UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE IN LAW

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LAW SCHOOL
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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.

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.

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

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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 produces a regular publication and podcast Obiter Dicta.

**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.

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

Our degrees

Law 3 Year (LLB)
UCAS Code: M100
Entry Requirements: A*AA/IB36

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: A*AA/IB36

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: A*AA/IB36

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.

STUDYING AT WARWICK LAW SCHOOL

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.

WARWICK LAW

The National Student Survey (NSS 2022)

STUDENT SATISFACTION AT WLS

83%

FOR RESEARCH QUALITY AT WLS
Research Excellence Framework 2021
Law with French Law (LLB)

UCAS Code: M10A
Entry Requirements: AAB/IB34 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, 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/IB34 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, 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 with Humanities (BA)

UCAS Code: MV21
Entry Requirements: A*AA/IB36

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.

Law & Sociology (BA)

UCAS Code: ML13
Entry Requirements: AAB/IB34

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.

Degree flexibility

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.

I like the balance between the traditional modules and more applied modules. First-year modules like LSI and ULIC, offer a chance to be creative and explore law outside of the realms of black letter law. I also like how we were assessed in many different ways with some modules requiring us to replicate court judgements, others, video presentations, reflections or applied essay questions. It made the way we use the law more dynamic and interesting.

Jade
Law 3 Year (LLB)

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IN THE RUSSELL GROUP FOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT WLS
The National Student Survey (NSS 2022)
Law & 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.

Introduction to Competition Law

The rise of dominant digital platforms which have the capacity to accumulate and abuse market power and data, restrictions on goods and services which are sold online or through bricks and mortar stores, the promotion of innovative agreements between firms which aim to balance competition with sustainable outcomes, and the implications of Brexit on UK competition law, are issues which currently concern competition agencies. The objective of competition law is to ensure that ‘competition takes place on a fair basis that is not adversely affected either by agreements between undertakings that restrict or eliminate competition, or by the unilateral conduct of dominant undertakings that abuse their power on the market in order, also, to restrict or eliminate competition’ (Case T-612/17 Google (Shopping) (2021)).

The aim of this half module is to introduce the main principles and policies of competition law in the European Union and the United Kingdom. There is an emphasis on an understanding of the underlying analytical, economic and political ideas which drive competition law decision-making. Specific topics will be studied within the general themes of the objectives, legal framework, institutions and approaches to the regulation of the abuse of dominance, anti-competitive agreements and an introduction to the regulation of mergers.

Family Law

The family law module explores important and fascinating questions about the role of law itself in regulating the most intimate aspects of people’s lives. How much freedom should the state give to family members to define their own types of family relationships? What obligation lies on the state to protect the vulnerable in what can sometimes be the most dangerous place of all, the family home? This, often rapidly changing, area of law challenges traditional ideas about what makes a family. Should traditional family forms, such as marriage, be given specific legal advantages over others? Should all family forms be considered equivalent?

We examine the influence of law on changes in what is considered to be socially acceptable behaviour both in the formation and dissolution of different types of family structure. To what extent can the law proactively shape changes in human behaviour and living patterns? We critique how the traditional rules of law continue to affect ideas of equality and appropriate gender roles within intimate relationships? In particular, the divorce courts provide an arena in which the contribution of spouses towards each other is economically valued. Does society appropriately value the contribution of care givers within a family set up, or is priority given to the interests of wage earners?
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 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.

Choose the direction of your legal studies.

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.
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.

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, which modules might suit you best, or guidance on postgraduate study.

They will oversee your engagement with your personal tutor and lead a team that will help you should you face situations that adversely affect your studies. The team deal with extension requests, mitigating circumstances, and provide support and guidance to those wishing to withdraw from or suspend their studies.

They provide 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.

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.

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.
Parents and supporters

Supporting your child at Warwick
We understand that the wellbeing of your child is extremely important to any parent, and coming to university can be a big adjustment, both for your child and for you. At the University of Warwick, we fully understand this and are committed to providing a supportive, positive, and safe environment for all.

Sometimes students can encounter personal difficulties, but the University has a number of specialist support services to aid students through challenging times and enable them to fulfil their potential.

Wellbeing
Wellbeing Support Services help your child develop the personal resources and skills to navigate student life. We provide a range of support including both practical and emotional support for students’ wellbeing and helping them access other services from self-help resources to email counselling and therapy groups.

For 24/7 support, students can use their student emails to access ‘Togetherall’ which is an online platform offering digital mental health services from the help of trained clinicians and a community of peers. Whether they feel stressed, lonely, or just not themselves, this platform provides your children with a safe space to share their experiences and thoughts anonymously.

Academia support
Students will have a personal tutor within their academic department who will provide regular support and advice, whilst being available for regular catch-ups to discuss their progress and any questions they may have. They can offer students tips on course topics, academic writing support and can give personal support to a degree, but for more personal issues, our Wellbeing Support Services are available to help.

What you can do to support your child at university
Especially when students start at University, the adjustment process can take time. Experience shows us that one of the biggest concerns for new undergraduate students is making friends. A degree of anxiety is a normal part of life, particularly when faced with new situations.

Whilst they may feel like they are in the minority, we can assure you, they are not. Most students will adjust within a number of weeks, but if your young person is still struggling, please encourage them not to come home as this may be worse for them. Instead encourage them to find support at Warwick, which they can get through our Wellbeing Support Services team and on our online Wellbeing Portal. Remind them to also take care of themselves as having a healthy sleep, diet and exercise routine is really key to positive for an all-round positive student experience.

View more student support advice for parents and guardians: warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/parents
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 Crown Prosecution Service, and other graduate recruiters to meet our students.

Past visitors have included:

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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 offers career planning sessions, individual guidance, application advice and practice job interviews.

There is also a Law Careers Blog: lawblog.warwick.ac.uk and a range of other online resources 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 communication 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 master’s 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.
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?

What do Warwick Law Graduates do?

Warwick Alumnus appointed Queen’s Counsel

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

Her Majesty the Queen approved the Lord Chancellor’s recommendation that Gurdeep Garcha be appointed Queen’s Counsel and he 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 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.

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.”

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
(LLB 3 year 2011-2014)
Journalist

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.

Elizabete Ludborza
Former Study Abroad in English student Beth (2015-2019) has set up her own legal tech startup Kaveat to help social media influencers and models to understand and negotiate legal contracts. Users will be provided with an overall analysis of their contracts, providing simple and clear explanations of their content so they can understand what it is they are signing, saving them time and money.

Alumni Spotlight:

Read our graduate profiles:
warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/undergraduate/ouralumni
Warwick Law School has a longstanding commitment to Widening Participation (WP) and admitting the most talented students from a diverse range of backgrounds. We look at student’s academic potential in the context of their educational background and individual circumstances, and eligible students receive contextual (reduced) offers – 20% of our undergraduates come to us with a contextual offer, and we are very proud to be a leading department in the University in this area. 30% of our students receive the Warwick Undergraduate Bursary or are in receipt of a scholarship.

Students who have received a contextual offer, are on a scholarship programme, or otherwise identify as being from a WP background, are invited to join the Law School’s WP Programme, run by our Law WP Officer. The programme includes lunch meetings, careers talks and socials to help students get the most out of their studies, meet other students, and access internships, scholarships and mentoring opportunities which are specifically targeted at under-represented groups.

The Multicultural Scholars Programme is for academically talented, low-income British students from BAME groups studying Law at Warwick. Throughout their degree scholars receive support from a designated personal tutor and the opportunity to take part in careers events, trips to law firms and social events. warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/applying/undergraduate/contextual-offers/multicultural

Over the last year students on the Multicultural Scholars Programme, and the Law WP Programme, have visited the Inns of Court and top city law firms, received mentoring from lawyers in the Birmingham Trainee Solicitors Society, gone on trips to the theatre and ice skating, and have successfully applied for competitive scholarship schemes.

There are also a range of diversity-based student societies, student WP networks and events around campus you can get involved in as well.

Find out more about contextual offers at Warwick: warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/contextual-offers

Find out what funding is available: warwick.ac.uk/study/scholarships-and-bursaries/undergraduate-bursaries

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. Overseas application advice: warwick.ac.uk/io

Accommodation
We manage approximately 7,500 self-catered rooms on campus for different budgets and requirements. Living on campus in your first year gives you the opportunity to meet people and form friendships whilst never being more than a short distance from your lectures or our amazing campus facilities. At Warwick, you’ll enjoy the freedom of independent living with the security of knowing you’re surrounded by people who can support you. Living on campus: warwick.ac.uk/accommodation

Discover more
If you have questions about living and studying at Warwick, speak to our current students to get answers on:

• Campus life
• Accommodation
• Study support, wellbeing and more

Unibuddy: warwick.ac.uk/study/unibuddy
This course information was accurate at the time of publication (May 2023). While the University tries to ensure that the information is accurate, it does not warrant that this is the case. The University may need to make changes including to the course content, syllabus, delivery, methods of assessment, or to comply with external accrediting or reviewing bodies. It is therefore important that you revisit the relevant course website before you apply and when you accept an offer, to ensure you are viewing the most up to date information. This information should not be construed as an offer and nor does it create a contract or other legally binding relationship between the University and you or a third party. For full terms and conditions, please visit warwick.ac.uk/ugtermsandconditions.