

M101: Law



Undergraduate LLB 2021

Essentials

Please note: 2020-21 courses may be affected by Covid-19 and are therefore subject to change due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19. Summaries of course-specific changes resulting from the impact of Covid-19 will be provided to applicants during August 2020.

For the latest information on our plans for teaching in academic year 2020/21 in light of Covid-19, please see www.durham.ac.uk/coronavirus

UCAS code	M101
Degree	LLB
Mode of study	Full Time
Duration	3 or 4 years
Location	Durham City (www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city)
A-Level	A*AA
BTEC	D*DD
International Baccalaureate	38
Alternative qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other UK qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/UK.pdf) • EU qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EU.pdf) • International qualifications (www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/)
Contextual Offers	You may be eligible for an offer which is one or two grades lower than our standard entry requirements. Find out more (www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/).
More information	Still have questions? (www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/)
Department(s) Website	www.durham.ac.uk/law

Course Summary

Description

The LLB degree is a highly flexible three-year, full-time course. There are approximately 300 students on each year of the LLB. While providing a solid grounding in the main areas of English and Welsh law, it also allows for individual specialisation through a variety of optional modules offered by the School and other departments in the University.

The degree course provides the opportunity to obtain a Qualifying Law Degree as recognised by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board. (Please note: whether or not a degree exempts a student from the academic stage of training to be a solicitor or barrister depends on the modules that the student studies. In practice, virtually all of our students choose to study the modules that are required by the Law Society and Bar Council, and thus do gain a Qualifying Law Degree.)

Year 1

The modules which you will take in your first year are designed to provide a solid foundation of legal knowledge which can be built upon in subsequent years. You will study all of the following:

- Introduction to English Law and Legal Method (20 credits)
- Tort Law (20 credits)
- Contract Law (20 credits)
- EU Constitutional Law (20 credits)
- UK Constitutional Law (20 credits)
- The Individual and the State (20 credits).

Year 2

In the second year, you will need to study three further modules in order to obtain a Qualifying Law Degree. You may then take a further three optional modules, giving you the chance to tailor the course to your own requirements. The compulsory modules for Qualifying Law Degree purposes are:

- Criminal Law
- Land Law
- Trusts Law.

An indicative list of optional modules is given in the list below. However, you may also, at the discretion of the departments concerned, elect to take a 20-credit module from the open modules (at first or second year) offered by another department at Durham University.

Optional modules:

- Administrative Law (20 credits)
- Advanced Issues in Public Law (20 credits)
- Commercial Law (20 credits)

- Employment Law (20 credits)
- The European Internal Market and Its Citizens (20 credits)
- Public International Law (20 credits)
- Religion and Law (20 credits)
- Law, Gender and Society (20 credits)
- Law of Family Relationships (20 credits)
- Legal Frontiers (20 credits)
- Evidence and Criminal Process (20 credits)
- Contemporary Issues in Biolaw (20 credits)
- Philosophy of Human Rights Law (20 credits).

Year 3

In the final year, you will study one compulsory 40-credit Dissertation module and four optional modules. You will choose at least three modules (60 credits) from Level 3 (with an indicative list given below), with the possibility to select one module from Level 2. It may also be possible for you, at the discretion of the departments concerned, to elect to take a 20-credit module from the open modules offered by another department at Durham University at second or third year (although if the chosen module is at Level 2, you will not be entitled to choose a Level 2 Law module).

Optional modules:

- Company Law (20 credits)
- Intellectual Property Law (20 credits)
- Law and Medicine (20 credits)
- Media Law (20 credits)
- Access to Justice (20 credits)
- Chinese Legal System (20 credits)
- Competition Law (20 credits)
- International Human Rights (20 credits)
- Interscholastic Mooting (20 credits)
- International Criminal Law (20 credits)
- Advanced Issues in Employment and Discrimination Law (20 credits)
- Legal History (20 credits)
- Comparative Constitutional Law (20 credits)
- Jurisprudence (20 credits)
- Advanced Issues in International Legal Governance (20 credits)
- The Legislature and Legislation (20 credits)
- Revenue Law (20 credits)
- Corporate Finance (10 credits)
- Counterterrorism Law and Policy (10 credits)
- Law and Economics (10 credits)
- Law in Practice (10 credits)
- Pensions Law (10 credits)
- Introduction to Private International Law (10 credits)
- Law in Literature (10 credits)
- Law in Literature and Film (10 credits).

Full details of the topics covered in individual modules are available on the Law School website www.durham.ac.uk/law

Please note that the list of optional modules available in any year will vary depending on available teaching staff. The lists above provide an example of the type of modules which may be offered.

Please note that the Law School at Durham does not offer a 'Senior Status' LLB. The only undergraduate courses currently on offer are the three-year, full-time, LLB; and the four-year LLB (Year Abroad). Both are applied to using the UCAS code M101 (applicants for the LLB (Year Abroad) opt into that degree course during their second year of study). It is also not possible to combine Law with another subject.

We review course structures and core content (in light of e.g. external and student feedback) every year, and will publish finalised core requirements for 2021 entry from September 2020.

Study Abroad

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The LLB with a Year Abroad (YA) comprises all of the content of the three-year regular LLB, plus an exciting additional year spent at one of our European or international partners during the third year of study. At present, Durham Law School has partnerships with universities in Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy and Singapore.

Durham University has further institutional links with universities in the USA, Canada, China and New Zealand. Graduates of degrees such as this are highly sought after by employers, and may be particularly suited to working in an international context. LLB (YA) students may study at some of our partner universities in English, whereas for others, foreign language skills are necessary. Students must apply for the regular LLB at Durham through UCAS, and then apply to transfer onto the LLB (YA) in their second year of study. Students are selected on academic merit and, where appropriate, on linguistic ability.

For further information about Year Abroad opportunities please visit:
www.durham.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/

Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

Completion of the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) is required.

A level offer – A*AA.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D*DD.

IB Diploma score – 38 with 666 in higher level subjects.

In addition to satisfying the University's general entry requirements, please note:

- We welcome applications from those with other qualifications equivalent to our standard entry requirements and from mature students with non-standard qualifications or who may have had a break in their studies. Please contact the Law School for further information.
- Mature applicants are invited to send a copy of their curriculum vitae to the Law School Admissions Secretary for advice before submitting a formal application through UCAS.
- If you do not satisfy our general entry requirements, the Foundation Programme (www.dur.ac.uk/foundation.programme/) offers multidisciplinary degrees to prepare you for a range of specified degree courses.
- If you are an international student who does not meet the requirements for direct entry to this degree, you may be eligible to take an International Foundation Year pathway programme at the Durham University International Study Centre (www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm_source=signposting&utm_medium=signposting&utm_campaign=uni)
- We do not interview candidates for the LLB degree.

LNAT: National Aptitude Test for Law

Durham Law School uses the National Aptitude Test for Law (LNAT) to assist in selecting applicants for admission. The LNAT is used by several Law schools at universities in the UK and is a uniform test for admission to their undergraduate Law degrees. Anybody who wishes to be admitted to an undergraduate Law degree at one of the participating universities must sit the LNAT as well as applying through UCAS.

Performance in the LNAT is one of a number of grounds on which admissions selectors determine the relative merit and potential of applicants. As a part of this process, performance in the LNAT may be used to distinguish between otherwise similar candidates, alongside the other evidence available to admissions selectors from a candidate's UCAS application.

It is important to note the following:

- Both parts of the LNAT examination – the multiple choice score and the essay – are always considered

by admissions selectors when assessing an application.

- No minimum score is required for the multiple choice part of the LNAT.

In our assessment of an LNAT essay, admissions selectors in the Law School look – in particular – for evidence of the following positive attributes:

- Focus on the particular question
- Clarity of expression and fluency of prose
- A logical progression and structure
- Reference(s) to relevant evidence
- An ability to recognise, and address, counter-arguments
- A concise and effective conclusion.

For further details, including registration instructions, deadlines and timescales, sample test papers and details of test centres worldwide, see the LNAT website at: www.lnat.ac.uk

While it is possible to apply for deferred entry to Law via UCAS, applicants should note that they would be required to take the LNAT test in the year that they apply. For example, a candidate applying in autumn 2020 for deferred entry in October 2021 would be required to take the LNAT in the 2020 admissions cycle.

Science A levels

Applicants taking Science A levels that include a practical component will be required to take and pass this as a condition of entry. This applies only to applicants sitting A levels with an English examination board.

English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study (www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/)

How to apply

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply

Information relevant to your country

www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/

Fees and Funding

Full Time Fees

EU Student	£21,730.00 per year
Home Student	£9,250.00 per year
Island Student	£9,250.00 per year
International non-EU Student	£21,730.00 per year

The tuition fees shown for **home and EU** students are for one complete academic year of full time study and are set according to the academic year of entry. Fees for subsequent years of your course may rise in line with an inflationary uplift as determined by the government.

The tuition fees shown for **overseas** students are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (**unless otherwise stated**).

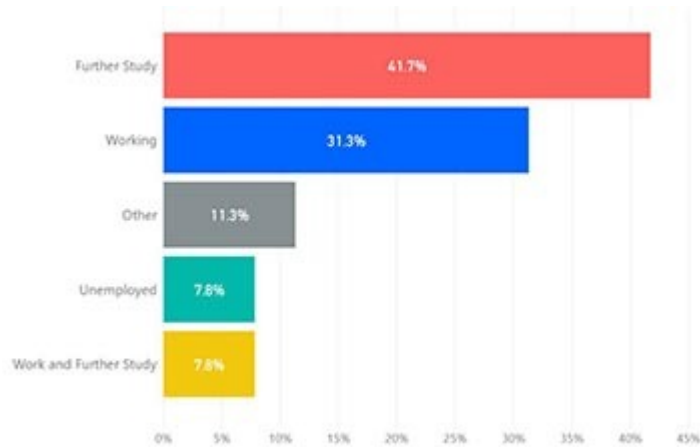
Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation (www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/).

Scholarships and funding

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance

Career Opportunities

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Of those students who graduated in 2017:

- 81% are in paid employment or further study 6 months after graduation

Of those in employment:

- 88% are in graduate level employment
- Median salary £24,750

(Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey of 2016/17 graduates. The DLHE survey asks leavers from higher education what they are doing six months after graduation. Full definitions for the DLHE Record can be found here: www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations)

Open days and visits

Pre-application open day

Pre-application open days are the best way to discover all you need to know about Durham University. With representatives from all relevant academic and support service departments, and opportunities to explore college options, the open days provide our prospective undergraduates with the full experience of Durham University.

Please see the following page for further details and information on how to book a place:
www.durham.ac.uk/opendays

Discover Durham Tours

Discover Durham tours offer a brief introduction to the University. The tour begins at one of our undergraduate colleges, where you will receive an introductory talk from a member of college staff, followed by a tour of the college by current students.

www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham

Overseas Visit Schedule

www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus

Department Information

Law School

Overview

Durham Law School is a world leader in legal education and research. Our award-winning academic staff produce ground-breaking research with impact and we are active in public engagement both nationally and internationally. We are proud to deliver some of the best results for student satisfaction and employability – and our graduates include some of law's leading figures, such as current members of the UK Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, Members of Parliament and in Government.

Ranking

- World Top 50 in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2019*.
- Top 10 in *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020*.
- 5th in *The Complete University Guide 2020*.

Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the Law School web pages (www.dur.ac.uk/law/staff/).

Facilities

By choosing to read Law at Durham you will be studying in one of the most beautiful cities in the UK. Certainly, there are few places which can match its dramatic setting on a rocky horseshoe bend in the River Wear. The Law School has recently moved to new, purpose-built facilities in the University's Palatine Centre. This multi-million pound development sees the Law School housed in a state-of-the-art building designed to the specifications of a modern, leading academic institution. Facilities include a Moot Court, dedicated workroom, academic offices, and a Pro Bono Room, as well as a Harvard Style lecture theatre and many seminar and tutorial rooms.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/law

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