individual cases by working

collaboratively to undertake action, research, and draft Freedom of Information requests, identify systemic issues arising from real cases, produce bespoke education materials, and contribute to government reviews. We have also established a number of paid summer internships for participants with a variety of partner organisations allowing students to apply their learning in a real-world environment and provide tangible help to clients.

- The Centre for Human Rights in Practice is home to more student projects. We publish the international online **Lacuna Magazine**, employing our own professional journalist and editor. Lacuna publishes stories, podcasts and blog posts by students alongside articles by award-winning writers and photojournalists. The Magazine also recruits students into paid editorial roles, as well as employing student artists.
- Our other **research centres** host numerous events and talks throughout the year so that you can explore subjects that interest you in greater depth and encounter leading figures in their fields.
- **Societies:** At Warwick, you can be involved in a wide range of societies – ranging from those that are academic in nature, to those that might relate to your hobbies or other interests. There are over 250 societies at Warwick including the Law Society which arranges social, educational and careers events during the year and publishes a law review, *Obiter Dicta*. We also have other

student-run associations such as the Warwick Bar Society, International and European Law Society and Critical Lawyers at Warwick (CLAW).

- **Mooting:** There are opportunities to participate in national and international mooting competitions (mock court cases where legal arguments are made before a 'judge') and there is an active internal mooting programme.
- **Student Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC):** You will have plenty of opportunities to give feedback about your course and have a say in departmental issues. Each year the student body elects a number of representatives to speak on their behalf at the SSLC, which meet several times a year to discuss student concerns. The committee also provides a forum for student consultation on any proposed changes. A selection of representatives are also invited to attend and participate at staff meetings, the governing body of the Law School. We want to hear what you think when you are studying with us so that we can continue to improve our programmes and services. You will always be encouraged to give us your feedback.



Research

Warwick Law School offers a vibrant, internationally recognised research environment in which to study.

Our research is built on the twin themes of law in context and the international character of law. We enjoy a particularly strong reputation in a number of areas, including international and comparative legal research, with a particular focus on less developed countries; criminal justice; law and humanities; corporate and commercial law; human rights in practice; and the exploration of legal, social and economic law and policy both in the UK and throughout the world. These diverse research interests form the basis for our teaching on the many varied module options available.

Our staff are dedicated to developing a curriculum that is both cutting edge and informed by the latest/ground-breaking research in the field; making it both helpful and interesting. Bringing law 'to life' by contextualising it in its legal, social, economic and political settings, is regarded as essential in our research and teaching.

Warwick Law School was rated 8th in the UK* for its quality of research, equal 10th for its research environment and equal 8th overall, in the latest Research Excellence Framework (2021).

*According to Times Higher Education.

8TH FOR
RESEARCH
QUALITY AT WLS

Research Excellence Framework 2021



A large proportion of our academics have knowledge and practical expertise in the law of other countries. Many are engaged in collaborative research with academic institutions worldwide, assisting governments, advising international organisations, and participating in the work of NGOs. These activities greatly contribute towards enhancing the learning environment of our postgraduate students.



STUDYING AT WARWICK LAW SCHOOL

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Your assessment will depend on the modules you select but may include a mixture of essays and examinations.

Whichever LLM you choose, you can study from a wide range of modules. Alongside the core modules required for your programme, you will also select optional modules allowing you to tailor your LLM to your interests and aspirations. Please see our website for details: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/postgraduate

The Dissertation

Once you have passed the taught part of your LLM, you will go on to write a dissertation of 10,000 words. You will be able to choose a topic of interest to you and relevant to your degree programme. You will be assigned a supervisor who will support you in your dissertation preparation, research and writing. This is your opportunity to undertake original independent research, allowing you to focus in depth on an area of your choice. You will also develop your research, planning and writing abilities through our dedicated skills sessions.

Our LLM Programmes

Studying for a LLM is an opportunity to engage with a particular area of law in more depth than you typically can as an undergraduate. It will also provide you with research skills in preparation for employment or further postgraduate study.

All of our LLM programmes can be studied on a full-time basis, over 12 months, or a part-time basis (to those eligible), over 24 months, starting in October each year.

Degree Structure

You will take a selection of modules totalling 120 CATS followed by a 10,000 word dissertation worth 60 CATS. All our assessed modules are worth 20 CATS and run for one term. Modules will be taken during terms one and two leaving you term three and the summer to complete your dissertation. You will also be required to attend a research and writing skills module.

Advanced Legal Studies (LLM)

With its greater degree of flexibility, this LLM allows you to construct your own unique programme of study, depending on your interests. The only core module is in research skills and not a specific subject. You are therefore encouraged to select your modules from the broad, well rounded range of topics available across our other LLMs, helping you tailor your degree to your future employment plans. With the approval of the director, it is also possible to select up to 40 CATS worth of modules from outside of the Law School.

Choose the
direction of your
legal studies.

International Commercial Law (LLM)

Core Module: LA9FN Foundations of
International Commercial Law

The objective of Commercial Law is to facilitate commercial transactions, whether a sale of goods, dealing in digital content or data, secured financing arrangements, or mergers. Once a commercial transaction crosses jurisdictional borders, complex questions arise regarding the enforceability of all the terms in a commercial agreement, the law(s) which apply to the transaction, and where any disputes which might arise from the transaction can be resolved.

This LLM will provide you with a solid foundation for understanding the legal challenges of international commerce and will allow you to explore how a range of international transactions are regulated through a combination of contracts, domestic law and internationally agreed rules.

International Corporate Governance & Financial Regulation

Core Module: LA9A3 International Corporate
Governance & Financial Regulation

On this LLM programme, you will undertake in-depth comparative and contextual study of the regulation and governance of companies. You will look at the various ways in which different jurisdictions respond to similar economic and social pressures, examining key developments in corporate governance and financial regulation since the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. You will develop an understanding of the interaction between the process of globalisation and general principles and theories of corporate governance and financial regulation.

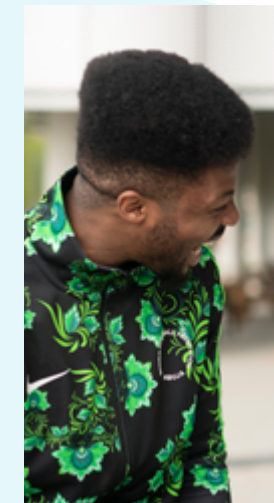
The course allows you to study the main topics in corporate governance and financial law and regulation, including compliance dimensions but you will also learn to appreciate the economic and social context in which corporate decisions are made, as well as the historical and theoretical dimensions of corporate governance and financial regulation.

International Development Law & Human Rights (LLM)

Core Module: LA951 Theory & Practice of
International Development Law
and Human Rights

This course enables you to consider the relationship between development, human rights and global justice. It adopts an interdisciplinary approach which critically examines the place of law within its wider political, social, economic and global contexts in its engagement with issues such as globalisation, economic regulation, climate justice, citizenship (and migration), gender justice and social activism.

As part of your learning, you will gain knowledge and experience in key areas of theoretical debates and substantive law, and develop skills of policy and legal analyses, reflexive public advocacy and cause lawyering. You will pursue independent research and be involved in group work and presentations. In all of this, you will be encouraged to think critically and creatively about issues of development, rights and justice.



International Economic Law (LLM)

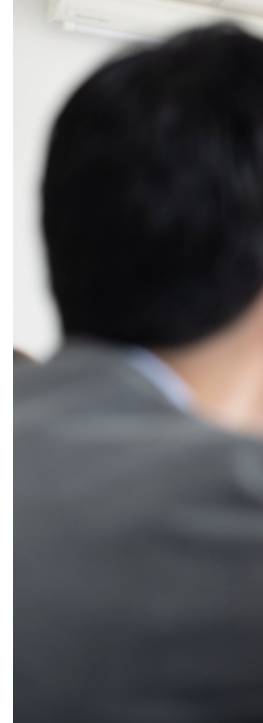
Core Module: LA908 International Economic Law

International economic law broadly refers to the legal and regulatory architecture that governs our global economy. The rules and institutions of international economic law constitute the framework within which cross-border economic transactions, for example, trade, finance and investment, take place.

On this programme, you will study the legal and other regulatory foundations of the global economy. You will be introduced to the operations of the main global institutions and frameworks governing international economic relations, including trade and investment treaties, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

You will examine both the wider issues of governance and regulation, and specific legal issues arising from various types of international economic transactions ranging from trade, foreign direct investment, competition law, international taxation, intellectual property and international arbitration.

The course also develops your understanding of, and asks you to consider, legal implications of the changing roles of international economic institutions in both global and regional contexts.



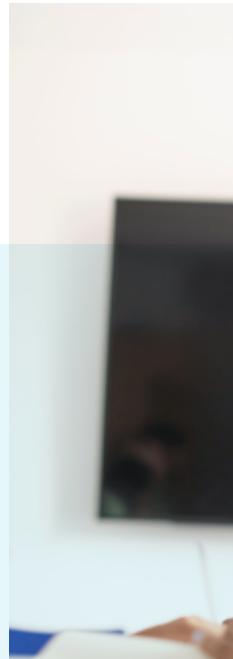
Teaching quality

Our teaching and assessment methods are diverse, designed to develop your skills and draw out your best work. We aim to provide you with the opportunities to test yourself and explore new ways of expressing what you have learned. Our teachers have been recognised for their innovative approaches and commitment to extend the boundaries of our teaching and learning. A number have been awarded National Teaching Fellowships (HEA), Warwick Awards for Teaching Excellence (WATE) or recognised as UK Law Teacher of the Year.

We emphasise skills rather than the absorption of information. These skills include the ability to locate, understand and evaluate policy and theoretical literature; analysis of legal judgments and statutes; plus written and oral communication skills. If you want to study with us, we ask that you bring a keen sense of inquiry, a willingness to explore law's flaws and limitations, and an interest in identifying new possibilities whether practical or theoretical.

94% FOR OUR
TEACHING QUALITY

Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES 2022)



Featured Optional Modules

LA960: Climate Change & Development

Global warming is perhaps the single biggest contemporary problem facing humanity – not least because it exacerbates poverty. It affects everyone, everywhere. Developing countries, which are least responsible for causing the problem, have fewest resources for adaptation and mitigation, are being hit first and worst.



The module addresses the science and economics of climate change as the basis for analyses of the limits and potential of the law in addressing the problem. We will discuss the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto protocol, the Paris Agreement, relevant principles of international environmental law, and national and regional strategies for dealing with climate change. We will debate the ethics of climate justice – what rich countries, rapidly developing countries and less developed states should do what, and why – the geopolitics of global warming, and the ethics and legal framework for possible geoengineering solutions. The module contains case studies on small island developing states in danger of being inundated by rising sea levels, the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage, the REDD+ framework on deforestation, human rights, and climate displaced persons.



LA9C2: Global Competition Law

This module critically examines competition law from the perspective of laws operating in the European Union, the United States and internationally. An emphasis will be placed on an understanding of the objectives and underlying economic principles which guide the interpretation and enforcement of these laws.

Specific topics will be studied within the general themes of the legal framework, institutions and approaches to the regulation of specific anti-competitive conduct and merger regulation. A special emphasis will be placed on the competition regulation of the digital networks. The institutional design of competition law and the application of competition law in developing and least developed jurisdictions will be also be examined. The operation of competition law will be examined within the context of the global economy, specifically: the extraterritorial reach of competition laws; the co-ordination of international competition investigations through bilateral and multilateral agreements and; attempts to harmonise competition law enforcement through a 'global competition law'.

Our Research Degrees

Research at Warwick pushes forward the boundaries of knowledge with original contributions to scholarship. Study a particular question independently and in depth via one of three different research degrees.

PhD – registration is normally 4 years

MPhil – registration is normally 2 years

LLM by Research – registration is normally 1 year

In these programmes you will be carefully supervised by specialists in the area and supported in the generation of a research question and the production of a thesis.

The length of this depends upon the degree undertaken:

PhD – up to 80,000 words

MPhil – up to 60,000 words

LLM by Research – up to 40,000 words

Our Research Degrees attempt to achieve a balance between individual study, academic supervision, and a communal, scholarly learning environment.

Students working on similar or related research topics are encouraged to discuss and share the results of their work with one another. If you apply for our PhD programme, you will usually be registered on our MPhil programme, and then following successful completion of your first year of study and review of your research, be upgraded to the PhD for the remainder of your studies

With over 50 research active members of staff, the Law School is able to offer research supervision over a wide range of legal topics. Visit our website for examples of recently completed PhD topics.



COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT

The Law School has developed a truly international character over the years.

This is reflected in our staff and student body and in the relationships we have fostered with partner universities around the world. We offer a friendly and stimulating environment where you will be able to connect with staff and students from across the globe and exchange ideas.



94% **OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION AT WLS**

Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES 2022)

Personal tutor

Your personal tutor will act as your first point of contact, offering support and guidance for your general academic questions and any academic or personal difficulties you might have. They will support your academic development throughout your degree during regular meetings. They will get to know you well and form a complete picture of your strengths, experiences and skills, making them able to act as your referee for job or further academic applications.

Module tutors

They can provide specific advice about the subject matter of individual modules and also advice in terms of specific assignments. Staff have regular advice and feedback hours where you can discuss any issues outside of the classroom. If you have concerns about your work, you are encouraged to talk to your tutors.

90% **FOR ASSESSMENT
AT WLS**

Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES 2022)

Director of Student Experience (DSE)

They can offer you additional tailored support, building on support offered by your personal tutor. This might be advice on study skills, including how to do well (or even better) in essay writing or exams, or which modules might suit you best.



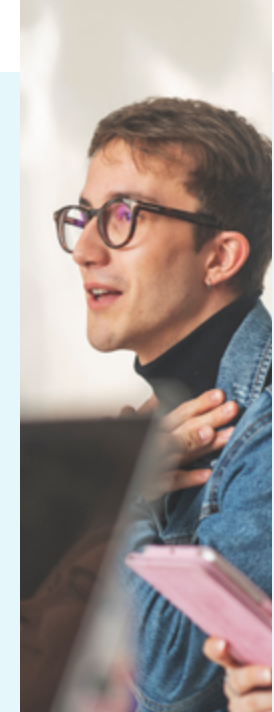
Postgraduate Wellbeing Tutor

They will oversee your engagement with your personal tutor, and are the person to contact should you face situations that adversely affect your studies. They deal with extension requests, mitigating circumstances and provide support and guidance to those wishing to withdraw from or suspend their studies. They also develop resources and practices to help prepare you for life after University.

The PG Wellbeing tutor is supported by the Student Services manager and Director of Student Support and Wellbeing (DSSW).

Academic Support Librarian

The law librarian provides support to students in all matters related to the library, legal research and referencing. They provide training and support in finding and using information, referencing and avoiding plagiarism, and the use of library and law databases like Lexis and Westlaw, to help you develop information and research skills during your course.



Skills sessions

You'll have research and writing skills workshops throughout the year which are designed to equip you with the skills and information you need to successfully complete your degree. There is also the possibility to take part in the Warwick Award, an employability skills development programme offered by the University for undergraduate and taught postgraduate students.

Research students will attend a mandatory research skills class during your first year in order to gain the skills needed to write your thesis.

CAREERS

The prestigious Highfliers Report on the Graduate Market 2023 notes Warwick among the top ten universities (ranked 5th) targeted by organisations on The Times’ list of ‘Top 100 Graduate Employers’. Graduates joining these law firms can expect a median starting salary of £50,000.

Dedicated support

Your studies will develop your independent research and analytical skills, useful for a variety of career opportunities within your specialism and beyond. We’ll provide you with the support to help identify those opportunities.

We have a dedicated Careers Consultant based in the Law School who offers career planning sessions, application advice, practice job interviews and guidance on further study and academic careers.

There is a Law Careers Blog: lawblog.warwick.ac.uk and a range of other online resources to support you.

Connections with employers

The University of Warwick is very popular with national and international employers. Students from Warwick Law School have a good record of obtaining employment in a broad range of fields. Many choose to progress to legal professional careers as solicitors or at the Bar, whilst others work in commercial and corporate fields, in government and other organisations. Students who have not obtained an English law degree previously may have to undertake additional qualifications to qualify as a solicitor or barrister in England and Wales.

Every year we aim to host a range of fairs and employer events including a law fair, involving law firms who want to recruit Warwick students. The global elite and US firms are well represented on campus. Throughout the year many employers visit Warwick to run presentations and engage with our students. Each year we run sector events including most recently ‘International Development’ and ‘Law and Social Justice’. Warwick LLM alumni also share their career journeys via the Law Careers Blog and LLM careers events.

Past visitors include the Civil Service, Financial Conduct Authority, research institutes, NGOs and The Governance Institute as well as law firms like those listed below:

Allen & Overy	Baker McKenzie
Bretherton	Clifford Chance
CMS	Clyde & Co
Herbert Smith Freehills	Hogan Lovells
Jones Day	Linklaters
Norton Rose Fulbright	Slaughter & May
White & Case	Wright Hassall

Barristers also visit campus and help with mooting (mock trials), negotiating, and debating.

You will have many opportunities to build contacts with employers during your studies.



What if you don't want to enter the legal profession?

Law is an excellent foundation for careers generally. Studying Law develops analytical skills, the ability to carry out effective research, and hones organisation skills.

For those who choose not to enter the legal profession a wide range of alternative career paths are open to them.

Our postgraduate law students have chosen to enter careers as diverse as journalism, consultancy, accountancy, and education. They have secured roles in compliance and regulation within financial and other institutions. They also work for governments, NGOs, charities, and other international organisations. Events take place each year, providing an opportunity to engage with a broad range of graduate recruiters and alumni. These include careers fairs, employer presentations, networking events, and skills workshops.

WHAT DO WARWICK LAW GRADUATES DO?

A postgraduate degree in law can lead to a wide variety of careers depending on your individual interests. It can also lead to further study and academia.

What have our graduates gone on to do since leaving Warwick?



Warwick Alumnus secures Director position at NYAS

Ben Twomey
(ALS LLM 2015-2016)

Director – National Youth Advocacy Service

Ben Twomey was promoted to the position of Director of Policy and Communications at the National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS). The role involves leading campaigns for the children's rights charity in order to influence laws and policies that affect care-experienced children and young people.

Having worked for NYAS for two years as Head of Policy and Communications, Ben's team has grown substantially, and so he was offered the new role of Director in recognition of his hard work. He told us, "I am honoured to be in a position where every day I work towards making a difference for some of the most disadvantaged children and young people in our country. It is a real pleasure to foreground their voices in my work and make sure that they are heard by the most powerful politicians in the land."



Law Alumna listed among 100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy

Madhu Mehra
(IDLHR LLM 1991-1992)

Head of Research Training at
Partners for Law in Development

Warwick alumna Madhu Mehra was named in Apolitical's 100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy for 2021. The list honours and celebrates people of all genders working on gender policy and making the world more equitable, whether they exert their influence through policymaking, public service, research, philanthropy, advocacy or activism.

Madhu Mehra is a feminist lawyer in India at Partners for Law in Development (PLD), a women's rights non-profit in India where she heads research and training initiatives.

Her innovative approach to gender and social justice has been to anchor policy and activism within rigorous evidence collection and research through genuinely collaborative methods.

Her work critiques the predominant reliance on criminalisation at the cost of transformatory victim centric approaches to redress gender based violence, whereas her advocacy for sexual justice combines accountability for sexual violence with decriminalisation of adultery, adolescent sexuality and same sex relations.

Alumni Spotlight:

Seyi Afolabi

Former Warwick LLB and LLM student Seyi shares her experience with future graduates by taking them along for the day in her role as Executive Officer at the Houses of Parliament. In her YouTube video (@Bella Torera), she shares words of wisdom on making her way through academia and her career.



Read our graduate profiles:

warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/postgraduate/students

NEXT STEPS

How to apply

All applications are made **online**.

If you receive an offer from us and accept it, and meet all conditions, we will confirm your place and look forward to warmly welcoming you to Warwick.

For **LLM Applications** we require an upper-second class (2:1) honours degree or equivalent. Your undergraduate degree should either be in the area of law or a related subject. If you have not studied law previously, we will consider if your previous studies are suitable for LLM study - this will vary by programme.

For **Research Applications** you should have a Master's degree and a good first degree, with evidence of an ability to carry out independent research. Those with only a good first degree may be considered in exceptional circumstances. Prior to submitting your application, you will need to define your topic and get provisional agreement from a supervisor. PhD supervision relies on matching your research interests with those of your proposed supervisor.

We will also require other documentation such as references and in some cases an English Language certificate. More detailed information about these requirements and how to apply can be found at: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/postgraduate/apply

To submit an application and find out more about how it is processed please visit: warwick.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply



Overseas Applicants

At Warwick, we welcome applications from across the globe, and have dedicated teams available to advise and support, as well as a global network of Agents and Representatives. For more information on applying from your country see: warwick.ac.uk/io

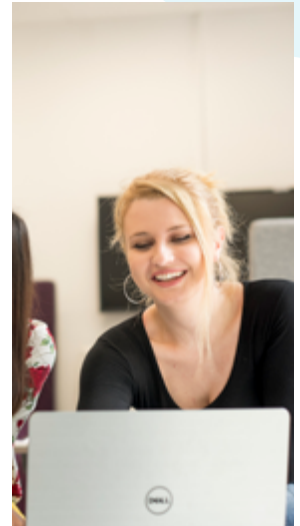
If you wish to practise law in your home country, please check that the Warwick Law degree is recognised before making an application.

Student Fees and Funding

We want to ensure that, wherever possible, financial circumstances do not become a barrier to studying at Warwick. For details of funding available, how to apply, deadlines and eligibility criteria please see our website: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/postgraduate/funding/

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To find out more about the University, including opportunities to visit and engage with your department of choice, visit warwick.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/visits/





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