UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
2022/2023

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE IN LAW

WARWICK
LAW SCHOOL
WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

Warwick Law degrees take the study of law beyond the skills required to become a lawyer.

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

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE IN LAW

Explore law in its many contexts, develop your interests and expertise, and create your own future career pathway in law.

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.

“Law at Warwick was different; it was highly contextual. When we touched upon a principle, there was always a discussion about the historical precedents, modern-day ramifications to society, and the way in which legal thinking was continuing to evolve. It was as though we were studying a living organism within a complex ecosystem, not just words on paper.”

Oscar
Law with German Law
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)* in 2018 as an umbrella programme 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 Public Law 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.

- The Centre for Human Rights in Practice is home to more student projects. We publish the international on-line *Lacuna Magazine*, employing our own professional journalist and editor, where students can submit articles and stories alongside award winning writers. The Magazine also employs students in editorial and publicity roles.

- 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 produces a regular publication and podcast *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 meets 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.
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, regulatory 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 researchers were rated 7th for their quality of research, and the School was ranked 6th for its research environment, and 10th overall, in the latest Research Excellence Framework (2014).

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 undergraduate students.

Our degrees

Law 3 Year (LLB)
UCAS Code: M100
Entry Requirements: AAA/IB38

Our Law degree enables you to develop an in-depth understanding of the technical and doctrinal aspects of the law, and a critical awareness of the role law can play in contemporary society. The School emphasises a contextual approach to, and international and comparative perspectives on, the study of law. As well as studying legal judgements, statutes and treaties, you will gain valuable insights into the impact of economic, cultural and political change on law, and consider how law affects life beyond the courtroom and the lawyer’s office.

Law 4 Year (LLB)
UCAS Code: M101
Entry Requirements: AAA/IB38

You are able to study an even wider range of options during your extra year, to build a specialised portfolio of expertise or just explore other areas of law, which you would not have been able to fit within the 3 year LLB degree.

Law with Study Abroad in English (LLB)
UCAS Code: M108
Entry Requirements: AAA/IB38

On this degree you will develop a critical awareness of the role law can play in our modern society and develop an in-depth understanding of the technical and doctrinal aspects of the law. But at the same time you will embrace different perspectives, challenge traditional ways of thinking, and increase your international experience with a year studying abroad.
Law with French Law (LLB)
UCAS Code: M10A
Entry Requirements: AAB/IB36 including grade A or 6 (Higher Level) in French as a subject

This four year programme allows you to study the legal system of another European country in considerable detail, both at Warwick and by spending the third year of your degree at one of our partner universities in France (Paris, Bordeaux or Lille), undertaking your studies in the native language.

Law with German Law (LLB)
UCAS Code: M10C
Entry Requirements: AAB/IB36 including grade A or 6 (Higher Level) in German as a subject

This four year programme allows you to study the legal system of another European country in considerable detail, both at Warwick and by spending the third year of your degree at one of our partner universities in Germany (Berlin, Konstanz or Saarbrücken), undertaking your studies in the native language.

Law & Sociology (BA)
UCAS Code: ML13
Entry Requirements: AAB/IB36

This four year programme is jointly offered by the Law School and the Department of Sociology. If you have a strong interest in both subjects, this degree offers a unique introduction to a contextual, as well as professional, understanding of law by combining modules from the two disciplines of law and sociology. Specialised modules cotaught by tutors from both departments form the core of this programme.

Law with Humanities (BA)
UCAS Code: MV21
Entry Requirements: AAA/IB38

This programme offers you the opportunity to study law while enabling you to gain a wider knowledge of humanities subjects. This course enables you to develop your interest in humanities, while ensuring you develop a thorough understanding of law. You will be developing an interdisciplinary view of the law by devoting about 75% of your degree to studying law modules and the remainder to a choice of optional modules offered by our Humanities departments. These may include Classics and Ancient History, English, Film and Television Studies, French Studies, German Studies, Hispanic Studies, History, History of Art, Italian, Philosophy, and Theatre Studies.

Degree flexibility and optional modules

The scheme of professional qualification as a solicitor or barrister has changed. Law degrees are no longer labelled as ‘Qualifying Degrees’. To recognise the opportunities afforded by this change in environment, our new LLB degree builds on our traditional approach to law in context but continues to develop new methods of teaching and learning suitable for the future.

We give you the chance to choose the direction of your legal studies. Building on the core foundations of legal knowledge required for a solid grounding in the practice of law (such as Criminal, Tort, Contract, and Property Law), we offer a large range of modules that explore law in its many contexts. Some of these are unique, all drawing on our academics’ expertise and opening new perspectives into the study of law. With subjects such as Shakespeare and the Law, Human Rights in Practice, Financial Services Regulation, Islamic Law, Data Protection Law, Writing Human Rights, and many more, you can develop your interests and expertise with our specialist teachers.

Our new degree structure allows greater flexibility plus more opportunities to learn skills and gain practical experience both inside and outside the curriculum.

Featured optional module:
Law and Disorder

Law and Disorder explores what happens when law’s everyday order is shaken, when habitual obedience to law is interrupted. It explores the dynamics of protest, civil disobedience, combining aspects of domestic criminal, constitutional, and human rights law. It is thus a practical and theoretical introduction to the question of ‘the law of disorder’.

The module is designed to prepare students for careers in the global human rights, humanitarianism, and transitional justice industries, as well as domestic legal organisations that deal with policing, social exclusion, and inequality. In these fields a familiarity with how to affect people, rendering difficult and complex ideas in a way that is understandable and convincing, is essential. The module is assessed by way of individual student-produced podcasts. Students are also given specialist training in alternative modes of storytelling, interviewing techniques, and editing skills.

IN THE RUSSELL GROUP FOR STUDENT VOICE AT WLS
1 National Student Survey (NSS 2021)
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.

COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT

Our teaching and assessment methods are diverse, designed to develop your skills and draw out your best work. From producing podcasts for Law and Disorder, creative writing for Writing Human Rights, to mooting in Practical Advocacy, and presentations and journals across various modules, 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 even named 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.

Choose the direction of your legal studies.
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. The DSSW also develops resources and practices to help prepare you for life after University.

Provides targeted support in your subject area, helping you to develop information and research skills during your course. They can also provide training in literature searching, finding and using information, referencing, avoiding plagiarism, and the use of both paper and electronic information retrieval systems like Lexis and Westlaw.

These sessions are built into your core modules in the first year, so you will learn about essay writing, exam technique, critical thinking, and independent research. We also offer sessions for second and third years.

IN THE RUSSELL GROUP FOR ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK AT WLS

National Student Survey (NSS 2021)
The University of Warwick is very popular with a large number of 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.

Every year we aim to host a law fair, involving a wide range of law firms who want to recruit Warwick students. Throughout the year many law firms visit Warwick to run presentations and engage with our students. As you would expect, the global elite and US firms are well represented on campus and over the last year we have invited a variety of smaller firms, in-house lawyers, the Government Legal and Crown Prosecution Service, and other graduate recruiters to meet our students.

Past visitors have included:
- Allen & Overy
- Baker McKenzie
- Bretherton
- CMS
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Hogan Lovells
- Jones Day
- Linklaters
- Norton Rose Fullbright
- Slaughter & May
- Wright Hassall

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

You will have many opportunities to build contacts within the profession during your studies.

Connection with employers

Dedicated support

Throughout your degree, you’ll focus on a range of skills that will prepare you for a broad variety of career opportunities. We’ll provide you with the specialised support to help identify those opportunities.

We have a dedicated Careers Consultant based in the Law School who is on hand to offer practical sessions, one to one guidance, and application advice to help you in pursuing your future career.

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

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.

Over the last few years our law students have chosen to enter careers as diverse as journalism, consultancy, accountancy, retail management, the Civil Service, Local Government, the Police Force, regulation, banking, charities, and international organisations. Others have opted to continue their studies at Masters level. 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.

The prestigious Highfliers Report on the Graduate Market 2020 notes Warwick among the top five universities targeted by the best graduate employers.
An undergraduate 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?

Law Grad listed in Forbes’ 30 Under 30

Yomi Adegoke  
(LLB 3 year 2011-2014)  
Journalist

Warwick alumna, Yomi Adegoke, who studied on our 3 year LLB degree and graduated in 2014, was mentioned in the Forbes’ 30 Under 30 Europe 2021. For the sixth year, the list is proving that youth is not wasted on the young.

Yomi Adegoke is a British journalist who writes about the intersection of race, feminism and popular culture. Along with being a columnist for The Guardian and British Vogue and others, she’s also co-written several books including “Slay In Your Lane: The Black Girl Bible” and “Loud Black Girls: 20 Black Women Writers Ask: What’s Next?”

Congratulations Yomi.

Warwick Alumnus appointed Queen’s Counsel

Gurdeep Garcha  
(LLB 3 year 1992-1995)  
Barrister now QC

Gurdeep Garcha, who read Law at Warwick from October 1992 to June 1995, was informed that Her Majesty the Queen had approved the Lord Chancellor’s recommendation that he be appointed Queen’s Counsel. Gurdeep was formally sworn in as silk at the Palace of Westminster on the 16 March 2020.

Gurdeep was called to the bar in 1997 and has established a reputation as one of the most in-demand criminal juniors on the Midland Circuit and beyond. He is currently a practising barrister at Citadel Chambers in Birmingham and frequently appears in the most high-profile cases, specialising in the defence of homicide, organised crime, drugs, and serious sexual offences.

The appointment of Queen’s Counsel is the pinnacle of a Barrister’s career. It is essentially a recognition of excellence in advocacy - both written and oral. The core criteria for appointment is that the applicant must demonstrate excellence in a number of different competencies including: knowledge and use of the law, oral and written advocacy, leadership and working with others, and diversity. Nothing less than excellence is enough and many good applicants fail, even where they score as “very good” in each competency.

Gurdeep commented: “This is, of course, a huge moment for me. There is little doubt in my mind that my degree at Warwick has been pivotal in setting me on the road to success. Having a law degree from such a prestigious University opened many doors and the ‘law in context’ approach helped shape my attitude towards cases from an early stage. I look back at those times with great fondness and gratitude. It provided a fabulous environment in which to learn and develop, as well as being the most fun-filled 3 years of my life.”
Law Alumnus Nigel Priestley is awarded an MBE

Nigel Priestley (LLB 3 year 1970-1973)
Senior partner at Huddersfield law firm Ridley & Hall (Solicitor)

Nigel Priestley, senior partner at Huddersfield law firm Ridley & Hall and one of the UK’s most respected care and adoption specialist solicitors, has been named in the Queen’s New Year 2021 Honours List in which he has been awarded an MBE in recognition of his services to Children and Families.

Nigel, who studied on our Law LLB degree from 1970-1973, is a leading expert in kinship care, adoption breakdown and care proceedings. A member of the Children’s Panel, he regularly represents children, parents, and grandparents in care proceedings. Throughout his long career, he has received many awards including being named National Kinship Care Legal Champion, Yorkshire Lawyer of the Year 2017, and Solicitor of the Year in the Law Society Excellence Awards in 2010.

Nigel has been involved in landmark decisions as a result of Judicial Reviews he has brought, including a case in the Court of Appeal setting out when children living with grandparent carers should be regarded as ‘looked after’ children. A grandfather himself, Nigel works closely with Grandparents Plus and many kinship support groups.

As a result of actions in which Nigel and his team have been involved, over £1.5 million has been paid to carers in back paid fostering allowances.

Commenting on the award, Nigel said: “This is a tremendous and unexpected honour which came completely out of the blue. When I graduated from Warwick 47 years ago I never thought that I would have had such a varied and interesting career. The LLB was a very imaginative course and unique in the way law was taught at the time. It was a place of political ferment when I was there. I learnt the importance of challenging authority and speaking up for those not being listened to.”

Read our graduate profiles: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/undergraduate/ouralumni

NEXT STEPS

How to apply
Applications are made through UCAS ucas.com
Offers are made to those we feel would successfully benefit from the Warwick approach to study. If you are made and accept an offer, and meet all conditions, we will confirm your place and look forward to warmly welcoming you at the start of your life here at Warwick.

For more detailed information about how we process your application please visit: warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply

Student fees and funding
We want to ensure that, wherever possible, financial circumstances do not become a barrier to studying at Warwick. We provide extra financial support for qualifying students from lower income families. For more information on fees and funding visit: warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/studentfunding

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

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 practice law in your home country, please check that the Warwick Law degree is recognised before making an application.

Widening Participation commitment
Warwick Law School has a longstanding commitment to Widening Participation (WP), 15-20 percent of our undergraduates come to us with contextual (reduced) offers, and we are very proud to be a leading department in the University in this area. Our Law WP Officer supports students from under represented backgrounds throughout their degree, and the Law WP Programme offers students the opportunity to take part in a series of lunch meetings, careers events, talks, and socials.

warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/contextual-offers

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Nigel Priestley, senior partner at Huddersfield law firm Ridley & Hall (Solicitor)